

2021 Blue Ridge Leaders' School

FAQ created from All School Calls on June 1 and 2, 2021

Acronyms:

BRLS – Blue Ridge Leaders' School. This is the name of the conference.

FAQ – Frequently Asked Questions – The below questions and collated information is from the questions placed into the group chat. Some questions have been combined, edited for clarity, etc.... Questions of an individual nature were answered during the chat and may not be included within this document.

PCR – We won't get too nerdy here, but it's the better standard in COVID testing.

YBR – YMCA Blue Ridge Assembly. This is the facility where Leaders' School takes place.

The below information is current as of June 9, 2021. This FAQ will be updated through June 18. All of the below information is subject to change at any time through the end of BRLS on June 26. Changes during BRLS will be announced during open assembly or meals. Thank you for your patience as we work to provide an awesome week for the Leaders!

Before BRLS

- **Required COVID paperwork**
 - All school participants and drivers (commercial and parents) are required to provide either a paper copy, not the original document, of either your negative PCR test result or proof of full vaccination. The last vaccination date must be on or before June 5.
 - The COVID test may be conducted on or after Monday, June 14 for the June session. Date for the July session is Monday July 19th
 - The test must be a PCR type test. It may be a rapid test as long as it is a PCR test.
 - Proof of negative PCR test or vaccination must be given to advisor before boarding transportation. Staff or seniors traveling without clubs should have paper copies available when arriving at YBR.
- **Will Leaders know which Classes/Clinic they have before going to BRLS?** Yes, we will send this to club advisors 7 days prior.
- **Should clubs create a club shirt?** This is a decision the local club will make.
- **Where can I get information for club superlatives?** Email kendraf@ymcaatlanta.org
- **We typically stop in the Ingalls parking lot before attending BRLS. Is this allowed?**
 - Clubs will determine lunch on the first and last Saturdays. Lunch will not be available at YBR. Please exercise caution in Ingles as it will be incredibly busy. Consider going in "shifts".
- **What kind of buses will take us to BRLS?** Transportation is arranged by the local YMCA. Please check with local YMCA staff.
- **Where can I get a packing list?** Please get this from your local club advisor

- **Will there be an allowance for Leaders to go through age 19 if the Leaders would have completed the 6-year curriculum?** Yes, Leaders who were on track to complete the 6-year curriculum will be allowed to attend when they are age 19.
- **Will you be able to attend an extra year if you are not on track to complete the 6-year curriculum?** Due to the expected attendance at BRLS, only Leaders who would have completed the 6-year curriculum will be allowed to participate as a 19-year-old in the Leaders' division.

During BRLS

- Masking/Vaccination
 - **N-95 masks or regular masks?** Either mask is fine as long as it has multiple layers and covers from the bridge of the nose to the chin and fits snugly over the nose and mouth. The mask should clasp in the back or be secure behind the wearer's ears.
 - **What style of mask should be worn, cloth or surgical?** Either mask is fine as long as it has multiple layers and covers from the bridge of the nose to the chin and fits snugly over the nose and mouth. The mask should clasp in the back or be secure behind the wearer's ears.
 - **Does BRLS provide masks?** BRLS does not provide masks. The Leader should make sure to take enough masks to last all week.
 - **How many masks should I take?** Leaders will take enough masks to last all week. Surgical style masks will likely need to be replaced several times throughout the day due to perspiring.
 - **When are masks required?** Masks are required when indoors except for eating and when in your own dorm room.
 - **When can masks be removed?** Masks may be removed outside in uncrowded circumstances, during meals, and in your dorm room. If safe distance can be maintained, during classes, they may be removed.
 - **Can I remove my mask if I am fully vaccinated?** At this time, we are requiring everyone to abide by our masking practices.
 - **Do clubs offering the morning devotion have to wear a mask?** You do not need to wear a mask if the devotion takes place in the (outdoor) amphitheater.
 - You may wear a mask at any time you choose to do so.
 - **Will you have to wear a mask during evening counselor groups?** No, however please maintain safe distance from others.
 - **Will you have to wear a mask during Club meetings?** Not if distance can be maintained.
 - **People can take selfies with others as long as it is done so quickly.** Outdoors will be the best environment for this as masks will not be required.
- **How will choosing Honor Leaders for 2022 work?** There will be at least one Honor Leader selected from each session of the 2021 school. Selected Honor Leaders will be asked (not required) to serve both sessions of the 2022 school. The Honor Leader

selection process will be similar to recent years. The number of finalists for Honor Leader and selected Honor Leaders may vary between sessions.

- Everyone will scrub-in/scrub-out of each class and clinics using hand sanitizer or washing hands with soap and water.
- **How are counselor groups formed?** Every attempt will be made to assign roommates from the same club or YMCA association. Groups will consist of a traditional mix of regions.
- Meals
 - Leaders eat with their counselor groups
 - Meals will happen buffet style. Be sure to use hand sanitizer just before using buffet table.
 - Can people go through buffet line multiple times/get additional food? Yes, after everyone else has gone through the line you may return for more food. Be sure to use hand sanitizer and get a new plate before moving through buffet line.
 - Everyone will use paper plates and plastic utensils. (Get new plates each time through buffet line if multiple trips are allowed.)
 - Chants, cheers, and singing will need to wait until the BRLS 2022.
- Dorms
 - **How many people will be in a dorm?** We are reducing rooming so that each room has two people per room.
 - **Are we only using rooms that have en-suite bathrooms?** While it has been determined that surface transmission (fomite) of the COVID-19 is extremely rare we will be limiting the number of people using baths to the two roommates per bath. In limited instances where community showers are used Leaders will be assigned to specific showers.
 - **How will staff / seniors' roommates be determined?** All rooming will be done using same approach as leaders.
 - **Which dorms are being used for boys?** Girls? We know dorm life is an important part of the BRLS experience. We look forward to awesome counselor group discussions and living in a community regardless of the dorms that will be used.
- **How will the school photo be conducted?** We are working with the photographer to determine the safest way to take the school picture.
- **How will quarantining be handled?** We have a dorm set aside for any needed quarantine.
 - What happens if I am exposed to someone who has COVID? We will start with the CDC “definition” of exposure: You are within 6 feet of someone else for at least 15 minutes within a 24-hour period. Each situation is different based on a number of variables. Our medical team will review exposure events will determine how to proceed on a case-by-case basis.
- **Will there be any recognition of Juneteenth?** We will not have any formal activities of the opening/arrival day.
- **Will there be a 6th year jacket ceremony?** We will recognize everyone who is earning their 6th year jacket.

- **Will visitors be allowed?** We are all taking extra measures to ensure the safety of the larger BRLS community. From masks to cohorts this year is unlike others and exposing our community to an unknown number of unknown people is too great of a risk. Therefore, only enrolled participants and a limited number of invited guests who will play a role in the school, will be permitted on campus.
- Will there still be a school show/celebration? Yes!
- **Will temperatures be taken daily?** Along with a verbal and visual symptom check, everyone's temperature will be taken twice daily.