

Lakeview School District
Return to School
Frequently Asked Questions
August 20, 2020

The following are frequently asked questions that will be added to and updated regularly. Information included in this document should provide guidance for students and parents regarding the reopening of school for the 2020-2021 school year. If you have questions, do not hesitate to contact your child's school building or the district office at the numbers below.

Lakeview Middle-High School Main Office - 724-376-7911

Oakview Elementary School Main Office - 724-376-7911

Lakeview District Office - 724-376-7911

HEALTH MONITORING

Do I need to temperature check and health screen my child at home?

It is expected that all students complete a symptom and health and temperature check prior to coming to school each day. If your child has any of the following symptoms, that indicate a possible illness, it may decrease the student's ability to learn and also put them at risk for spreading illness to others. According to guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, please check your child for these symptoms:

- Temperature of 100.4' or higher
- Sore throat
- New uncontrolled cough that causes difficulty breathing (for students with chronic allergic/asthmatic cough, a change in their cough from baseline)
- Diarrhea, vomiting, or abdominal pain or
- New onset of severe headache, especially with a fever

Additionally, please ensure that your child has not met any of the following criteria:

1. Had close contact (within 6 feet of an infected person for at least 15 minutes) with a person confirmed COVID-19.
2. Had close contact (within 6 feet of an infected person for at least 15 minutes) with person under quarantine for possible exposure to SARS-CoV-2.
3. Traveled to or lived in an area where the local, tribal, territorial, Or state health department is reporting large numbers of COVID-19 cases as described in the Community Mitigation Framework.
4. Live in areas of high community transmission (as described in the Community Mitigation Framework) while the school remains open.

Will all students have their temperature checked on a daily basis?

Yes. While it is expected that temperature checks and screenings will take place within the home prior to the student attending school each day, note that the students will have their temperatures checked upon entry of the school building. Thermal scanning will be used at the high school gymnasium entrance, high school office entrance and elementary school bus and office entrance. Any student entering the school with a temperature of 100.4°F or higher will report to the school nurse for additional temperature and symptom screening. After completing this additional screening the parents will be contacted and the student will be sent home.

TRANSPORTATION

How will riding the bus to and from school look?

The number of students riding a bus will not exceed 2 students per seat. Seating charts will be created that pair siblings or same household residents together in bus seats. Busses will be loaded back to front and unloaded front to back to limit student interaction and proximity. Students will be required to wear masks while riding the bus. Busses will be cleaned and disinfected following each transportation route.

How do I notify the transportation department that I will be driving my child to and from school?

Parents who can transport their child to and from school are strongly urged to do so as this will help to reduce the number of students on school buses. You can learn more and opt out of bus transportation by filling out the transportation form or by contacting Deanna Hooks at 724-376-7911 x6029. Or email at: d_hooks@lakeview.k12.pa.us

Will bus routes still run at the same times as in the past?

Bus routes will remain the same or very similar to the 2019-2020 school year. Those students assigned to a different bus will be contacted directly by Deanna Hooks, District Office.

Are masks required on the school bus?

Yes. Masks are required when using district transportation, as per the Order of the Secretary of the PA Department of Health. Bus drivers will also be wearing face coverings (masks or shields) as students enter and exit the school bus.

Are there any changes with the morning drop-off procedures?

No. If you are dropping off your child in the morning, drop-off entrances will continue to be utilized with new times from 7:40 a.m. at the Middle/High School and 7:45 a.m. at the Elementary School.

ACADEMICS (IN-PERSON INSTRUCTION):

Will students (grades K-12) be changing classes and following their own schedules as in the past?

Yes, students will be changing classes using social distancing protocols and procedures. Some of the teacher classrooms have been relocated to limit the distance and amount of time students need to be within the hallways between classes.

Are masks required all day at school?

Yes, the Lakeview School District will act in accordance with all orders issued by the Secretary of the Pennsylvania Department of Health and/or Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. On August 17, 2020 the PA Department of Health has issued new guidance requiring **students wear face coverings at all times while in school**, even when six feet of social distancing can be achieved. There are limited exceptions.

