



Covenant

**CHRISTIAN
ACADEMY**

of the Lehigh Valley

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REVISED Health and Safety Plan Guidelines for School Reopening

Dear Parents,

The **GOAL** of this plan is simple: student and staff safety and well-being are our top priority. We are working to protect all CCA students, staff and their families.

Clear and consistent communication will help to alleviate anxiety. We will strive to provide regular updates so that we can implement adjustments quickly and effectively.

Anyone who exhibits symptoms of or has been diagnosed with/or exposed to someone who is positive for COVID-19 should understand the risk they pose to themselves and others. Please follow CDC guidelines: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/if-you-are-sick/steps-when-sick.html>

Here is the list of COVID-19 symptoms:

- Fever or chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

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I. Screening/Symptoms

- a) Student Screening (to be performed by an adult): Each student should be screened by their parents or guardians at home each morning, before you leave to drop off your student at the school or put them on the school bus. If your student is experiencing any of the symptoms in the COVID symptom table on the first page or if your student has a temperature of 100.0 F or above, the student **MUST** stay home.
- b) Staff Screening: All staff will perform a symptom screen on themselves prior to leaving for work each morning. If the staff member is experiencing any of the symptoms in the COVID symptom table on the first page or there is a temperature of 100.0 F or above, the staff member **MUST** stay home.
- c) Temperature screening will be done upon arrival to school for **students, staff, parents, and visitors** who enter the building. Drop-off students' temperatures will be taken in the car before coming into the school building, and bus students' temperatures will be taken at the entrance to the school. Students whose temperatures are 100.0 F or above **MUST** go home. Bus students' parents will be called to pick their student up.
- d) Students and staff will consistently be made aware of the signs and symptoms of COVID-19. Signage will be provided reminding students and staff of the need for social distancing, the importance of hand washing, and the list of COVID-19 symptoms. Flyers will be sent home as reminders as well.
- e) All students and staff will go to the office immediately if they start feeling ill.
- f) All parents, students and staff who traveled out of the country or to a COVID-19 "hotspot" within the United States **MUST** self-quarantine at home for 14 days with no symptoms, before returning to school. You should check the PA Department of Health website to the latest information on COVID-19 hotspots.

II. REVISED: Face Coverings*

- a) Wearing masks or face shields will be required of students and staff and visitors upon entry, exit, and when moving throughout the school building.
- b) **Face shields/masks** will be required once a student is seated in the classroom at their desk. This is to be in compliance with the following update: “*Schools must require all students over 2 years of age to wear face coverings, except for any student who has a medical or mental health condition or disability that precludes the wearing of a face covering in school.*”
- c) Staff will utilize either a face shield or mask.
- d) Bus students must comply with all rules set by the school district who provided the busing for that student.
- e) Supplying masks or face shields for students is the responsibility of the parents or guardians of that student. Nevertheless, the school will have replacement masks and shields if your student’s mask or face shield somehow become damaged or soiled during the school day.

* *If wearing a mask or face shield jeopardizes one’s physical or mental health or is not feasible due to a disability, an exemption may be requested. Students who do not wish to wear a mask or face shield must bring in a form signed by their parent or legal guardian indicating one of the exemptions. Submitting medical documentation to support the decision will not be required, as that would violate medical privacy laws.*

III. Distancing

- a) Distancing in the classroom will be maintained at **6 feet** as mandated and if a teacher needs to approach a student, both student and teacher will wear a mask or face shield.
- b) Classroom configurations will be altered to achieve the maximum social distancing allowed per room space.
- c) One-way traffic in hallways, as well as designated up/down staircases, will be used to maintain distance in common areas. Two-way traffic

may occur by individual students or teachers in order to use the restrooms.

- d) For at least the month of September, there will be no utilization of the cafeteria. Students will report to their classrooms immediately upon arrival. Each student will bring a lunch/drink/bottled water and eat in the classroom. No food, snacks, or beverages will be provided by CCA. Water fountains will not be used. Gym classes will take place outside as the weather allows.
- e) Chapel will be in the church sanctuary and will abide by the distancing arrangements put in place (pews roped off) by Emmanuel EC Church. Students will be spaced at least 6 feet apart.

IV. Disinfecting/Sanitizing

- a) All high-touch surfaces will be disinfected regularly, including door handles, light switches, playground equipment, and student desks.
- b) All individuals in school will sanitize or wash their hands on a frequent basis. Hand sanitizer will be available in all common areas and hallways.
- c) Classrooms and common areas will be ventilated with additional circulation of outdoor air when possible, with windows, doors, fans, and air purifiers.
- d) All bathrooms and classrooms will be thoroughly cleaned and disinfected after school each day. Janitorial staff will be responsible for cleaning and disinfecting the school using proper recommendations for OSHA and approved cleaning supplies.

We would like to emphasize the fact that this Plan is our starting point. It will be revised and will remain fluid as we go forward. Our anticipated start date for classes remains Wednesday, September 9, 2020.

In closing, as the Newsboys song says...

The cross has the final word!



“He took up our infirmities
and bore our diseases.”
- *Matthew 8:17, NIV*

“He Himself bore our sins in His body
on the cross, so that we might die to
sins and live for righteousness; by His
wounds you have been healed.”
- *1 Peter 2:24, NIV*

Jesus took COVID-19 to the **CROSS**.

He finished it off there!

Healing and health are available
to the world.

BELIEVE IT!

(John 3:14-16; Numbers 21:8-9)

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