

Lexington High School 2020-21 Back-to-School Plan

LHS Students and Families,

We are extremely excited to welcome our students and staff back to school for the 2020-21 school year and to be able to do so in person. Thank you for your patience as the staff and administration has been working diligently to plan for the year ahead.

As our plan was constructed, we have taken into consideration guidelines from the Center for Disease Control, the Ohio Department of Health, the Governor of Ohio, and the Richland Public Health Department. It is our intent to provide a safe learning environment for our students while taking the necessary precautions to reopen safely and responsibly, taking into consideration the health and well-being of our students and our staff.

Please take the time to review our plan for the high school and know we are excited to have our students and staff returning safely. Working together, we can ensure that the students of LHS receive the highest quality education and become well-rounded, high achieving citizens.

This back-to-school plan is designed to give you an overview of the building plans and how school will look for the 2020-21 school year. It may look different for many of our students, but we are confident they will be excited to return to LHS. For a tour of our building, please view our 'virtual' orientation embedded in our plan. Also, schedules will be digitally released on ProgressBook September 1st.

Once again, welcome and we look forward to a great school year!





Lexington Local Schools Promise

OUR PROMISES TO YOU

- Classroom desks will be spaced to the extent possible to allow for maximum social distancing.
- Social distancing reminders and traffic patterns will be placed throughout our schools.
- Hand sanitizing stations will be located in each classroom, all offices, and at entrances to the building.
- Students will have their temperatures taken as they enter their building each school day.
- Students and staff will wear face coverings to maximize protection.
- Our staff is encouraged to maintain physical distancing as much as possible while working.
- We have made changes to our daily procedures to mitigate the risk of COVID-19 for all of our students, families, and our staff.

YOUR PROMISES TO US

- If your child is experiencing any symptoms of COVID-19 please keep your child at home.
 - symptoms include: fever, cough, chills, muscle pains, loss of taste / smell, or shortness of breath, please help us keep everyone safe and contact your local medical professional.
- If you or anyone in your home has been exposed to COVID-19 please keep your child at home and contact your healthcare provider.
- We request that students adhere to social distancing, face covering, and hand washing/sanitizing practices that have been put in place to protect you, our students, and our staff.
- We ask that you respect the request of any Lexington staff member or administrator who is monitoring the COVID-19 procedures. Our staff is trained to enforce new protocols.

MINUTEMAN BACK-TO-SCHOOL PLEDGE

Follow these FOUR steps:

- 1 COMPLETE DAILY WELLNESS CHECKS
- 2 WASH YOUR HANDS.
- 3 WEAR A MASK.
- **4** WATCH YOUR DISTANCE.



ALL FOUR One Minuteman Family

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Option A -Students in-person and in buildings daily with safety protocols. Teachers and students will utilize Schoology and Google Classroom with additional content and materials.



When deemed necessary, students will move to remote learning utilizing Schoology/Google Classroom and Google Meet or Zoom*. *The decision to move to remote learning can be placed into effect at any time through action of Richland Public Health Department or the Governor.

Option B –<u>Lexington Digital Academy</u> (<u>LDA</u>) Students at home daily for individual online learning with support. This commitment will be through the end of the first semester (7-12 December; K-6 January). These students will only follow the country alert system if they come into school for a F2F course.

Back-to-School Plan Correlation to the Ohio County Alert

System (Option A only)

Level 1, Yellow: We will follow our Back-to School Plan Required Face Covering K-12

Level 2, Orange: We will follow our Back-to-School Plan Required Face Covering K-12

Level 3, Red: We will follow our Back-to-School Plan Required Face Covering K-12

Level 4, Purple: We will close school and Remote Learning will be implemented.

This plan was developed in collaboration with the Richland County Health Department and other Richland County School Districts. This plan will be updated regularly in accordance with state and local guidance and is subject to change at any time.

Remote Learning at Level 4 Purple, or when deemed necessary: Option A students only

Parents/Caregivers Expectations:

- Monitor student progress on coursework.
- Develop a "school schedule" to keep routines in place for students while working from home.
- Communicate questions and concerns immediately to staff.

Student Expectations:

- Remote learning will be much more effective and regimented, and expectations will be much higher than they were during the spring closure.
 - The district grading scale will be used.
- Follow a regular "school schedule" to keep routines in place while working from home. Communicate questions and concerns immediately to teachers.
- Participate in virtual sessions with teachers as scheduled.
- Complete lesson and assignments according to teacher timelines.

