

# MOVING FORWARD WITH COURAGE AND CONVICTION

## LEHMAN CATHOLIC'S PLANS TO RETURN TO SCHOOL FIVE DAYS A WEEK

Dear Lehman Catholic Family . . . . .

It is our mission at Lehman Catholic High School to be great by fostering individual discovery, excellence, and dynamic faith. To meet this mission we understand that our faith is central to what we do, that parents are given primary responsibility from God over their children, and that our goal every day is to provide the highest quality faith-life, education, and community possible.

It is the firm belief of the Board of Limited Jurisdiction along with school administration and faculty that our mission is best achieved by offering school five days a week all day to our students. Similarly, our goal is to provide each student with an education that best meets their strengths and interests. Students who may have personal or family health concerns will have the opportunity to choose a distance learning option that will maintain the same level of academic rigor and personal attention as on-site students. This plan provides a safe and healthy environment, while assuring each student, staff, faculty, and visitor's well-being.

We are excited to welcome our students back. We desire to thrive during this period. We are actively seeking suggestions and ideas about how to continue to grow school spirit, community, and faith at Lehman.

Be Great!

Josh Ater  
President  
Lehman Catholic High School

## OUR CLASSROOMS

Please understand that safety protocols are in place and carried out to the best of our ability. However, all students who attend school will incur some level of risk. We will do our best to decrease the likelihood of infection with good hygiene, frequent cleaning, and limiting shared spaces. However, being in a public place has a certain level of risk that cannot be eliminated. Classroom desks and all other furniture and furnishings within each classroom will be arranged to promote social distancing and each child's safety to the best of our ability. Desks in each classroom have been set up six feet apart. Cleaning and sanitizing desks will be done after each class. High touch areas will be routinely cleaned often throughout the day. Hand sanitizer will be available in every classroom. Students will be encouraged to bring hand sanitizer.

## BEFORE and AFTER SCHOOL

Three areas will be open before school for students prior to the bell from 7 until 7:45 a.m. The Chapel for prayer, the Schlater Family Gymnasium, or outside on our sports fields (weather permitting). After school, the chapel and the media center will be available until at least 4:15 p.m. The outdoor fields will also be available. We strongly encourage students to use our outdoor space as weather permits before and after school.

## LEARNING OPTIONS AVAILABLE TO OUR STUDENTS

Families can choose between five days of on-site or long-term distance learning. If a family believes a student should distance learn for an extended period (quarter / nine weeks), they need to contact the school to make arrangements. We will continue to utilize Zoom and Google Classroom, so if a student needs to work from home, even for just a short period of time, they can do so with little to no interruption in their work.

## FACE COVERINGS

Lehman Catholic High School believes the decision for students to wear masks is best made by parents, and we will allow them the freedom to make this decision based on what is best for their child. We also are obligated to follow the State of Ohio orders which currently require facial coverings with exemptions for health, mental, and religious purposes (as outlined specifically by the State of Ohio Health Department). Lehman will follow state orders while they are in effect.

Consistent with our July 30th summary, our operations have been set up in compliance with this order and allow for masks to be taken down when socially distanced. As a Catholic Christian organization, Lehman will not accept bullying or negative behavior by faculty or students nor will it be permissible to ask specific questions related to masks for privacy purposes.

The governor has mandated that all employees wear face coverings, and we will follow this mandate using the guidelines provided.

In certain classes (ex: science lab), PPE equipment may be required if students will be in close proximity for a period exceeding 15 minutes.

**Acceptable face coverings include cloth masks, gators, and disposable masks.** Face coverings must follow uniform guidelines with regard to no offensive languages or imagery. No overt political statements or costume masks.

*Lehman's goal is to keep students and faculty safe while maintaining a learning environment that is free of distractions or conflict. For this reason, facial coverings will not be a source of disciplinary action.*

## FOOD SERVICE

Lehman Catholic will offer food service very similar to previous years, with the following modifications:

- There will be no self-service shared utensils when going through the lunch line.
- The cafeteria staff will enter the students' pin numbers to keep it touchless.
- We plan to use social distancing within the lunchroom to the best of our ability. Masks will be worn by all cafeteria staff.

## DRINKING FOUNTAINS

We are encouraging students to bring their water bottles instead of using drinking fountains. We will have two filling stations by the cafeteria and the sports hall.

## VISITORS and VOLUNTEERS

Visitors will generally be discouraged from coming into the building. We recognize that parents and others may need access to our building for various reasons. Please know that these types of situations will be monitored on an individual basis. We reserve the right to check volunteers and visitors for symptoms while on premises. Hand sanitizer is available upon entry. Visitors are permitted for liturgy, but will need to report to the office before attending.

## TECHNOLOGY

Each student will be using a computer this year for their classes. If students have access to their chrome book, laptop, or tablet we ask them to bring it to school with them. If a student needs a laptop, Lehman will have them available to borrow. Lehman will be adding additional safety protocols this year including requiring each student to have and use a Lehman email account to access Zoom and Google Classroom. If parents would like help in providing additional safety measures (ex: internet access filtering) for personally owned computers please contact the school – we will be happy to help.

## SPORTS

Lehman will follow local health department OHSAA guidelines.

