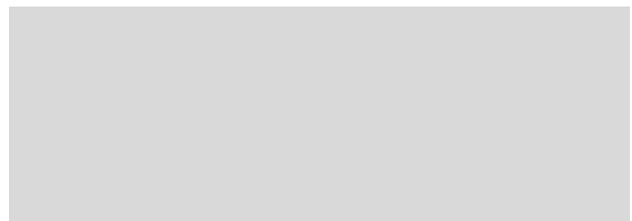


# Loyalton High School Re-opening Plan

# Fall 2020

Loyalton High School  
7/19/20  
LHS Reopening Committee





## Introduction

The LHS Reopening committee, in collaboration with our local health department, district leadership, and parent input, has drafted the initial plan for school reopening in the fall.

This plan meets the guidelines established by CDPH and CalOSHA which can be found [here](#). This plan may change as conditions change throughout the state and county.

Please read this plan thoroughly and make the necessary plans as detailed in the report that follows.

~Mr. Jones

## General Measures

All students and staff must follow the General Measures Guidelines while inside LHS.

- Face coverings for all staff and students while indoors.\*\*\*
- Keep 6 feet apart at all times.
- Use hand sanitizing stations when entering and exiting classrooms.
- Signage with face-covering and hand sanitizing reminders will be created and placed throughout the school.
- No gathering in common areas.
- No sharing of equipment.
- Lockers will not be used.
- Hallway traffic needs to follow the arrows and maintain movement.
- No stopping in hallways.
- Only 3 students at a time in restrooms.
- Healthy Hygiene practices will be taught to all students and sent home to all parents.
- Office use will be restricted to one student/family at a time when visiting the main office.

Per the guidance of CalOSHA and CDPH all staff and students will be required to wear face coverings while inside. Face coverings are ordered and will be provided to those who do not already have their own. You may purchase them at many retailers.

Maintain 6 feet of distance from others while at school.

LHS staff will design their lessons this year to reduce the need for textbooks to be carried around campus in order to end the need for locker use. Students will need to keep their belongings with them as lockers are a congestion point in the hallways.

For those that remain on campus for lunch, lunches will be consumed at a designated area outside or in the gym. There will be no congregation in the bear caves or gym.

Movement within the building should follow the arrows on the floor.

Restrooms and the main office will have maximum capacity limits. Restrooms will be limited to only 3 students at any given time and only one student/family will be allowed in the office at any given time.

\*\*\*The face covering guidance recognizes that there are some people who cannot wear a face covering for a number of different reasons. People are exempted from the requirement if they are under age 2, have a medical or mental health condition or disability that would impede them from properly wearing or handling a face covering, those with a communication disability, or when it would inhibit communication with a person who is hearing impaired. Those with communication disabilities or caregivers of those with communication disabilities can consider wearing a clear mask or cloth mask with a clear panel when appropriate.

Persons exempted from wearing a face covering due to a medical condition, as confirmed by school district health team and therapists (from a confirmation of a doctor's note), must wear a non-restrictive alternative, such as a face shield with a drape on the bottom edge, as long as their condition permits it.

## Classroom Spaces

- To reduce possibilities for infection, students must remain in the same space and in cohorts as small and consistent as practicable, including lunch. In order to achieve this, LHS will return to a block schedule that will feature less classes in one day with “A Days” and “B Days.”
- Physical education classes will be conducted outside (weather permitting). Changing will occur in shifts to insure distancing in locker rooms. PE activities will be designed to limit interaction.
- LHS will maximize space between seating and desks (minimum of 3 feet). Teacher and other staff desks will be at least six feet away from student desks. Minimizing face-to-face contact will be emphasized.
- Activities will be designed for smaller groups and furniture will be rearranged to maintain separation.
- Staff will develop instructions for maximizing spacing and ways to minimize movement in both indoor and outdoor spaces that are easy for students to understand and are developmentally appropriate.
- Activities where there is increased likelihood for transmission from contaminated exhaled droplets such as band and choir practice and performances are not permitted.
- Activities that involve singing must only take place outdoors.
- To the extent possible, teachers will assign and collect work digitally to minimize contact.
- There should be no sharing of equipment or objects by students.
- Student work areas will be sanitized following each class departure using disinfecting wipes. This will be conducted by the students themselves following an exit routine or by instructional aides as observed by the classroom teacher.