- Will prepare students for remote learning during the first few weeks of schools to be much better prepared for a school closure. Create lessons that are engaging for students using a variety of strategies.
- Be available during school hours.
- Use Google classroom (K-3) and Schoology (4-12) as the platform for all assignments, links to resources, etc.
- Grade work in a timely manner and provide feedback to students on assignments. Ensure each family has a device and internet access at home. A plan to provide each student with a device is in process, but we are waiting for our Chromebook order to arrive.
- Monitor and assist teachers in the delivery of content for students.
- Implement appropriate grading procedures.
- Provide help desk assistance when technology issues occur.

Facial Covering Guidelines (i.e. cloth masks, N-90 or N-95 masks, or surgical masks) - Levels 1 and 2

The below guidance will go into effect when the statewide mask mandate is lifted.

In order to open safely and responsibly for all students, staff, families, and the community, we will be following the facial covering requirements and recommendations of the Ohio Department of Health and the Ohio Department of Education while in Risk Levels One (Yellow) and Two (Orange).

Students:

- **Bus**: Due to the inability to provide distancing, all students (PreK-12) who ride the school bus, will be required to wear a mask while on the bus.
- Arrival, Dismissal, Class Changes and Transition **Time**: Due to large numbers of students and staff in the hallways during arrival, dismissal, class changes and transition time, all students (PreK-12) will be required to wear a mask during these times.
- Class Time: Students in grades 3-12 will be required to wear a mask at all times under Level 3 Red, except during mask breaks, which will be provided during the school day. Students (PreK-2) are not required to wear a face covering while they are at their desk in the classroom although they are welcome and encouraged to do so. When working in close contact with the teacher or while participating in an activity where distancing is not possible, a mask will be required.

Students continued:

- **Medical Issues:** If your child has a documented medical issue that prohibits them from being able to comply with the face covering expectations, please contact the building principal, and accommodations will be made.
- Parents are responsible for providing their child with a mask. If it is impossible for you to provide a mask, please contact the main office.

Staff:

All staff members will be required to wear a mask while at work. Staff members may remove their mask only when they are working in an isolated setting. According to the CDC, it is understood that some circumstances, such as the need for lip reading, require an alternative to masks (i.e. speech pathologists world language instructors). In those instances, a face shield should originate at the forehead with no gap, wrap around the sides of the face, and extend below the chin.

Bus Transportation

Parents/Caregivers Expectations:

- Conduct a student wellness check including temperature prior to sending a student to school.
 Students with temperatures over 100°F must stay home.
- Provide a mask for your student to wear on the bus and while at school when required. If you cannot provide a mask, please contact your child's school.
- Coordinate with the bus garage on one consistent pick-up and drop-off location when applicable.

Student Expectations:

- Maintain appropriate physical distances while at the bus stop, upon arrival, and while entering the building.
- Sit two per seat on the bus and sit in your assigned seat. When applicable siblings/family groups will be required to sit together on the bus.
- Remain seated, facing forward while riding the bus.
- Weather permitting, keep windows cracked for fresh air.
- Load the bus by filling the back seats first and moving forward, following driver's guidelines.

- Drivers will wear a mask or face shield while students are on the bus.
- Provide reminders to students of bus expectations- two per seat, wearing masks, seated facing forward.
- In times in which students need to be three per seat it will be the last 15 minutes of the route*
- Ensure the bus is disinfected following outlined safety protocols.
- Reduce the number of transfers and overall time on buses for students.
- Monitor drop off and dismissal to ensure students do not congregate in groups.

- Conduct a student wellness check including temperature prior to sending a student to school. Students with temperatures over 100°F or who do not feel well should stay home.
- Provide a mask for your student to wear on the bus and while at school as required.
- Limit visits to school as much as possible.
- Conduct a personal health screening prior to coming to a school building and do not come if you are running a fever higher than 100°F or showing other symptoms.
- Follow posted guidelines and read all signage before entering the building.
- Wearing a mask is required when entering the building.

Student Expectations:

- Wearing a mask is required when entering, exiting, or moving around the building.
- Report directly to your assigned classroom/area upon arrival to school.
- Maintain maximum physical distancing from peers whenever possible in hallways, common areas, offices, etc.

