



Lakeland Regional High School

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Dear Lakeland Families and Friends,

We hope you are enjoying your summer, while remaining safe and healthy. The District has been working diligently to prepare for the 2020-21 school year, including the reopening of our schools and in-person instruction. As we are sure you understand, the upcoming school year will look very different than it has in the past. The District is putting a number of procedures in place to help protect the health and well-being of our students and employees. Over the next few weeks, you will receive updates providing details regarding these new procedures.

The purpose of this correspondence is to discuss **student transportation**. Due to the nature of a school bus, social distancing is more difficult than in other circumstances. While the District will continue to provide transportation to those families that are unable to transport their children, we strongly encourage those families that are able to provide transportation, to choose to transport their own children.

For those students that will be taking the school bus, the District will be implementing a number of precautions. To start, no parent should place their child on a school bus or send their child to school if they are experiencing any signs or symptoms of COVID-19. The District's parents remain the first, and one of the most important, lines of defense in helping ensure the safety of the District's students and employees. Prior to their child leaving the house, all parents must make sure their child is not experiencing any signs or symptoms of COVID-19. Symptoms of COVID-19 include, but are not limited to:

- Fever ($\geq 100.4^{\circ}\text{F}$)
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore Throat
- Congestion or runny nose

- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

These symptoms continue to be updated by the CDC as more becomes known. All parents should regularly check the CDC's website to remain up-to-date on the latest COVID-19 symptoms: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html>

Prior to students being allowed to get onto a school bus, their temperature will be taken by a school bus aide. **Any student that has a temperature greater than or equal to 100.4°F, refuses to allow their temperature to be taken, or is showing any symptom of COVID-19 will not be allowed to get on to the bus.** Once on the school bus, the student will be assigned to a particular seat.

As a result of the foregoing, parent(s)/guardian(s) will have three options regarding transportation:

1. Provide their own transportation for their child.
2. Wait with their child at the bus stop. In the event that their child is not allowed on the school bus, the parent immediately will take custody of their child.
3. Provide the District with consent to allow their child to return home independently. Should parents choose this option, they will immediately be notified that their child is not allowed on the school bus. Their child further will be instructed to return home.

While we understand this may be an inconvenience to some families, the District believes these precautions are necessary to safely transport students. Thank you for your understanding during these unusual times. **Please complete the enclosed form and return it to Diane Maskley at dimaskley@lakeland.k12.nj.us by August 14, 2020. In order to receive a bus pass, we ask you to return this survey with either the 2nd or 3rd option checked off on the form and signed by you.** Thank you for your help with our safety procedures.

Respectfully yours,

Hugh E. Beattie
Chief School Administrator

Note: The form can also be “snail-mailed” to Diane Maskley, 205 Conklintown Road, Wanaque, NJ 07465.

LAKELAND REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL
2020-2021 STUDENT TRANSPORTATION FORM

Please complete the form below and return it to Diane Maskley at dimaskley@lakeland.k12.nj.us by August 14, 2020 so that the District can plan its transportation accordingly. Also can be sent to: Diane Maskley, 205 Conklin Road, Wanaque, NJ 07465.

Student's Name: _____

Student's Grade: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

I, the above-named Parent/Guardian, understand the importance of not placing the above-named student on a school bus or sending the above-named student to school if they are experiencing any signs or symptoms of COVID-19. Prior to the above-named student leaving the house, I will check to make sure that the above-named student is not experiencing any signs or symptoms of COVID-19.

In addition, I, the above-named Parent/Guardian:

Agree to waive transportation services provided by Lakeland Regional High School District and will transport my own student.

Agree to wait with my child at the bus stop until my child is given approval to get on the school bus.

Provide my consent to have my child return home by himself or herself should my child not be given approval to get on the school bus. I can be contacted during the pickup time at: _____ *Primary Phone Number*. If for some reason no one answers, an

alternative number that a parent/guardian can be reached is _____ *Secondary Phone Number*.

I understand that a voicemail will be left in the event a parent/guardian does not answer either phone number. After the aforementioned telephone calls are made or voicemail is left, I understand that my child will be instructed to return home and that no further action will be taken by the District.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____