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Greetings OPHS Families,

To ensure the safety of our entire school community we have made some changes over the past week at Oak Park High School. We appreciate all of you who shared your concerns and encourage you to continue to reach out directly to high school administration in the future with any questions or suggestions that you have. As always, it remains our goal to strive for continuous improvement. We would appreciate your support in talking to your student about the health and safety protocols that are in place at OPHS. They are posted around the building, were communicated in grade level meetings and are shared on the daily announcements. However, the more that our students hear of these expectations, the more likely they are to adhere to them quickly.

Student Arrival:

- Students driving their own car to school will continue to use the student parking lot, off of Oak Park Blvd., next to the football field.
- Parents driving their students to school are now asked to drop their student off on Oak Park Blvd., rather than driving into and through the student parking lot. This will cut down on cars driving through our parking lot, which poses a risk to students.
- Buses will now drop students off at the main entrance, in the circle drive off of Oak Park Blvd.
- All students who have the Clear to Go! App can enter the building at the student entrance. 9th and 10th graders needing to do the paper copy enter at the Auditorium entrance off the circle drive, and 11th and 12th graders needing the paper copy enter at the main entrance.
- If you are having trouble with the Clear to Go! App, please visit <https://support.cleartogo.co/support/solutions/articles/62000208232> for tech support

Student Dismissal:

- Like arrival, parents are asked to wait on Oak Park Blvd. until their student walks up to their car. Again, this cuts down on dangerous traffic and walkers in the student parking lot.
- Buses will now pick students up in the circle drive off of Oak Park Blvd.
- Students driving their own cars will be the only students using the student parking lot.
- We will be clearing the campus by 3:15. The buses will have departed by that time, and walkers and drivers will be asked to do the same. Please remind your students that the Oak Park Library is only an appropriate location after school if they plan on reading, doing homework, or working quietly.

In addition to arrival and dismissal, we have worked to improve the health and safety procedures within our building as well:



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Hallway health protocols and safety:

- Teachers are on hall duty throughout the day to greet students as they enter their rooms, encourage them to get to their classes on time and remind them of proper hallway procedures
- Administration, security and ancillary staff are assigned throughout the school to ensure that students are following the hallway procedures in moving from class to class
- Students must wear their masks properly, up over their noses, while they are in the hallway
- There are arrow decals on the floor of every hallway throughout the school indicating that students are to walk to the right and properly social distance as they travel throughout the building
- Students do not have lockers for the first semester and are encouraged to keep moving and not congregate in the hallways
- There are signs posted outside of every student restroom indicating that no more than two students should enter at a time

Cafeteria health protocols and safety:

- To properly social distance, our bell schedule was altered to accommodate four smaller lunch periods
- The gym and the cafeteria are both used during lunchtime; weather permitting, students are encouraged to eat outside in the school's courtyards
- Seating in both the cafeteria and the gym has been measured for social distancing; green tape indicates where students should sit
- Upon sitting at their table, students must put their name on the sign in sheet in the event that contact tracing becomes necessary for a lunch period
- Masks must be worn at all times that a student is not eating or drinking
- Once students get their lunch and sit down, they must remain sitting in their seat
- Lunch lines are marked properly so that students waiting in line are safely social distanced
- All tabletops are cleaned and sanitized at the end of each lunch period

Thank you for your support as we continuously seek to improve the student experience at Oak Park High School.