- Supervise hallways and common areas to ensure students are reporting immediately to assigned class and not congregating in hallways or common areas.
- Ensure adequate supervision is available upon arrival of students and in designated common areas.
- Ensure proper signage is installed in hallways and common areas.
- Ensure supplies are readily available for custodians and staff.
- Ensure designated doors are propped open at arrival and dismissal.
- Ensure designated doors are closed after arrival and dismissal.
- Eliminate parent and community volunteers to ensure safety and health of students and staff.
- Implement staggered dismissal times if necessary to maximize physical distancing and student safety.
- Ensure that all students and staff have their temperatures taken daily and communicate procedures to all stakeholders.
- Disinfect/Sanitize common areas based on a schedule provided by school administration. This includes but is not limited to door handles, handrails, toilets, stalls, and sinks.

Please adhere to the signage throughout the building.



Please maintain social distancing. Stay at least 6 feet from others.



Hallways and Common Areas

Parents/Caregivers Expectations:

- Provide a mask for your student to wear when required.
- Provide your student with a water bottle as water bottle fountains will be touchless.

Student Expectations:

- Wear a mask during all required times.
- Report immediately to your designated area upon arrival to school.
- Carry a water bottle as water bottle fountains will be touchless.
- Follow all signage in the hallways and common areas.
- When possible, stay to the right when traveling down hallways and using stairs.

- Supervise hallways and common areas to ensure students are reporting immediately to class and not congregating in hallways or common areas.
- Provide reminders, issue warnings, contact parents/caregivers, and report repeated violators of re-opening protocols to the office.
- Ensure proper signage is installed in hallways and common areas.
- Ensure supplies are readily available for custodians and staff.
- Implement staggered dismissal times if necessary to maximize physical distancing and student safety.
- Disinfect common areas based on a schedule provided by school administration. This includes but is not limited to door handles, handrails, toilets, stalls, and sinks.

Classroom Expectations

Parents/Caregivers Expectations:

- Conduct a student wellness check including temperature prior to sending a student to school. Students with temperatures over 100°F or who do not feel well should stay home.
 - Please do not administer fever reducing medicine to your student and send them to school.
- Provide a mask for your student to wear when required.

Student Expectations:

- Wear a mask during all required times.
- If you become ill at school, alert your teacher immediately.
- Maintain maximum physical distance from peers whenever possible.
- Wash hands or use hand sanitizer upon entering all classrooms.
- Bring your required materials for class to eliminate sharing supplies 8/13/2020

- Provide mask breaks; not to exceed 10 minutes, with appropriate distancing, when deemed necessary by the teacher.
- Ensure classroom setup of desks provides physical distancing for students as much as possible.
- Ensure students maintain physical distancing whenever possible.
- Eliminate shared classroom materials as much as possible.
- Keep the classroom door open to maximize airflow and reduce the number of touches to door handles.
- Sanitize classrooms as frequently as possible.
- Ensure Lunch Room is disinfected between lunch periods.
- Provide hand sanitizer stations in all classrooms and common areas.

Restrooms

Parents/Caregivers Expectations:

Provide a mask for your student to wear when required.

Student Expectations:

- Wearing a mask is required when in hallways and in restrooms. Follow all signage in the hallways, common areas and restrooms.
- Follow signage regarding number of students allowed in restroom at one time.
- When possible, stay to the right when traveling down hallways and using stairs to get to restrooms.
- Wash hands before leaving the restroom.

- Ensure proper signage is installed in hallways, restrooms, and common areas.
- Ensure supplies are readily available for custodians.
- Ensure limited numbers of students are in restrooms at the same time. Implement measures such as closing sinks or urinals when necessary to allow for appropriate physical distancing.
- Disinfect restrooms based on a schedule provided by school administration. This includes but is not limited to door handles, handrails, toilets, stalls, and sinks.

- All meetings will take place via phone or using a virtual platform unless in-person meeting is necessary.
- In person meetings should follow appropriate physical distancing protocols, and it is required masks be worn when entering, exiting, and moving around the building.
- Conduct a personal health screening prior to coming to a school building, and do not come if you are running a fever higher that 100°F or showing other symptoms.

School Expectations:

- When possible, plan and attend meetings from the classroom using video technology.
- Provide parents/caregivers with options for phone or video conferencing or for in-person, when necessary.
- Ensure physical distancing guidelines are followed as much as possible when in-person meetings are held.
- Ensure physical space used for meetings allows for distancing guidelines.
- Clean and disinfect rooms after meetings or provide materials for cleaning and disinfecting to take place.



