

## **Health and Safety Plan Summary: Clearfield Alliance Christian School**

**Anticipated Launch Date: September 7, 2021**

**Anticipated First Day of In-Person Instruction for 2021-2022: August 23, 2021**

**As we prepare and look towards the 2021-2022 school year, the health, safety, and well-being of our CACS staff, students, and families continues to remain a high priority. Our goal is to provide students/families with as much “normalcy” as possible while following all mandatory Covid-19 guidelines and taking into consideration the health and safety of everyone concerned.**

**As stakeholders in the CACS Community, we are providing you with the following summary of strategies and protocol developed with a focus on resuming in-person academic instruction in accordance with health and safety guidance provided by the PA Dept. of Education, Center for Disease Control, and PA State Gubernatorial recommendations.**

**Due to the evolving nature of the COVID-19 pandemic in regard to local and state Covid-19 case numbers, government recommendations or mandates, and the unknown aspect of future developments within the CACS Community environs during the course of the year, this Health and Safety Plan will evolve accordingly when necessary. Any revisions made to this Health and Safety Plan will be noted and dated with notification of updates being disseminated to the CACS Community.**

**Additional point to note: In erring on the side of caution, at this time, we will be restricting visitation during school members of people outside of the CACS community of staff and students. Our hope is to gradually reinstitute activities and field trips; however renewal of suspended activities will be dependent upon the evaluation of numerous factors including CACS and/or local Covid-19 data and guidance from state and local health and safety authorities.**

## Facilities Cleaning, Sanitizing, Disinfecting and Ventilation

Requirement(s)	Strategies, Policies and Procedures
<p><b>* Cleaning, sanitizing, disinfecting, and ventilating learning spaces, surfaces, and any other areas used by students (i.e., restrooms, drinking fountains, hallways, and transportation)</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Classrooms, hallways, restrooms, gym, cafeteria, student lockers, and auxiliary learning areas will be thoroughly cleaned and surface areas wiped with sanitizing/disinfecting solution prior to the start date of August 23.</li> <li>- Cleaning of floors, student desks, bathrooms, doorknobs and any high contact areas will be conducted daily and surfaces wiped with disinfecting solution.</li> <li>-Drinking fountains will be inaccessible until further notice. Students will be encouraged to bring a personal container for water for the school day.</li> <li>- Bottled water will be made available.</li> </ul>

## Social Distancing and Other Safety Protocols

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<p><b>* Classroom/learning space occupancy that allows for 3 feet of separation among students and staff throughout the day, to the maximum extent feasible</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-All non-essential items/furniture from the classrooms will be removed to provide additional space within the room. Essential teaching material will be divided into needs per specific quarter of the school year and alternately stored or utilized as needed.</li> <li>- Students will be seated at individual desks which will be arranged all facing one direction with the maximum separation possible.</li> <li>-Collaborative and/or student learning groupings will be restricted until further notice.</li> <li>-When feasible, student desk privacy screens will be utilized to mitigate the spread of respiratory droplets and germs.</li> <li>-Staff will maintain social distancing standards among students during school hours.</li> </ul>
<p><b>* Restricting the use of cafeterias and other congregate settings, and serving meals in alternate settings such as classrooms</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Upon arrival in the classroom and prior to breakfast, hand sanitizer will be used by students/staff. Teachers will wear disposable gloves to serve breakfast items which will be individually wrapped or boxed. There will be no individual touching of items by students for selection.</li> <li>- All students/staff will wash hands prior to lunch.</li> <li>-Lunch sessions will be divided into smaller groupings (max. of 35 students). Additional tables will be utilized to permit adequate spacing between students with students being assigned to seats and facing</li> </ul>

