



UPDATED COVID-19 SAFETY PROTOCOLS FOR THE 2021-22 SCHOOL YEAR

Lakewood Catholic Academy's Administrative Team has reviewed all recommendations from the CDC, ODH, ODE, and CCBH, as well as the American Academy of Pediatrics. Although the Delta variant presents a new set of challenges, we are confident that our plan will help our school community have a safe and successful school year.

Our approach is strictly a pragmatic one. Current quarantine guidelines from the ODH state that masking is the only way to keep students in school after a classroom exposure to COVID-19. As long as students are masked, they are allowed to remain in school unless they develop symptoms.

The guiding principle in the development of our safety plan is to protect the health and safety of our children (the majority of whom can't be vaccinated based upon age), while providing the most optimal **in-person** learning environment and experience. **The following COVID-19 safety protocols are effective as of the first day of school on September 7:**

PROTOCOLS REMAINING IN PLACE



MASKING

- » All employees (regardless of vaccination status) will be required to use a mask when interacting with children.
- » All K-8 children (regardless of vaccination status) will be required to wear masks while indoors. Masks will be optional for children in our Early Childhood Learning Program.
- » Masks will be optional during recess and outdoor learning times.



PHYSICAL DISTANCING

- » Children will be distanced at six feet at assigned seats in the dining hall for snack and lunch.
- » Three feet of physical distance will be maintained wherever possible.

MODIFIED OR ELIMINATED PROTOCOLS

Based upon what we have learned about COVID-19 and our school experience,

WE WILL NO LONGER:

- » Use isolating plexiglass in classrooms. All plexiglass has been removed.
- » Require temperature checks prior to entering the building. Please use LCA's [At-Home Health Screening tool](#) each morning.
- » Prohibit parents and guests from volunteering throughout the school provided they follow LCA's masking policy.
- » Offer an LCA Digital Learning option. We have partnered with the Diocese of Cleveland to provide digital instruction through a third party for families who desire it. This digital learning option is available on a semester basis. For more information, please contact [Brenna Warrell](#).

Together with our facilities management partners, we will continue our enhanced cleaning and disinfecting procedures. We will also continue to use our Austin Air medical grade HEPA air purifiers to create a safer breathing environment for our school.