



# LEARNING FOUNDATION & PERFORMING ARTS JUNIOR HIGH AND HIGH SCHOOL

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## LFP School Reopening/COVID-19

*In order to allow our families to make the most informed decision regarding the school year, we are providing the following information in response to the most frequently asked questions by parents.*

### General School Information

#### **Q: When will the 2020-21 school year begin?**

- The first day of classes will resume as scheduled on Thursday, August 6.
- Due to the recent Executive Order by our governor, classes will begin remotely with the plan to have students transition to in-class instruction when allowable and safe. More information will be communicated as soon as possible.

#### **Q: What safety/health precautions will be taken to reduce exposure for staff and students?**

- Daily student schedules may be modified to minimize the number of class changes per day which would decrease the chances of exposure.
- Class sizes will be smaller in order to allow for greater social distancing.
- Desks will be configured to maximize space between students.
- Desks and chairs will be sanitized/disinfected after each class.
- Hallways and stairwells will consist of only one-way foot traffic to minimize congestion.
- Hand sanitizer stations will be located in high-traffic areas and outside of each classroom.
- All high-touch surfaces will be sanitized throughout the day by full-time custodial staff.
- Restroom usage will be controlled in order to minimize crowds whenever possible.
- Lunch service will be modified to minimize possible contamination. Seating will be adjusted to allow increased social distancing options.
- Use of shared materials will be limited/eliminated when feasible. When not possible, materials will be sanitized before use.
- Staff temperatures will be taken daily to minimize possible spread.
- Parents are responsible for determining their child's health status before arriving at school.
- Students will be required to stay/go home should they present any symptoms of illness.
- Use of masks will be recommended for students/staff. Please note that masks may be required by city, county, or state decree.
- Staff will teach and reinforce proper hygiene and sanitation practices.
- All employees will be trained on health and safety protocols.

#### **Q: If parents prefer to have their child stay home and participate in online learning, what options will be made available?**

- LFP is in the process of establishing an online virtual learning platform that allows students to work remotely.

#### **Q: If families choose the online option to begin the school year, will students be permitted to return in person at a later date during the school year?**

- Yes. There will be opportunities to switch to in-person learning during the school year.



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## **Q: Will students have the opportunity to perform this school year?**

- LFPA is still planning on hosting performances this year though fewer than in previous years.
- Only small productions/showcases will take place during the Fall semester in order to keep students and audience members safe and allow for social distancing.
- Decisions regarding Spring performances will be made later in the school year based on guidance from the Arizona Department of Education and health officials.

## **Transportation**

### **Q: Will there be changes to student transportation due to COVID-19?**

- All buses have been disinfected since the end of the 2019-20 school year. For the upcoming school year, buses will be disinfected daily after all morning and afternoon routes.
- There will be assigned seating on all buses with siblings required to sit together. Otherwise, seating will be spaced to maximize social distancing efforts.

## **Athletics/Extracurriculars**

### **Q: Will there be sports this year?**

- Currently sports are still planned to take place this school year with additional guidelines in place. Some guidelines may include a limited number of spectators, extensive sanitation, and use of masks when not actively participating.
- The Canyon Athletic Association will continue to provide guidance to member schools as the school year approaches.

### **Q: Will there be clubs, activities, and classes after school this year?**

- LFPA will have as many extracurricular activities as possible as long as they do not place students and staff at greater risk of infection.

## **Miscellaneous**

### **Q: Is there a possibility that schools may close again during the 2020-21 school year?**

- LFPA will continue to remain in close communication with state government and health agencies for guidance. Should the pandemic necessitate school closures, we are prepared to modify our action plan to ensure that the needs of students are met.
- Should the school be required to close for any significant amount of time, teachers will utilize Google Classroom to facilitate required academic instruction.