

Lynden High School

Safe Return to School



Handbook Addendum

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Lynden Parents and Students,

All of us at Lynden are very excited about returning to school in person. We know that it is important to get our young people back to campus to support their social and emotional growth, and their academic achievement, in a safe way.

At Lynden High School, we are committed to the Health and Safety for our students and our staff. We are partnering with Whatcom County Department of Health on our health and safety policies for our return to school. Our protocols will include **wearing masks at all times, social distancing, increase hand washing and hand sanitizing, and increased sanitization and cleaning procedures**. These protocols will greatly reduce the possibility of students and staff contracting the virus.

We depend on the commitment of families to support Lynden's health, wellness, and safety protocols and agree to keep students at home when they are sick, have Covid-19 like symptoms or have potentially been exposed to a positive case. Our Wellness Checks will be required each day, and we ask parents and students to take this screening seriously.

Please read the Addendum that follows carefully. We are in this together and the need for cooperation is great. As we witnessed throughout the summer, safety guidelines often are revised. We thank each of you for your willingness to follow the procedures and expectations in the addendum for the health and safety of all in our school community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ian Freeman'.

Ian Freeman, Principal

Protective Measures for Return to Campus

Lynden School District is working in collaboration and following the guidance of the Whatcom Department of Health. The “K-12 Schools – Fall 2020-2021 Guidance” document linked below provides the foundation for the systems and protocols designed at LHS:

<https://www.doh.wa.gov/Portals/1/Documents/1600/coronavirus/FallGuidanceK-12.pdf>

Arrival Wellness Checks

Wellness checks are the first line of defense against the spread of illness. We will depend heavily on every member of the school community to be honest about their own health and exposure to illness, and thoroughly assess their own health daily before coming on campus. Students and staff who are exhibiting any symptom of illness or who have had close contact with a person who has tested positive for COVID-19 must stay home.

Below are the steps we will use for daily health checks and attestation:

1. We ask that parents/guardians participate in student health screening and attestation each morning.
2. Each student will be provided a pad of Health Attestation Forms. Complete one form in the morning BEFORE getting on the bus or coming to campus.

Lynden School District Health Attestation		
Complete this attestation in the morning BEFORE coming to school.		
TODAY'S DATE: _____	Yes	No
Were you absent from school due to illness on your last scheduled school day?		
Have you had a positive COVID test in the past 10 days?		
Have you had a recent COVID test and are waiting on results?		
Have you had contact with anyone confirmed to have COVID in the last 14 days?		
Do you have any of these symptoms that are not attributable to another condition: Fever of 100.4°F or higher, chills, cough, shortness of breath, fatigue, body aches, headache, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion, nausea or vomiting, diarrhea?		
Has a public health or medical professional told you to self-monitor, self-isolate, or self-quarantine because of concerns about COVID-19 infection?		
**Print your name below if you answered “no” to all the questions.		
**If you answer “yes” to any question or have questions, contact your school before coming to campus (LHS 354-4401, LMS 354-2952, LA 354-6675)		
Print Student Name: _____ Grade: _____		

3. If the answer to any question is “Yes,” you must go directly to the nurse (Attendance Office entry) when coming to campus.
4. Upon arrival on campus, each student will submit their attestation form and have a temperature check. Students who have a temperature of 100.4°F or higher will be isolated and parents contacted for pick-up.

Return to School Guidelines:

If a student is not able to attend in-person school due to illness, it is critical that the attendance office is notified promptly, and the student is cleared by the nurse before returning to school.

Class B: If an individual has just one symptom from the Class B list that lasts less than 24 hours, it may be possible to return to school after the symptom has resolved and without a COVID test. Prior to return, the student or parent must communicate with the nurse regarding the symptom and its resolution. Class B symptoms include:

- Fatigue
- Headache
- Muscle or Body Aches
- Sore Throat
- Congestion or Runny Nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

If even one symptom lasts more than 24 hours the student must follow the protocol for Class A, below.

Class A: Any of the following symptoms, regardless of duration, require a student to stay out of school for 10 days from symptom onset:

- Any of the Class B symptoms lasting more than 24 hours, or multiple Class B symptoms.
- Fever (100.4 or higher)
- Cough
- Loss of sense of taste and/or smell
- Shortness of breath

The student may be able to return to school sooner than 10 days if they are confirmed negative for COVID-19. However, no sooner than 24 hours after being symptom-free without medications. The student must be cleared by the nurse.

