



COVID-19 Re-Opening Plan Effective August 2020

Premise

As a private school, currently Fellowship Christian Academy operates independently. While government funded schools are given a set of required policies, procedures and guidelines, currently, FCA has the freedom to develop our own plans for our campus. We believe that live, in person education is best for our elementary age students. The policies and procedures listed below prioritize live, in person education with practical modifications to reduce the spread of COVID-19. This plan will be revisited quarterly as the COVID-19 pandemic information and studies evolve.

Social Distancing & Minimizing Exposure

Social distancing will be encouraged throughout campus when feasible.

Students will remain in their classroom group throughout the day and to the best of our ability will not intermix between grades during school hours.

Masks are encouraged to be worn by staff and students who feel more comfortable returning to campus with one; however, they will not be required during class time at FCA. Teasing or bullying of a student or staff member who chooses to wear a mask will not be tolerated and students will be reminded that each person has the freedom to make this choice.

Specials teachers and other staff who will interact with a variety of students across the campus, may be asked to wear a mask when they cannot maintain social distancing as they interact with many students in one day.

All students will have access to the playground each day for one recess. The other recess will be on the blacktop or field to keep classes separated.

Students will travel to MPR or outdoor picnic tables for lunch time in their class groups. All indoor tables will be sanitized between class groups.

Parent/guardian access to campus during school hours will be restricted to drop-off and pick-up, as well as the school office.

For the first quarter of the school year, school-wide activities and field trips will not occur. We are working on creative ways to enrich our school year in lieu of large school-wide events.

Screening and Monitoring Procedures

All students will be screened by the classroom teacher prior to entering the classroom. Any child who has a body temperature of 100.4 or higher, will not be permitted to attend school.

Temperature checks will be repeated before lunch time and anytime a child shows signs or symptoms of being unwell. Any child who has a body temperature of 100.4 or higher, will be isolated and required to be picked up.

Staff will screen themselves prior to coming onto campus each day.

Staff and administration will regularly and diligently monitor students and one another for signs or symptoms related to COVID-19. Children and staff who are unwell will be sent home.

Sanitizing and Hygiene

Frequently touched surfaces such as door handles, light switches, bathroom sinks and the like will be routinely cleaned throughout the day.

Students and staff will use hand sanitizer each time they enter the classroom, and hand washing will be required before eating snack or lunch.

Students and staff will learn and practice good hygiene practices such as coughing or sneezing into an elbow, limiting touching of face, handwashing etc.

Students will have access to personal supplies and books at their desk. Items that are shared will be sanitized to the best of our ability between use. We will limit the use of shared items in the classroom that cannot be sanitized.

Response Measures

If a COVID-19 test is administered to a student or faculty member, the grade level of the student or staff member will be shared with the school community in writing. This will allow for heightened monitoring of individuals in given classrooms.

If a staff or student tests positive for COVID-19, he/she will be required to quarantine at home for 14 days and follow the guidelines given by the doctor. The school community will be notified of the positive test in a specific grade level and our response measure. The school will exercise appropriate response measures up to and including deep cleaning and disinfecting, monitoring and temporary class or school closure.

If a household member of a staff or student tests positive for COVID-19, the household will quarantine for 14 days from diagnosis. The school will exercise appropriate response measures up to and including deep cleaning and disinfecting and monitoring students.

In the event of a temporary class or school closure, FCA will move to a remote learning style for the duration of the closure. If an individual student is quarantined, FCA staff will provide classwork for the child for the duration of their absence.

What can you do?

- 1. Make sure to be teaching and practicing good hygiene at home.** Teach best practices for handwashing, tissue use, coughs, sneezes and the like.
- 2. Keep sick children home.** We can all agree that we want our children receiving an in-person education at school for a variety of reasons – quality of education, socialization, working families etc. We need each family to do their part to keep children home when they are unwell so that our doors can remain open at FCA.
- 3. Please notify administration of known COVID-19 exposure, COVID-19 testing and any positive cases of COVID-19 within your household as soon as possible.** Confidentiality will be maintained, but notifying appropriate parties and implementing response measures will best protect our students and staff and keep our doors open at FCA.
- 4. COVID-19 is not a joking matter.** While as adults we are bombarded daily with a wide variety of opinions, thoughts, ideas and sometimes jokes surrounding this current pandemic, we encourage you to be mindful of what is spoken to and in front of your children. **Our priority is for our students to be in a safe environment where they can learn, and our policies and procedures are in place to make that feasible.** The complexities surrounding this pandemic including personal freedoms, politics, inequalities, economic impact and the like are difficult for a young child to navigate, yet children will repeat what they hear at home. As a school community, we want our children to see Christ reflected in our words and actions daily, even through this season.
- 5. Join us in praying** for the health and safety of our students, staff and campus. We are praising God for our ability to open our doors and we ask that you join us in that. Lift up our teachers, administrators and families, as we each navigate new responsibilities, roles and challenges in this season. May we approach each other with grace. Pray for a hedge of protection physically, spiritually and mentally around our campus.

May He alone be glorified this year.