Schools may allow students to remove face coverings when students are:

- Eating or drinking when spaced at least 6 feet apart
- When wearing a face covering creates an unsafe condition in which to operate equipment or execute a task
- At least 6 feet apart during “face-covering breaks” to last no longer than 10 minutes. This will occur throughout the day including at recess

Will my child be required to wear a mask if they have a medical condition?

Based upon the July 16, 2020 guidance from the Pennsylvania Department of Health and Department of Education “Children two years or older are required to wear a face covering unless they have a medical or mental health condition or disability, document in accordance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act or IDEA, that precludes the wearing of a face covering in school. Accommodations for such students should be made in partnership with the student’s health care provider, school nurse, and/or health plan. As a result, if there is a documented medical condition that prevents students from wearing a mask at school, please contact Mrs. Julie M. Lyon at 724-376-7911 X6026.

Will the hallway and classroom water fountains be accessible to the students?

No. Students are permitted to carry personal or school issued water bottles with them during the day. Please clearly mark personal water bottles using the name designated to eliminate confusion and prevent inadvertent sharing of water bottles. A water bottle filling station has been installed at a central location in each building.

Will the students be permitted to bring birthday treats/food day items for their classroom this year?

Yes. However, due to the unique situation, students are permitted to bring only pre-packaged treats.

SPECIAL EDUCATION:

Who can I call or email if I have specific special education questions?

Special Education Coordinator – Julie Lyon - 724-376-7911 X6026 j_lyon@docs.lakeview.k12.pa.us
Gifted Education: Marie Kohr - 724-376-7911 X2024 or m_kohr@docs.lakeview.k12.pa.us

CLEANING/MITIGATION:

What are the expectations regarding hand washing?

Hand washing will be encouraged throughout the day for both students and staff. Hand sanitizer stations/dispensers will be available in high traffic hallway and building entrance/exit areas. Additionally, each classroom will provide hand sanitizer for student use as they enter and exit each classroom. Signage has been placed throughout the district to remind everyone of proper CDC guidelines.

What is the cleaning protocol for buildings and classrooms?

High touch surface areas such as handrails, bathrooms and entrance/exit doors will be cleaned multiple times throughout the day in each building. During after school hours, each classroom and high touch surface areas will be cleaned and disinfected to prepare for the upcoming school day.

When we return to school, what is the plan if/when student or staff members test positive for COVID-19? Will the school need to close? Will students be required to quarantine? Will school remain open and parents given the option of sending their kids or keeping them home?

On August 13, 2020 the PA Department of Health and PA Department of Education released recommendations and general procedures to follow when responding to COVID-19 cases in Pre-K to 12 school settings. Please visit PA Department of Health Recommendations for Pre-K to 12 Schools Following Identification of a Case(s) of COVID-19 to access the recently released information.

OPERATIONS

If an adult/parent enters the school building, will they have their temperature checked?

Yes. All staff members of Lakeview School District will be required to self-check their temperature at home, prior to entering the school. All parents and visitors, with a prescheduled appointment, upon entering the school building will be temperature checked upon entry into the building. Any visitor possessing a temperature of 100.4°F or higher will be denied entry.

Will guest speakers/presenters be able to visit the classroom?

Not at this time.

Will the elementary and middle/high school have an open house?

Unfortunately, we will not be able to schedule our “Meet the Teachers” during the months of August or September. Elementary conference days scheduled virtually as needed. You will be able to contact your child’s teacher to schedule a time to meet during these conference dates. The opportunity to schedule Parent/Teacher conferences at the middle/high school is still being developed. Thank you for your patience as we continue to develop this opportunity for secondary students.

Will there be school concerts/dances/events held during the COVID-19 pandemic?

The Lakeview School District will decide on the school’s ability to hold such gatherings on a case-by-case basis.

Will the school calendar change?

No, the school calendar for students has not changed. However, this is a fluid situation that may necessitate a revised calendar in the future. Parents will be notified of calendar changes via the District’s website, mass notification alert system, and on district social media platforms.