Students who are home due to illness symptoms may not participate in any in-person activity including athletics until they are cleared to return by the nurse.

Responding to Cases of COVID-19

Due to the nature of the COVID-19 virus, it is likely that some in our school community will contract the virus despite all precautions being taken. Positive cases of COVID-19 for students and staff members do not necessarily indicate that the school will have to close. Lynden will use the policies and procedures developed by the Whatcom Department of Health. For more info visit: <https://www.lyndenhealthinfo.com/>

Arrival and Dismissal:

Students will enter the campus at one of two locations of their choice:

- **TROPHY HALL ENTRY** (by the gym)
- **ATTENDANCE ENTRY** (between main & Counseling):
 - This entrance will be used for any student returning after illness or arriving after 7:50 AM.
- Upon arrival report immediately either of the health screening locations above.
- All students must wear masks when walking to the screening location.
- Students must leave campus using either the EAST or WEST GATE locations.



ANDERSON	210
BAILEY	301
BALL	ART
BOGUES	306
BOMBER	402
BRANDVOLD	403
BUTENSHOEN	302
CAREY	307
CLAUSEN	102
CLIFFORD	ELRC
CLIFT	GYM
CONRAD	206
DICKSON	PT 8
DOTSON	PT 6
ELLIG	104
ELSNER	PT 3
GALLIGAN	BAND
GARZA	304
GRUBBS	Wood
HENDERSON	207
HERBERT	103
HOFFER, M	201
HOFFER, R	110
HUTCHINS	107
KEATING	106
KORTHUIS	PT 1
LEWIS	105
MAXWELL	108
MEDCALF	PT 7
MILLER	303
PEHL	FACS
PETERSEN	109
REGIS	204
RICHINS	401
ROPER	PT 4
SAHAGIAN, S	ART
SAHAGIAN, T	209
SCOTT	308
SEELY	205
SHUMWAY	Metal
SOLTMAN	305
TETU, JJ	203
TETU, K	PT 2
VANDALEN	Weight
VANDERVEEN	208
VICTOR	PT 1
WHITE	BAND
WINJE	202

- ▨ Interior hallways that will be off-limits during passing periods.
- Exterior entrances will be used for all classrooms. Circles designate the location.
- ⊕ Health-check

Buses

- Updated bus routes are on the transportation website: <https://lynden.wednet.edu/departments/transportation>
- Contact the transportation department for additional questions: 360.354.5469

Student Drivers

- Student wishing to park on campus must submit a completed [parking agreement](#) to the main office.
- Students may park in the Main Lot or Stadium Lot in any space marked with white lines (not yellow)
- All permit fees are waived for the 2020-2021 school year.

Face Coverings:

- Every person on campus must wear a face covering at all times – inside and outside.
- Face coverings must fully cover both the mouth and nose and must always be worn in that way.
- Face coverings must be either a fitted fabric mask, a disposable medical mask, or a gaiter doubled-over. Face shields, scarves, bandanas, or other non-fitted fabric are not allowed.
- Face coverings that include print or graphics must meet school dress code guidelines.
- If a face covering must be removed for a brief, individual break, the student must distance themselves from others, must stay in one location, and may not socialize while the face covering is removed. It is recommended that this only occur outside.
- Students must comply with the direction of all staff members.

Out of Compliance Response: Individuals who are out of compliance with the face covering expectations above are a health and safety risk for students and staff. One warning will be given to make the necessary correction. If the non-compliance reoccurs, the student will be removed from the setting and follow-up will occur with an administrator. An alternative/remote learning location may be assigned.

Social Distancing:

- Students should always maintain a physical distance of 6 feet inside and outside of school buildings.
- To maintain distancing, students should practice non-physical methods of greeting (wave, air-hi-5, etc.)
- Students should be mindful of who they spend extended time in proximity closer than 6 feet; those people may become considered “close contacts” in the event of contact tracing.

Personal Hygiene:

- Students will be expected to use a combination of hand sanitizer and regular hand washing throughout the day.
- Students will be given hand sanitizer upon entry to school.
- Students should wash their hands for at least 20 seconds with soap and water regularly during the day.
- Students should wash their hands before eating, after using the restroom, and after coughs or sneezes.
- Avoid touching your face or face covering.

