COVID-19 protocols for the start of school:

General:

Lyndon Institute’s administration’s goal is to minimize the amount of time students and staff are required to wear masks while keeping everyone safe. We will use a three tiered system (green, yellow, red) throughout the year to indicate where we are with COVID-19 protocols and when/where masks are required. This three tiered system will be tied to local data for COVID-19 infections in Caledonia County, trend analysis of cases in local schools and responsive to the most current Agency of Education (AOE) guidelines for schools. Regardless of what tier we are currently operating in, students and staff must have masks with them everyday. This tiered system is only used for inside use. Masks are not required when outside.

Again, our desire is to keep everyone safe while taking into account students’ social and emotional wellbeing. When we transition from one tier to another, employees, students, and parents/guardians will be notified via email and the information will be posted on social media, and our webpage. It is important to keep students home if they do not feel well. Please do not send a sick child to school.

We will be working with the AOE and the state to offer surveillance testing this year for employees and students. More to follow in this regard as we communicate with the AOE. Additionally, the list of local vaccination clinics available to employees and students can be found on our webpage.

Start of School: We will begin the first week of school in **yellow**. This is based on recommendations of the AOE and taking into account Caledonia County’s COVID-19 14 day rolling average. We will reexamine this at the end of the first week of school. Please understand that if additional guidance comes out from the state or AOE between now and 23 August, this plan may have to be altered. We appreciate your patience as we work through this as the conditions are changing daily. We will hold a parent town hall on Tuesday, 17 August to address any concerns parents/guardians may have. The Webex information for this will be sent out separately.

Tiered System:

**Buses:**

- **Green:** No masks required
- **Yellow:** Masks required
- **Red:** Masks required

**Before school starts:**

- **Green:** No masks required
- **Yellow:** Masks are required if you are not socially distanced (less than 3ft)
- **Red:** Masks are required all the time
Assembly:
  Green: No masks required
  Yellow: Masks required
  Red: Masks required

Advisory/In classrooms:
  Green: No masks required
  Yellow: Masks are required if you are not socially distanced (less than 3ft)
  Red: Masks are required all the time

Class transitions:
  Green: No masks required
  Yellow: Masks required
  Red: Masks required

End of School:
  Green: No masks required
  Yellow: Masks are required if you are not socially distanced (less than 3ft)
  Red: Masks are required all the time

Guest:
  Green: No masks required
  Yellow: Masks required
  Red: Masks required

Contact Tracing:
  Students and staff are required to have masks with them when at school. If we find out about a positive COVID-19 case within our community during the school day, we will immediately shift to red on the tiered system until all contact tracing is complete and we know the extent of those students and staff that were potentially exposed.