



Lakewood Park Christian School

RETURN to LEARN

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The following is a document to outline Lakewood's plan for resuming school for the 2020-21 school year. We will continue to update this document as more information becomes available. Our plan is to re-evaluate during the school year and make any necessary adjustments. If you have any questions about this document or our plans to resume school, please email return2learn@lakewoodpark.org.

Guidelines for Returning to School

- Ensure safe learning and working environments for students and staff by promoting healthy routines and practices and following guidelines set forth by the Indiana State Department of Health and the CDC.
- Maximize in-school student learning experiences as allowable by state and local guidelines.
- Ensure all students receive instruction that aligns with LPCS core values and meets or exceeds established academic standards.
- Provide training, time, and support necessary for staff to follow precautionary measures.

Academic Calendar & Daily Schedule:

- We will follow our [2020-21 academic calendar](#); however, some events may be altered or canceled due to Covid-related circumstances.
- We will develop and utilize a daily schedule for students that promotes flexibility and minimizes person-to-person contact. For junior high and high school, we will be using a modified block schedule.

Classes:

- Grades 3-12: When possible, seating will be arranged three feet apart and facing the same direction in the classroom, so that students will be able to remove face coverings. When that is not possible, students will be required to wear their face covering.
- Grades PK -2: Barriers and social distancing will be implemented, when practical, in order to minimize contact. Face coverings will only be required minimally in the classroom at the discretion of the teacher when social distancing cannot be accommodated.
- Teachers will wear face coverings when they are interacting with students within six feet.

Social Distancing:

- Social Distancing (three to six feet apart) will be emphasized and utilized whenever possible.
- We will implement measures to decrease students congregating in one location whenever possible.
- Chapel and mentor groups will continue to meet weekly with social distancing or with face coverings required. High School Students will be broken into two groups for chapel in order to socially distance. Students will be expected to wear face coverings during Chapel.

Face Coverings:

- ❑ In accordance with government and health officials' orders, face coverings will be required for all grades throughout the day, except during student instruction, as described above.
- ❑ Surgical masks or double layer cotton masks are preferred, but face shields and neck gaiters will still be permitted.
- ❑ Students are encouraged to keep an extra face covering here at school and to wash/sanitize their face coverings throughout the week.
- ❑ All staff will be expected to wear a face covering throughout the day when social distancing is not possible.

Water Fountains:

- ❑ Water fountains will not be used for drinking. Students need to provide their own water bottle and may use the bottle refill stations.

Cleanliness:

- ❑ Hand sanitizer will be available throughout the campus and within each classroom.
- ❑ There will be intense, daily cleaning of common-use spaces (doorknobs, stair rails, etc.) and shared classroom items.
- ❑ Junior high and high school classrooms/work areas will be cleaned after each class. Elementary classrooms/work areas will be cleaned throughout the day, and shared items will be sanitized or left to sit for 24 hours between use.
- ❑ Plexiglass barriers have been installed in high interaction areas (i.e. main office, food service, etc.).

Lunch:

- ❑ All Students will eat in the cafeteria or in designated areas to allow for additional spacing.
- ❑ Hot lunch will still be provided and ordered in advance. Students will still be permitted to bring their own lunches.
- ❑ Face coverings will not be required during lunch when students are eating. Social distancing guidelines will be put into place during this time for all students.
- ❑ Sharing of any food items will not be permitted. Birthday treats or other snack items for mentor teams, classes, etc. will need to be individually wrapped and not homemade.

Visitors:

- ❑ At this time, visitors to the building will be very limited. No guests (alumni, parents, etc.) will be permitted, but scheduled volunteers and speakers will be approved on a case-by-case basis when they adhere to all other COVID-19 guidelines.
- ❑ Meetings on campus will be minimized and Zoom meetings will be encouraged.

COVID-19 Symptoms and Exposure:

- ❑ All students and employees are required to self-screen for COVID-19 symptoms before coming to school.

- ❑ Symptoms are: fever of 100.0 or greater, new & uncontrollable cough that causes shortness of breath, sore throat, headache, new loss of taste or smell, chills/muscle aches/fatigue

COVID-19 Symptoms and Exposure (cont'd):

- ❑ If these symptoms develop while at school, the nurse will evaluate and the student or staff member may be sent home based upon the guidelines and recommendations established by the DeKalb County Department of Health.

- ❑ **Covid Symptoms Flowchart**

- ❑ Should a staff member or student test positive for COVID-19, we will conduct contact tracing as recommended by the Department of Health and determine next steps on an individual basis.

- ❑ An individual is considered **a close contact in the school setting** if any of the following are true:

- ❑ Was less than 3 feet away from a positive person, regardless of mask or barrier, for longer than 15 minutes total in a 24 hour period
- ❑ Was 3-6 feet away from a positive person, without a mask or barrier in place, for longer than 15 minutes total in a 24 hour period
- ❑ Had close, physical contact with the positive person (regardless of face covering)
- ❑ Had direct contact with the respiratory secretions of the person (i.e. coughing, sneezing, contact with a dirty tissue, shared drinking glass, food, or personal items)

- ❑ An individual is considered **a close contact outside of the school setting** if any of the following are true:

- ❑ Was within 6 feet of a positive person for longer than 15 minutes total in a 24 hour period
- ❑ Had close, physical contact with the positive person
- ❑ Had direct contact with the respiratory secretions of the person (i.e. coughing, sneezing, contact with a dirty tissue, shared drinking glass, food, or personal items)
- ❑ Lives with or has stayed overnight for at least one night in a household of the positive person within two days of symptoms starting.

- ❑ Households are considered “close contacts.” If a student with siblings or staff members in the building becomes symptomatic during the school day or are awaiting test results for COVID-19, the whole family must quarantine for the specified amount of time described below.

- ❑ We will be following Indiana State Department of Health guidance for schools regarding symptoms, testing, and returning to school after sickness.

- ❑ The CDC has provided the following alternative guidelines for close contact quarantine and when a person may return to school:

- ❑ Abide by a 10-day quarantine period, may return to school on Day 11 under the following conditions:

- ❑ Have not experienced ANY COVID-19 symptoms for 10 days
- ❑ Has not been tested for COVID-19

- ❑ Abide by a 7-day quarantine period, may return to school on Day 8 under the following conditions:

- ❑ Have not experienced ANY COVID-19 symptoms for 7 days
- ❑ Has received a NEGATIVE COVID-19 test after being tested on Day 5, 6, or 7 of quarantine
- ❑ These guidelines require strict adherence to masking, social distancing, and self-monitoring for COVID-19 symptoms for the full 14-day period
- ❑ Additionally, the Indiana State Department of Health has recently declared that school employees and any employee who supports the education of students are considered “Critical Infrastructure Workers,” and therefore follow different close contact quarantine guidelines. We have the flexibility to decrease quarantine time for staff if specific parameters are met and followed. Decreased quarantine time for staff will only occur if the contact takes place in the school setting.
- ❑ [Parent COVID-19 Screening Tool](#) (first page only)