Environmental Cleaning:

- Doorknobs, faucets, and other common high touch surfaces will be cleaned throughout the day by school staff.
- Students will be provided an antiseptic wipe to clean their desk and chair after each class period

Lockers

- Lockers will not be available for use until further notice. Students will need to bring all their belongings with them throughout the day.

Classrooms

- Face masks must be worn in classrooms at all times.
- Hand sanitizer will be available in every classroom.
- Students will be assigned a seat according to a seating chart with a minimum of 6 feet distance between students.
- Classroom activities will be conducted in a way that maintains safe distances and masks.

Transitions

- Transition between classes will be 5 minutes. Students should move directly to class.
- Students are required to use exterior doors when entering and exiting class.
- Interior hallways and restrooms will not be available during transitions.
- Students must maintain social distancing as much as possible when outside of class.

Food & Water

- Meal packs containing 5 breakfasts and 5 lunches will be provided to students afterschool on Wednesdays (Last names A – L) and Thursdays (M – Z). Meal packs can also be picked up on Fridays from 11am – 1pm at LMS.
- Students may bring snacks to eat during the day, but they should be eaten outside while minimizing the amount of time without a mask.
- Students should fill and bring a water bottle to school with them. Drinking fountains will not be available; however, students may refill their bottles at our three touchless bottle refilling stations.

Attendance

- Attendance will be taken for each period Monday through Friday.
- Students are expected to attend class in-person or remotely at their assigned times whether they are at home or at school.
 - **Monday through Thursday:** Attendance will be taken at the beginning of each class period. All classes will begin with a live online class meeting which will be used to take attendance for the students at home.
 - **Friday:** Students must log into all four of their Canvas classes by 12 PM for attendance. There will not be a live meeting. Their log-in and time spent online will be recorded automatically by Canvas.
- If a student does not attend class, they will be marked absent.
- Absences are required to be excused within 48 hours.
- Students who are sick or must stay home to quarantine will have the opportunity to attend class remotely in order to miss as little instructional time as possible.
- If a student stays home due to illness, they must follow the return-to-school COVID guidelines

Athletics

- Lynden High School will follow Washington Interscholastic Activities Association (WIAA) guidelines for returning to practice and competitions.
- The Athletic Director, in consultation with administration, will work with coaches to communicate requirements to athletes and their parents.

ASB Cards

- ASB cards will not be sold until it is determined there will be need and benefit for the students.
- Student-athletes who participate in a school sport will need to purchase an ASB once it is determined their season will occur.

Technology

- All students will need a school issued laptop
- Personal devices will not be supported by school district tech support
- Students will need to fully charge their laptop nightly to ensure it is ready for school in the morning
- Students will need to bring their charge cords and laptops to school daily

Visitors

- We ask that parents use email, video conference, or phone to communicate with the school as much as possible.
- Parents visiting the school must be wearing a mask and check in through the main office.

Large Gatherings

- In order to protect our community, we will not have any assemblies, dances, or large gatherings until further notice.

Club Meetings

- Clubs and activities will now meet at various times as determined by the club and advisor.
- Meetings will be held remotely and students can access meetings through Canvas.
- A full list of clubs and meeting times can be found on the LHS website:
https://hs.lynden.wednet.edu/for_students/clubs_activites

Online Learning Responsibilities/Expectations Reminder

- Students are reminded that all school and classroom expectations apply.
- Students are required to participate in all online class sessions.
- Students should make every effort to find a quiet location with nothing inappropriate should be displayed in the background.
- Appropriate dress is required.
- Students are expected to participate in class meetings with their video on whenever possible and leaving their microphone muted until they are ready to share.
- Students should always be respectful to their teachers and peers during online discussions and meetings.
- Students should check their school email and Teams chat daily and reply within one school day.

Bell Schedule

	MONDAY (A-L On Campus)	TUESDAY (M-Z On Campus)	WEDNESDAY (A-L On Campus)	THURSDAY (M-Z On Campus)	FRIDAY (Everyone Remote)
7:50 – 8:20	Activity Period				<p>Independent Asynchronous</p> <p>Students must log into all four Canvas courses by 12 PM for attendance and to find their Friday Independent Learning</p> <p>Academic Support is available from teachers. Please contact your teacher to set up an appointment.</p>
8:25 – 9:20	Period 1				
9:25 – 10:20	Period 2				
10:25 – 11:20	Period 3				
11:25 – 12:20	Period 4				
12:25 – 1:25	Bus Travel Break				
1:30 – 2:50	Work Completion, Academic Support, “Office Hours”				