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## SHORT TERM ALL SCHOOL DISTANCE LEARNING PLANS

If there is an increase in the rate of the spread of COVID-19 detected in our community and within the school and it becomes necessary to close the building to reduce the rate of infection, we have a plan for returning to distance learning with the goal of returning to the classroom as quickly as possible. This plan will look similar to the one used last year in that we will move into a block schedule. However, unlike last year, we will have class all five days a week and there will be no reduction in instruction time vs. in-school instruction. Rigor and accountability will resemble that of the normal classroom setting.

Teachers will deliver daily classes much as they would in person through the use of Zoom and Google Classroom. We will begin individual tutoring immediately for students who are struggling and falling behind.

Students will be required to do work each day and turn in assignments much like they would during a typical school day. When a student is absent for a short time, remote learning will take place when the student is physically capable.

Athletics and extra-curricular activities will be evaluated during this period following OHSAA and state guidelines. We promise to be innovative here and make every effort to promote a strong community and reduce the impact during this period (ex: providing access to coaches, trainers, et al).

*This plan will only be instituted if directed by outside governing and health organizations.*



## CHECK FOR COVID-19 SYMPTOMS

- Fever of 100.4 or above *per CDC Guidelines*
- Cough
- Sore throat
- Shortness of breath
- Loss of taste or smell
- Vomiting

## ROLES and RESPONSIBILITIES

### PARENTS

We need your help in preventing symptomatic students from coming to school. One student or visitor ignoring warning signs could have major consequences on our plan to continue in-person instruction.

- Please check your child for any of the following COVID-19 symptoms including a fever of 100.4 (per the CDC guidelines) or above, cough, sore throat, shortness of breath, loss of taste or smell, or vomiting. If your child has these symptoms, please keep them at home.
- When deciding to send your child to school, please error on the side of caution.
- If your child has been exposed to someone who has tested positive for COVID-19, please keep your child at home and notify the school. We will work with the Shelby County Health Department to recommend the actions that need to be taken, given the circumstances.
- We recommend purchasing hand sanitizer for your child to carry with them to and from school.
- We respectfully request that you carefully consider any travel arrangements for your children to other parts of Ohio or to another state, especially those that may be experiencing “hot spots.”
- This year, there will be no perfect attendance awards given to students, as we do not want to encourage students to attend school when not appropriate to do so and putting others at risk of contracting the disease.
- Please use common sense about symptoms. If you have a pre-diagnosis on a condition keep that in mind as you assess symptoms. If you are in a situation where you are unsure of the best course of action please consult with your primary physician.

### STUDENTS

We need your help in preventing symptomatic students from coming to school. One student or visitor ignoring warning signs could have major consequences on our plan to continue in-person instruction.

- If a student has a fever and no other symptoms and has not been in contact with an individual that has COVID-19, they may return to school 24 hours after the fever is gone, without using fever-reducing medications.
- Wash your hands thoroughly before leaving your house for school each morning.
- Wash your hands or use hand sanitizer regularly. Make a conscious effort to not touch your face, and limit touching other students' belongings.
- Remember to bring your mask with you if you so desire to wear one. Always wear a clean mask.

# EXPOSURE TO COVID-19 or POSITIVE CASES WITHIN THE SCHOOL BUILDING

We're asking everyone in our community to move from a mindset of "if" we have a COVID-19 case to "when" we have a COVID-19 case. Like most viruses, it will be almost impossible for us to completely stop the spread. In fact, as antibody tests become more available, we will likely realize that we already had cases in our community last winter. It is important to remember that school administration and faculty are not health care professionals – we will be relying on Shelby County Health for guidance and will do our best to ensure the safety of all students and faculty. The information below is based on our best knowledge at this point, but these details are subject to change based on guidance from Shelby County Health.

- We will be working with the Shelby County Health Department to develop a plan on the appropriate procedures if we have a student test positive for the virus or is exposed to the virus and is under quarantine.
- A person considered "exposed" is a person that had close contact with a lab-confirmed case of COVID-19, or they have had close contact with someone who is symptomatic and had close contact with a confirmed case. Lehman will cooperate with the Shelby County Health Department in contact tracing to identify close contacts.
- The health department will be in contact with the students, parents, and the school to determine who the person's close contacts are. These people would be required to self-quarantine and monitor symptoms for 14 days. The more we can do to limit the number of people each student or staff member comes into close contact with, the fewer people will need to be excluded when someone tests positive for COVID-19.
- Lehman has a plan to continue education if your child is required to be on quarantine due to being exposed to the virus.
- If a student or staff member is diagnosed with COVID-19, they must meet the following criteria to return to school:
  - Three days without a fever and without using fever-reducing medication AND
  - Other symptoms improved AND
  - Ten days since symptoms first appeared
- Privacy will be upheld for all in the Lehman Community.

We will do all that we can to provide a safe atmosphere for every student but we also need the cooperation of parents to make this possible by carefully monitoring their students, being sensitive to other's needs, and respecting the guidelines in place. Per Archdiocese guidelines, we reserve the right to change this plan when and as needed.

If you have any questions or concerns about our plan, please call the school at 937. 498.1161.