

Lakewood Middle School

COVID Safety Protocols

The safety of our students and staff is our number one priority!

Before School

- Parents check their student(s) for symptoms of Covid-19 each morning before school.
- All students and visitors will be required to wear a cloth face covering when in the building. A cloth face covering is anything that completely covers your mouth and nose, and fits securely on the sides of your face and under your chin. It must be made of two or more layers of tightly woven fabric with ties or straps that go around your head or behind your ears.

Bus Riding

- Drivers will keep students as far apart as possible while riding on the bus.
- Students from the same household will be allowed to sit together on the bus.
- All students will be required to wear a cloth face covering on the bus.

Arriving at School-Bus:

- Students will remain on their bus until they are dismissed, no earlier than 7:10 am.
- All students will be required to wear a cloth face covering when entering the building. Masks will be given to students if needed.

Arriving at School-Parent Transportation:

- The building will open for students at 7:10 am each morning.
- Parents driving their student will drop off in the drop-off loop and follow the signs.
- If students arrive before 7:10 am, they will need to wait in the drop off line with their parent, or outside the buildings.
- All students will be required to wear a cloth face covering when entering the building. Masks will be given to students, if needed.

Breakfast:

- Students will eat breakfast in the commons. Students will wait in line using the floor markings, maintain social distancing, and pick up their breakfast.
- Students will remain in one seat. Seats will be spread out throughout the commons. When students finish breakfast they will go directly to their first class.

Transitions between classes:

- Students will be expected to go directly from one class to the next, they will not be able to linger in the hallway or the commons.
- Stanchions are in the hallways to keep the traffic to the right.
- Students will be expected to follow social distancing guidelines.
- There will be limited use of restrooms during transition times due to capacity.

Late Arrival/Early Dismissal:

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- Students arriving to campus after 7:30 am will check in at the main office.
- All parents/visitors must wear a cloth face covering on campus.
- Students that leave school early will be checked out by a parent or guardian through the office.

In the Classroom:

- Students will sit in their assigned seat each day. Teachers will maintain an updated classroom seating chart for contact tracing needs.
- Students will sign out to use the restroom, one student out at a time.
- All desks will be arranged to maintain the suggested 3 feet of social distancing, whenever possible.
- Books and other paper-based materials are not considered to be high risk for spreading the virus and will still be available for students in the classroom.
- Students will wash/sanitize their hands as they enter and exit the classroom.

Lunch

- Students will wash their hands/use hand sanitizer before eating. Hand sanitizer stations are located in classrooms and in the commons.
- Students will maintain social distancing, while waiting in line, to pick up their lunches. There is no charge for food again this year,
- All students will eat lunch in the commons.
- Students will self-select a seat at lunch, and will eat at that same seat daily. LMS staff will create a seating chart. LMS staff will have students switch seats periodically and new seating charts will be created.
- Students will remain in their seats when eating.
- Students will use restrooms following the same guidelines as transitions.
- Students can take their masks off while eating, then will put them back on when finished and masked students are allowed to turn and talk.
- Individual plans will be created for students who have food allergies under the direction of the school nurse.

Drinking Water

- All drinking fountains in our building will be unavailable, however, refilling stations will be available. Students are encouraged to bring a water bottle from home and will be allowed to fill them up at the filling stations.

Using the Restroom

- Teachers will monitor sending one student at a time to the restroom.
- Spots will be marked for students to wait, socially distanced, if all facilities are in use.
- Students are asked to wash their hands when they finish using the restroom and will also be asked to use hand sanitizer when they re-enter the classroom.

Food and Drink in Classroom

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- Drinks with lids are allowed. Students will need to replace their cloth face coverings immediately after drinking.
- Food is not allowed in the classroom.

End of the Day-Bus riders:

- Students will be released by teachers and will go directly from classrooms to buses at 2:10 pm. If buses are not available when students are dismissed, they will wait, socially distanced, until they board their bus.
- Students will sit in their assigned seats and social distancing will be enforced. Cloth face coverings will be worn by all students as well as the driver.

End of the Day-Parent pick up:

- Students will go directly from their classrooms to pickup area in front of the school at 2:10 pm.
- If parents have not arrived when students are dismissed they will wait outside, socially distanced, until the parent arrives.

End of the Day-Extra-Curricular activities:

- Students who have extra-curricular activities after school will be released by teacher at 2:10 pm and will go straight to their location. This includes athletics, clubs, activities, teacher support, or after school support.

What if a student becomes sick at school?

- If a student starts to feel sick or if a teacher notices that a student shows symptoms of Covid during the school day, the teacher will contact the nurse.
- If the nurse deems it necessary, the student will be moved into the quarantine room and will follow up with teacher if needed.
- Parents will be notified and asked to come pick up their child immediately. The quarantine room is a place for the student to rest while they wait for their parent.

What if a student is struggling to wear their cloth face covering?

- For the safety of all members of our learning community, cloth face covering must be worn at all times while at school, except when eating.
- We will work with students to help them understand the importance of wearing cloth face coverings, give them reminders to keep them on, and problem solve with them around when it is acceptable to take their cloth face covering down.
- If wearing a cloth face covering becomes an ongoing problem for a student, the same procedures will be followed as with other health and safety concerns in the classroom. Steps could include phone calls home, conversations between the student and the counselor or building administrator, and/or having the student move to a different location while practicing this expectation.
- If the problem persists, disciplinary consequences could be considered such as student pick up by parent.

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Specialized PPE:

- Specialized PPE (such as for band students) will be provided at each building.

Emergency Drills:

- The district and building safety committees will confer to determine emergency drills.