



LAKWOOD RANCH HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Lakewood Ranch Families,

It is hard to believe that next Monday, August 17, our students will return to our beautiful campus. The entire faculty and staff are anxiously awaiting and anticipating their arrival. Students will return to the same physical campus, but some things have been altered or changed around our school campus.

Students will be expected to show up to school with a face mask on so it covers their nose and mouth. The school will be providing to students two Lakewood Ranch face masks and a face shield. The face shield is optional for those students who prefer to have another personal barrier of protection.

Our students will also be expected to physically distance themselves when it is possible. The courtyard gathering areas in the morning will be expanded to include the areas at the portables and behind Building 5. Plenty of space can be found for students to maintain their physical distancing. Of course, Lakewood Ranch High School is a large school with almost 1,500 students attending at least 4 days per week. At times, social distancing will be more difficult in classrooms and hallways so we need our students to wear their masks at all times.

Sanitizing stations have been hung on the walls around the campus. All of our teachers will have hand sanitizer in their rooms. The teachers will spray the desks after each class period to disinfect the desk surface. Please encourage your students to bring their own hand sanitizer and to wash their hands regularly.

Several of our course offerings have changed due to the reopening plan that includes 3 different learning modalities. We will still have course offerings in music, art, business, technology, and physical education. But, those offerings will have different course names and codes from when the course guide was published in January. Safety will be the first consideration. It will be difficult to play instruments and to sing inside of our classrooms without potentially spreading the virus. While the names of our offerings look different and there are some homogeneous groupings, we still have world class instructors who will make the modifications necessary to ensure that Lakewood Ranch remains a constant and consistent leader of high schools in the state of Florida.

Please view the video on our website for a virtual back to school orientation. We hope the video will answer some of the questions you may have, especially if you are new to our school. Please reach out to me if you have any concerns or questions. This school year will be unlike any before. Please be patient as we work through this together to give our students the best opportunities for success. As Lakewood Ranch Mustangs, we will all ride this out together.

We look forward to seeing you soon! As always, Vamos Mustangos!

Sincerely,

Dustin R. Dahlquist
Principal