Student Expectations:

- Participate in meetings as requested by parents/caregivers or school staff.
- Follow physical distancing protocols.
- Wearing a mask is required when entering the meeting, exiting the meeting, or when moving around the building to attend the meeting.

- Conduct a student wellness check, including temperature, prior to sending a student to school. Students with temperatures over 100°F should stay home until fever free for 24-48 hours (without use of any medication to control fever), and no less than 10 days from symptom onset. The 10 days from symptom onset may be waived if a release from a physician is provided to the school.
- Provide a mask for your student to wear when required.
- Ensure contact information is up to date in the event the nurse needs to contact home.
- Ensure there are multiple, pre-arranged methods of getting a student home from school should they become ill or exhibit symptoms.
- Parents are asked to pay particularly close attention to symptoms and err on the side of caution when deciding to send students to school.
- Parents are asked to notify the school immediately if their child tests positive for COVID-19.

Student Expectations:

- Use designated entrances and exits to the office.
- Follow physical distancing protocols as much as possible when in the office.
- Wearing a mask is required when in or moving around the clinic.
- Wearing a mask is required if a student is determined to have a fever or other symptoms.

- Wear a mask when working individually with students.
- Ensure physical distancing protocols are followed whenever possible.
- Isolate students who are showing symptoms to a separate area away from other students already in clinic.
- Ensure that the clinic is disinfected immediately following a student entering who is exhibiting symptoms and that the isolation area is disinfected once students have left the building.
- Ensure doors to the clinic are open to minimize use of door handles and to ensure maximum air flow to the area. Install barriers as needed to protect employees working in the nurse's office. Ensure proper signage is installed.
- Ensure regular cleaning and disinfecting takes place in the office area.
- Ensure seating areas are physically distanced.
- Ensure the student isolation area is properly supervised when in use.
- Work closely with the Richland Public Health Department on appropriate steps to take should a staff member or student be confirmed in having COVID-19. All contact tracing will be done through the Richland Public Health Department.
- Disinfect clinic based on schedule provided by school administration. This includes but is not limited to door handles, countertops, seating areas, restrooms, etc.



- Provide a mask for your student to wear at school when required.
- Limit visits to school as much as possible including visits to drop off forgotten items.

Student Expectations:

- Wearing a mask is required when in line or moving around the cafeteria.
- Wash hands or use hand sanitizer before and after lunch.
- Sit in designated seats as instructed.
- If possible, students should try to use the same seat each day.
- If bringing a packed lunch, report immediately to your designated seating area.
- When possible, stay to the right when traveling down hallways.
- Follow physical distancing guidelines as much as possible when in line and in the serving areas.
- Once finished with lunch, dispose of trash and proceed back to designated area.

- Supervise designated eating areas to ensure students are physically distanced as best as possible.
- Staff wear a mask when circulating around designated eating areas.
- Use staggered dismissal to ensure physical distancing at the end of lunch.
- Ensure proper signage is posted in designated eating areas.
- Add additional seating areas as needed to ensure proper physical distancing (overflow in old gym and library).
- Tables will be spread out with chairs marked for seat designation.
- Ensure supplies are readily available for custodians.
- Cafeteria staff will wear masks or shields while preparing and serving food.
- Meals will be "grab-n-go" style as often as possible, allowing students to quickly obtain meals and remain physically distanced to the extent possible.
- Cashiers will enter purchased lunches in computer system so students will not be using a pin-pad.

- Conduct a personal health screening prior to coming to a school building and do not come if you are running a fever higher than 100 °F or showing other symptoms.
- Please contact office by phone before entering building.
- Wearing a mask is required when entering, exiting, and moving around the office/building.
- In-person office visits should follow appropriate physical distancing protocols.

Student Expectations:

- Use designated entrances and exits to the office.
- Follow physical distancing protocols as much as possible when in the office.
- Wearing a mask is required when in or moving around the office.

- Wearing a mask is required when moving around the office area.
- Monitor and control the number of people in the office at any one time.
- Ensure physical distancing protocols are followed as much as possible when in-person meetings are held.
- Install barriers to protect employees working in the main office. Eliminate community and parent volunteers to ensure safety of all students.
- Ensure proper signage is installed in the office and leading into the office.
- Ensure regular cleaning and disinfecting takes place in the office area.
- Ensure seating areas are properly physically distanced.
- Disinfect office based on schedule provided by school administration. This includes but is not limited to door handles, countertops, seating areas, restrooms, etc.





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