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## Non-classroom Spaces

- Nonessential visitors, volunteers, and activities involving other groups at the same time will not be permitted.
- Assemblies, extra-curricular gatherings and communal activities will be limited.
- Movement through hallways will be minimized and regulated. Arrows will be placed on the floors of the hallway to direct students how to move throughout the building in ways that will promote efficiency and distancing. In addition, LHS will eliminate the use of lockers and move to block scheduling, which supports the creation of cohort groups and reduces changes of classrooms.
- Lunches will continue to be served at LES and be served in a to-go style. Students can either sit distanced outside, distanced in the bear caves, or in teacher classrooms in order to eat while on campus. Microwaves in bear caves will be removed to reduce students forming lines.
- Transportation to and from School:
  - Bus arrival times will be staggered so that students can be properly spaced upon arrival.
  - Students will be screened for temperature outside of the busses prior to boarding.
  - Parents that can bring their own students to school will be asked to do so in order to reduce ridership on the bus.
  - When students arrive on campus, students will proceed directly to their first class without congregating in the hallways.
  - Bus arrival and departure times will be staggered.
- Athletic practices and games can only operate as conditioning, with no contact or sharing of equipment, until otherwise approved later.

## Teacher and Staff Safety

- All staff must wear face coverings or face shields.
- Staff meetings and gatherings will have distancing measures in place.
- Daily screening of temperature and symptom check will occur upon staff arrival.
- Teachers will disinfect class tables, chairs, and high use objects after each class in coordination with janitorial staff.
- Staff testing will be conducted per CDPH, CDE, and Local Health Department guidance.

## Dealing with a suspected COVID-19 case

- Areas used by the individual will be closed for 24 hours then cleaned thoroughly by janitorial staff.
- Students that become ill at school will be sent to an isolation area where they will wait to be transported home.
- Health care officials will be notified if the school learns of a positive COVID-19 case.
- Virtual Learning will occur for those that are isolated or quarantined.
- Staff and students that have been in close contact with someone that has been infected will be notified and given instructions per the rubric on the following page.
- The rubric on the following page will be used to determine when students can return to school and when they should quarantine from school:

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	<b>Student or Staff with:</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Communication</b>
1.	COVID-19 Symptoms (e.g., fever, cough, loss of taste or smell, difficulty breathing)  Symptom Screening: Per CA <a href="#">School Sector Specific Guidelines</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Send home</li> <li>• Recommend testing (If positive, see #3, if negative, see #4)</li> <li>• School/classroom remain open</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No Action needed</li> </ul>
2.	Close contact <b>(†)</b> with a confirmed COVID-19 case	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Send home</li> <li>• Quarantine for 14 days from last exposure</li> <li>• Recommend testing (but will not shorten 14-day quarantine)</li> <li>• School/classroom remain open</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consider school community notification of a known contact</li> </ul>
3.	Confirmed COVID-19 case infection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Notify the local public health department</li> <li>• Isolate case and exclude from school for 10 days from symptom onset or test date</li> <li>• Identify contacts <b>(†)</b>, quarantine &amp; exclude exposed contacts (likely entire cohort <b>(††)</b>) for 14 days after the last date the case was present at school while infectious</li> <li>• Recommend testing of contacts, prioritize symptomatic contacts (but will not shorten 14-day quarantine)</li> <li>• Disinfection and cleaning of classroom and primary spaces where case spent significant time</li> <li>• School remains open</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• School community notification of a known case</li> </ul>
4.	Tests negative after symptoms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• May return to school 3 days after symptoms resolve</li> <li>• School/classroom remain open</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consider school community notification if prior awareness of testing</li> </ul>

**(†)** A contact is defined as a person who is <6 feet from a case for >15 minutes. In some school situations, it may be difficult to determine whether individuals have met this criterion and an entire cohort, classroom, or other group may need to be considered exposed, particularly if people have spent time together indoors.

**(††)** A cohort is a stable group with fixed membership that stays together for all courses and activities (e.g., lunch, recess, etc.) and avoids contact with other persons or cohorts.

