How will students return to school in St. Landry Parish School District? District officials are planning for three phases as we move into the 2020-2021 school year. Phases are established by the governor. The St. Landry Parish School District, working under the guidance of the Louisiana Department of Education, the Louisiana Department of Health, and the Centers for Disease Control, has established a plan to fit the needs of our students under each of the three phases. Upon release of this document the state of Louisiana is in Phase 2. If COVID-19 cases begin to increase in our district or specific communities, our schools may revert to phase 1, virtual learning. School is currently set to begin on August 12, 2020.

How will students return to their base school? The district is working with schools in order to provide consistency where possible. Each school is unique; therefore, some of the details in the Strong Start Plan may vary from school to school. Capacity, scheduling, and transportation are a few areas that may vary by school.

How will student and employee safety be addressed at school? The St. Landry Parish School District Strong Start Plan for reopening follows the guidelines of the state and local public health agencies. The Health Services and Physical Plant portion of our Strong Start 2020 plan outlines all measures that the district is working towards to ensure the safety of our students and staff members. Some of these measures include thermal cameras (for temperature checks), hand sanitizer, enforcing social distancing, and wearing facial coverings in grades 3-12.

How can parents prepare for the start of school?
1. Get your child a face-covering - In lieu of the governor’s mandate, SLPSB students in grades 3-12 will be required to wear face coverings; Face coverings should be school-appropriate. You will receive additional information from your school. Additional information on the facial covering mandate is linked here.
2. Purchase school uniforms and school supplies.

*Pending additional guidance from LDOE, a more comprehensive plan will be discussed Wednesday, July 15, 2020 at a special board meeting after BESE approves or modifies the LDOE plan.
Due to limitations on transportation and group sizes, St. Landry Parish schools will only be serving small groups of students in its buildings. With very few exceptions, all students will receive educational opportunities via virtual learning. A device will be provided if needed.

- Headstart - Grade 4 will attend school on campus practicing safety and social distancing protocols to the maximum extent possible.
- Grades 5 - 12 will follow a hybrid schedule. Students will receive instruction two days per week on campus and will follow all safety and health guidance and protocols. Following a traditional schedule,
  - Cohort A reports to campus on Monday and Tuesday.
  - Cohort B reports to campus on Thursday and Friday.
  - The cohort(s) of students who are not on campus shall engage in virtual learning via semi-independent lessons. No students in grades 5 - 12 will report to campus on Wednesday.

Based on capacity, students will transition to the traditional, in-person mode of learning. In instances where capacity will not allow for a transition to traditional learning, the hybrid schedule will remain in place.