

**BELIEVERS IN CHRIST
CHRISTIAN ACADEMY
SCHOOL REOPENING
PLAN 2021**

“Let’s Re-Open Safely”

“Committed to Love, Motivate, Educate and Empower...”

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OUR PRIMARY GOALS ARE TO:

1. Keep students and staff physically safe.
2. Keep learning coherent, focused on the highest priorities, and moving forward--whether learning is occurring in-person, remotely, or blended.
3. Attend to, and care for, the social-emotional and mental health needs of students and staff.
4. Meet the needs of every student, across in-person and remote learning contexts -- (Every student includes students who are experiencing low socio-economics, Black, Latinx, learning English, students with gifts and talents, or students with IEP).
5. Align teaching roles, responsibilities, and structures to the new reality of teaching and learning.
6. Design schedules that flexibly accommodate this new reality, including new protocols for being together in school buildings and structures for continuing learning when it is happening remotely.

UNDERSTANDING HOW COVID-19 IS SPREAD

According to the Center for Disease Control COVID-19 is mostly spread by respiratory droplets released when people talk, cough, or sneeze. It is thought that the virus may spread to hands from a contaminated surface and then to the nose or mouth, causing infection. Therefore, personal prevention practices (such as hand-washing, staying home when sick) and environmental cleaning and disinfection are important principles that are covered in this guide. Fortunately, there are a number of actions school staff can take to help lower the risk of exposure to and the spread of COVID-19 during school sessions and activities (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention [CDC], 2020).

One of the actions that can be taken to help lower the risk of exposure is the use of face coverings. Face coverings may be challenging for students (especially younger students) to wear in all-day settings such as school. Face coverings should be worn by staff and students (particularly older students) as feasible, and are most essential in times when physical distancing is difficult. Individuals should be repeatedly reminded not to touch the face covering and to wash their hands frequently. Information should be provided to staff, students, and students' families on proper use, removal, and washing of cloth face coverings (CDC, 2020).

Symptoms of COVID-19

People with COVID-19 have reported having a wide range of symptoms – from mild symptoms to severe illness. Children have similar symptoms to adults and generally experience mild illness. Symptoms may appear 2-14 days after exposure to the virus. People with these symptoms may have COVID-19:

- *Cough*
- *Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing*
- *Fever*
- *Chills*
- *Muscle pain*
- *Sore throat*
- *New loss of taste or smell*

This list is not all-inclusive. Other symptoms have been reported, including gastrointestinal symptoms like nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea (CDC, 2020).

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COVID-19 DAILY HEALTH SCREENINGS

All staff and visitors to the building will have temperature checks and a checklist completed by our health coordinator.

PRIOR TO ARRIVAL HEALTH SCREENING

All parents/guardians of students attending school will be advised to complete a daily health screening at home every morning before bringing their child to school. The health screening will include temperature screening and the following questions:

- Does your child have a temperature over 100.4 Fahrenheit within the last 48 hours?
- Has your child been in close contact with a confirmed case of COVID-19?
- Is your child experiencing a cough, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, or sore throat within the last 48 hours?
- Does your child have a new loss of taste or smell?
- Does your child have muscle pain or chills?
- Does your child have any other illness symptoms including vomiting, diarrhea, continuous nasal drainage, or rash in the last 48 hours?
- All staff will be advised to complete the same health screening and questions, directed at themselves, every morning at home before coming on school property

Checklist will be provided.



ARRIVAL HEALTH SCREENING

Health Coordinator and team will:

- Take Temperature
- Repeat questions on Health Checklist.

UNIVERSAL PRECAUTIONS RECOMMENDED BY THE CDC AND FOLLOWED BY BELIEVERS IN CHRIST CHRISTIAN ACADEMY.

Hand Washing

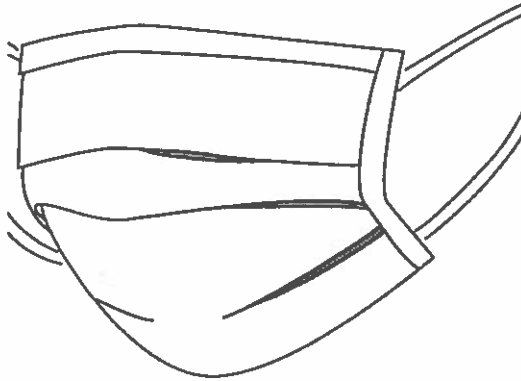
Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds especially after you have been in a public place or after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing. If soap and water are not readily available, use a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol. Cover all surfaces of your hands and rub them together until they feel dry. Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands.

Physical Distancing

Avoid close contact by putting an appropriate distance between yourself and others. Remember that some people without symptoms may be able to spread the virus. Keeping an appropriate distance from others is especially important for people who are at higher risk of getting very sick.

COVID -19 FACE COVERING REQUIREMENT

- Staff, students, and visitors will be required to wear masks or face covering while in the school building We understand that it will be necessary to be patient as we begin this new requirement
- Face coverings will not be required during intense physical activity outside
- Students will be provided face coverings daily prior to entry. They may also wear personal face coverings.
- Additional face coverings will be given throughout the day.
- Everyone must make sure they wear the mask over the nose and mouth.



COVID-19 SYMPTOMS and HEALTH PROCEDURES AT SCHOOL:

Staff/students who appear to have COVID-19 symptoms upon arrival at school or who become sick during the day will be immediately separated from others and sent home as soon as possible.

BICCA will have an isolation room for those who present symptoms of COVID-19.

We urge you to immediately contact your healthcare provider and take the next steps as recommended by the CDC.

Stay at home and away from others as much as possible until all three of the following have happened:

1. At least 10 days have passed since their symptoms started;
2. They haven't had a fever (100.4°F or greater) in at least 72 hours without using any medication to lower fever; and
3. Their cough or breathing problems get better.

VERIFIED COVID-19 CASE AND CONTACT TRACING AT SCHOOL

We will urge our BICCA families to immediately contact their healthcare provider and the city Health Department and take the next steps as recommended by the CDC.

If your **COVID-19 test is positive**, you must stay at home and away from others as much as possible until all three of the following have happened:

1. At least 10 days have passed since their symptoms started;
2. You haven't had a fever (100.4°F or greater) in at least 72 hours without using any medication to lower fever; and
3. The cough or breathing problems get better.