



THE CHARLESTON CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

Reopening Plan FAQs

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Will Charleston Christian School be open and in person to begin the school year? Yes! The first day of school is Tuesday, September 8. We look forward to seeing you!

What is the I'm Healthy Today program and why are we using this program? The I'm Healthy Today program is a program created and managed by doctors. It is a risk mitigation program that will ensure that we reopen and stay open, even if other schools close. All members of the school community (Faculty, Staff, and Students) will participate in the program. The daily assessment will help parents determine if it is safe for their child to come to school. If returning is questionable, parents will be directed to a telehealth doctor through the app and will receive clearance or guidance from the telehealth doctor. In other words, we are partnering with medical professionals to ensure that everyone on campus is healthy. [Here's the link to a brief video about the program.](#)

Will teachers, students, and visitors have their temperature taken before they enter the building? Yes. All people (teachers, students, visitors, etc.) must have their temperature taken in the morning. Any individual with a temperature (100.4 or higher) will be asked to leave.

Will I be able to walk my child to their classroom in the morning at drop off? Yes! You will be required to have your temperature taken, and as long as your temperature is below 100.4, you are welcome to enter the building and walk your child to their classroom. You must also wear a mask. Masks will be required in the hallways during morning drop off for all adults and students in grades 5-8.

What if my child develops a fever during the school day? All CCS faculty and staff have a no-contact thermometer and will be able to check student temperatures throughout the school day. If a student develops a fever during the school day, the student will be sent to our quarantine room to wait to be picked up by a parent/guardian.

If my child has a fever, when will my child be allowed to return to school? Students will be allowed to return after 3 fever-free days (72 hours), or 24 hours fever free with a doctor's note.

What about face coverings? At drop off, face coverings will be required in the hallway for all adults and students in grades 5-8. Face coverings are optional in the classrooms. If a parent wants their child to wear a mask, we will do our best to accommodate that request. Young children may have a difficult time with this, and we ask for parental understanding of this reality. Middle school students must wear them in the hallway when they change classes. Face coverings will not be required during dismissal due to our plan to stagger dismissal times to ensure social distancing. Our school nurse may also require students to wear a mask. Teachers will wear them in the hallways, but will make their own decisions in classrooms.

Will there be changes to the pick up procedures and schedule? Yes, we will stagger our pick up times, and Kindergarten and first grade students will have a different pick up location. Face coverings will not be required during dismissal due to our plan to stagger dismissal times to ensure social distancing. Additionally, we ask that parents pick up their children outside and not enter the building during pick up.

Previously, the first day of school has been a half-day. Why did this change? On the first day of school, we want to put our new pick up procedures and schedule into effect to ensure that it works.

What are your plans for handwashing and hand sanitizing? Our school nurse will train our faculty and staff on proper handwashing procedures. Teachers will instruct students on proper handwashing procedures. Posters will be placed in bathrooms to remind students of the proper handwashing procedures. Hand sanitizer will be available in classrooms, and students will bring in personal hand sanitizers.

Some public schools are installing plexiglass and desk guards in the classrooms. Will CCS do this? No. We want to maintain a personal environment. While the public schools may need to do this due to the size of their community, our small size and safety plan gives us more freedom.

How will desks be arranged in classrooms? Our teachers will appropriately utilize the space in their classrooms to maintain social distancing protocols in whatever way is safe and does not compromise instruction. CCS will maximize space between desks and turn desks to face the same direction. We will strive to put as much space between desks as possible.

How strictly will social distancing measures be enforced? While we will adhere to the protocols we have in place, the reality of the situation is that we work with children. Our class sizes are below the CDC recommendation. It is our hope that our safety plan and small

class size will allow us to provide a classroom experience for students that is as normal as possible.

What about P.E. and recess? P.E. and recess are very important parts of our program. It's so important for children to have the opportunity to play and burn some energy during the day. Beyond the physical advantages, such activity is also healthy for their social-emotional development. We plan on keeping P.E. and recess. Students will have P.E. and recess with their grade level classmates.

What will lunch look like? We will begin the year with students eating lunch in their homeroom classrooms. Hopefully, as time progresses, we will be able to return to eating in the gym at the cafeteria tables. We will continue to partner with Chick-fil-a, Pizza Hut, and Tropical Smoothie Cafe to provide a hot lunch option.

Will CCS have a chapel service? What will the chapel service look like? Yes, we will still have a chapel service! We will begin the year with a virtual chapel service. Hopefully, as time progresses, it will be safe enough to return to having our chapel service together as a school community in the sanctuary. At this time, singing will not be part of our chapel service. We hope to be able to add it back to our service as soon as it is safe to do so.

Will CCS classes still have holiday parties? We do not have an answer at this time. The first holiday party is usually the Christmas party. It will depend on guidelines that are in place at that time.

Will CCS have school programs this year? At this time, we are not planning on having any programs like a Christmas concert, Spring concert, or play. If things change, it could be possible to have a spring concert. We will continue to monitor this situation.

What will music class look like? Students will still have music class. The emphasis of the class would be on music theory and music appreciation. At this time, students will not engage in singing in an enclosed area in music class.

Will CCS have field trips? At this time, CCS does not plan to schedule field trips for the 20-21 school year.

What does a flexible attendance policy mean? Previously, there has been a limit to the number of absences (10 per semester) in order to pass to the next grade level. There will not be a limit on the number of absences for the 20-21 school year. We will still take attendance, but students will be able to miss as many days as needed.

What happens if a member of the community tests positive for COVID-19? If a student tests positive for the virus, families in the class will be notified and the class will transition to distance learning and will quarantine for 14 days. The school community will also be notified,

but the name of the student will remain confidential. The grade level teacher will provide online instruction using a variety of methods including Google Classroom and Zoom, to teach virtually during the 14 day quarantine. To clarify, school will not close if a student tests positive. Only the grade level class will transition to distance learning.

Since CCS is delaying the start of school, will we have to make up those days or add them to the calendar? No.

How long will these policies and procedures be in place? We will continue to monitor the CDC guidelines throughout the year. As guidelines change, we will adapt. Even though the duration of these policies and procedures is unknown, these policies and procedures are not permanent. They will not last forever. We will see the day when we can return to normal operations.