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<p><b>* Hygiene practices for students and staff including the manner and frequency of hand-washing and other best practices</b></p> <p><b>* Posting signs, in highly visible locations, that promote everyday protective measures, and how to stop the spread of germs</b></p> <p><b>* Handling sporting activities consistent with the <a href="#">CDC Considerations for Youth Sports</a> for recess and physical education classes</b></p>	<p>one direction. Lunch starting and ending times will be staggered to permit the cleaning/sanitizing of tables between lunch periods.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-A sneeze guard has been installed in the serving area. Cafeteria workers will wear disposable gloves during all stages of food prep and service. To restrict individual student contact, students will be served a tray that is complete with food, utensils, and milk.</li> <li>-Designated social distancing will be clearly marked on the floor for lunch line tray pick up and return</li> </ul> <p>-Students will receive instruction on proper hand washing technique and use of paper towels to turn off water and open doors. No touch garbage cans will be readily available. Instruction and review of best hygiene practices for covering coughs, sneezes, and social distancing will be presented to all students and reviewed throughout the school year.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Teachers will establish times (other than lunchtime) for student hand-washing (min. 2x) according to their daily schedules.</li> <li>-Hand sanitizer will be available at all times in all classrooms, learning areas and auxiliary areas.</li> </ul> <p>-Signage on social distancing, hand washing, covering coughs and sneezes and germ prevention will be posted in the foyer, cafeteria, classrooms, restrooms, and hallways.</p> <p>-Recess periods will be held outdoors when weather permits and in the gym on other days. To provide higher mitigation, student groupings will be small with much discussion and emphasis on keeping a wide “personal space” between you and others.</p>
<p><b>Limiting the sharing of materials among students</b></p>	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Families/Students will receive a list of items/supplies each student will need to bring with them to school. In addition to the typical school supplies students may bring hand sanitizer, kleenex, and a container of disinfecting wipes for their personal use. Each student will have an individually labeled container/pouch/box to store their personal items.</li> <li>-Sharing of any supplies will be extremely limited. Technology such as laptops/tablets will be utilized on a per student assigned basis as much as possible and cleaned frequently throughout the school day. Technology or any item which must be used by more than one student, will be thoroughly cleaned/sanitized after each use and prior to storage at the end of the school day.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Staggering the use of communal spaces and hallways</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Upon arrival, students will report directly to their classroom. End of day homeroom/activity period is suspended until further notice. Staggered Dismissal will commence immediately following 8<sup>th</sup> period classes.</li> <li>- Schedules for students in Gr. 5-12 will be established to limit the movement from one classroom to another as much as possible.</li> <li>-When class bell changes do occur, all Gr. 5-12 students will not exit classrooms at the same time, but in a staggered schedule.</li> <li>-Additional time between class changes will be built into the schedule to allow for a staggering of students by both class and number of students in the hallways and at lockers.</li> <li>-Locker assignment will not be by grade, but in mixed grade groupings to further restrict and limit possibility of interaction among larger groups of students accessing one area of lockers at a time.</li> <li>- Hallway restroom use restricted to one occupant at a time.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Adjusting transportation schedules and practices to create social distance between students</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Parent drop off of students will not begin until 7:40AM. Pick up of students will begin at 2:30PM.</li> <li>-Parent drop-off /pickup procedure will follow the same protocol for morning and afternoon.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Limiting the number of individuals in classrooms and other learning spaces, and interactions between groups of students</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Schedules will be developed to minimize movement among teachers and classrooms as much as possible.</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Classrooms are restricted to a max#. of 20. Kindergarten is restricted to a max.# of 10.</li> </ul>

## Monitoring Student and Staff Health

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<p><b>* Monitoring students and staff for symptoms and history of exposure</b></p> <p><b>* Isolating or quarantining students, staff, or visitors if they become sick or demonstrate a history of exposure</b></p> <p><b>* Returning isolated or quarantined staff, students, or visitors to school</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Parents/ Staff will be provided with a health checklist to assist in monitoring for any Covid-19 symptoms or history of exposure.</li> <li>-Parents/Staff will be required to report any possibility of Covid-19 symptoms/history of exposure to the office prior to arrival for the school day.</li> <li>-Perfect Attendance goals will not be promoted during the 2021-2022 school year.</li> <li>-Parents will be advised to err on the side of caution and keep students home who are exhibiting any signs of illness.</li> <li>-Staff will be instructed on recognizing signs of illness and will monitor student health within the classroom.</li> <li>- Any staff member or student who has a temperature of 100.4 or higher upon arrival or exhibits signs of illness during the school day will be quarantined in the Auxiliary Health room until further evaluation and verification of symptoms/history warrants removal from the building or return to class.</li> <li>-If occasion would warrant a quarantine period for a student/staff member or entire classroom or larger grouping within the school, all families directly associated with the quarantine would be contacted within 24 hours.</li> <li>-Any positive Covid-19 cases occurring within the school community after the start of the school year will be reported to the local health authority.</li> <li>-During a quarantine period, Goggle Classroom will be utilized to maintain educational continuity.</li> </ul> <p><b>UPDATED 2/1/2021</b> (quarantine/return requirements)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Any student/staff member who was under quarantine due to a positive Covid-19 test result will not be permitted to return until all symptoms have ceased and have followed the proper protocols.</li> <li>-Any student/staff member who was under self-quarantine due to <u>direct exposure</u> may return following the 10-day period if not exhibiting any symptoms.</li> </ul>

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	-Any student/staff member who was under self-quarantine due to possible exposure may return if all signs/possible exposure were negative, non-covid related, and/or have ceased.

**Other Considerations for Students and Staff**

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* <b>Protecting students and staff at higher risk for severe illness</b>	-Any particular parent requests in regard to student health concerns will be addressed on an individual basis.
* <b>Use of face coverings (masks or face shields) by all staff and students</b>	- <b>(Updated 12/13/21)</b> -The CDC recommends that persons who are not fully vaccinated and aged 2 or older should wear a mask in indoor public places. As the PA Supreme Court struck down the PA Dept. of Health order, this decision will be left to staff, parents, and students. If there is a large outbreak at CACS, masks may be required for short periods of time to handle the situation.
* <b>Visitors, Volunteers, and Student pick –up for appts.</b>	<p>-Visitors and Volunteers will be limited inside the school building.</p> <p>-Parents who need to pick up a student during the school day for an appointment will wait for their student in the first enclosed foyer.</p> <p>-Any items being dropped off for the office or for students will be placed in a designated area within the first enclosed foyer.</p>