## Daily routine

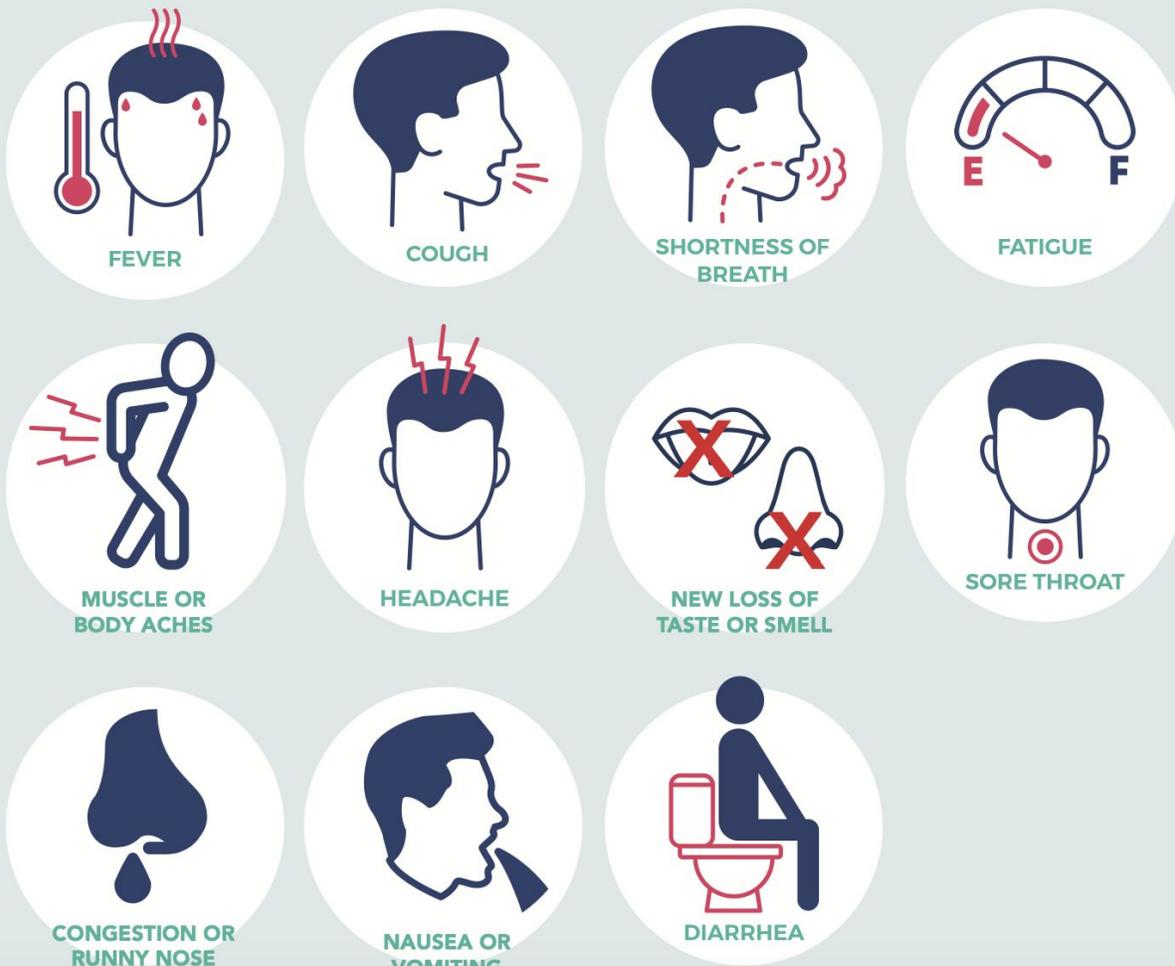
- Each morning it will be important for students and staff to screen themselves for symptoms of COVID-19.
- Students will be arriving to campus by walking or by bus.
  - If walking students should distance from each other on the way to school and if they walk with others they should wear face coverings as they walk. Students will have temperature screening, checked for symptoms, and be checked for proper face covering prior to entry into the school. If students forget face coverings, one will be provided.
  - Bus riders should distance themselves at bus stops prior to the arrival of their bus. Students will be screened for proper face covering, screened for temperature, and checked for symptoms prior to entry on to the bus. Bus riders must wear face coverings while on the bus and weather permitting windows should allow for air circulation.
- Busses will arrive at staggered times on campus and students will immediately report to their first periods classes each day without congregating or stopping in the hallways. There will be no lockers available for use on site.
- Students in the hallways must use the directional arrows for travel, not stop enroute to their destinations, and stay distanced from each other.
- Students should sanitize hands upon entry into each room and will disinfect their work spaces upon exit from each room.
- Lunch
  - At lunch, students must not transport anyone in their vehicle outside of their household. Students should take precautions while frequenting businesses for lunch.
  - Students taking part in the lunch program will travel to the back door of the cafeteria at LES to receive their “to-go” lunch and return to the LHS campus to consume it.
  - While enroute to LES, face coverings are required.
  - Students will consume their meals outside (distanced) in the provided seating, if weather does not permit, then the seating will be moved into the gym. Students may remove face coverings while eating.

- Students will have the 8 period period block schedule and 7th and 8th grade student lunches will be split from the High School lunch period.
- Busses departing from school will depart at staggered times to avoid great numbers of congregation at the end of the school day.

## Important Resources:

### Symptoms -

SYMPTOMS MAY APPEAR 2-14 DAYS AFTER EXPOSURE TO THE VIRUS.  
PEOPLE WITH THESE SYMPTOMS MAY HAVE COVID-19:



CDE Reopening Guidance -

<https://www.cde.ca.gov/ls/he/hn/strongertogether.asp>

CalOSHA/CDPH Guidance -

<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/Guidance.aspx>