

Covid Protocols for 2021-2022

(We hope)

Mr. Gast Notes

August 9, 2021

- A. Opening Comments:**
- B. Devotion based on James 1:19-27 (specifically verse 19)**
- C. Sharing of Government agencies.**
 - **Governor Hogan**
 - **County Executive Glassman**
 - **Harford County Department of Health**
 - **CDC**
 - **Divergent protocols and policies between Office of Child Care (OCC) and Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE)**
- D. Will masks be required?**
 - **Final decision has not been made. TLCS is hopeful that Government agencies can find a greater common ground.**
 - **Masks will be required in the Early Learning Center for the time being until further notice. This includes before and after care.**
 - **If Governor Hogan decrees a mandate it will be followed on masks.**
- E. What is the TLCS stance on vaccinations?**
 - **Mr. Gast strongly urges those who can be vaccinated to be vaccinated, but he can't require it.**
 - **TLCS does not, will not, and legally can't share the medical records of any child or staff member with others. (HIPAA and Act of Privacy are followed)**
- F. What safety Precautions will be in place whether there is a relapse or not?**
 - **Continued spacing rather than Social Distancing. We will utilize a 3-4 foot spacing policy in classrooms and when passing in the hallway.**
 - **There will be washing stations at various locations in the building as there were during the 2020-21 academic year.**
 - **Temps will continue to be taken at the entrance locations for the time being.**
 - **Symptom checks will be done with a series of questions.**
 - **Lunches will continue to be in the classroom for the first semester.**
 - **Hand sanitizer will continue to be used in the classrooms.**
 - **There will be a deep cleaning as necessary in every classroom. This will be at least once every two weeks. In the event of a further Covid/flu outbreak this frequency will be stepped up.**

- School building fogging will occur weekly throughout the building even with no outbreaks.
- Fogging will occur in the sanctuary at the end of each worship service/chapel.
- Bathroom usage will be limited in each bathroom to no more than two students at once, with the preference being one.

G. What is the role of the nurse?

- Nurse Cathy and Mr. Gast will evaluate each child and each symptom on an individual basis. This is done as the Nurse is cognizant and has access to all medical records. Children have differing medical histories that will be taken into account.

H. Will there be activities after school during the 2021-2022 academic year?

- Yes.....there will be a musical, there will be athletic offerings (running club, soccer, basketball, basketball clinic, baseball clinic and soccer clinic). There will also be enrichment offerings for students of all ages... a sample list: Robotics, Legos, Cooking, Dance, Chess, Filmmaking, Young Engineers, Math Workshop and Broadcast to name a few.

I. How will entrances and drop off be handled?

- There will continue to be four entrances utilized for the 2021-2022 academic year.
- The same drop off and parking procedures will be followed until further notice.
- Kindergarten will be on Philadelphia Road.
- ELC will be at the flag court.
- Middle School will be at the School Main Lobby Entrance.
- Grades 1-2 will also be at the Main Lobby Entrance once MS has concluded their arrival.
- Grades 3-5 will be at the Church green awning entrance.

J. Will there be crossover from the church side to the school side for activities?

- Not at this time.

K. Will there be theme shirts?

- Yes

L. Last year there were two chapel services. Will that be the same?

- No, there will be special worship and Bible School times for the ELC. Meaning there will actually be three.

M. Will the theme shirts also include the ELC?

- Yes

N. Will there be a virtual learning option again this year?

- Yes
- Tuition will not be reduced however as the cost for virtual learning is actually higher than it is for in-person.
- Students will be able to come back to TLCS as they are comfortable, or as they have been vaccinated.

- Migration between the learning platforms is highly discouraged, and if it becomes a pattern for a student, Mr. Gast will mandate one platform or the other for the student.
- In person learning for the 2021-2022 is highly encouraged unless a health situation within the family necessitates otherwise.

O. Travel:

- If you travel, your child gets tested.
- When in question, call the office and we will check with the local Health Department for direction.
- Walgreens has FDA approved home kits for \$26. This kit is covered by many insurances.

P. Covid Consultation Team:

- Six Staff Members including myself.
- Five medical personnel.
- Legal Counsel.

Q. Tardies:

- This is a hot spot for me this year. All of us must do better. Using Covid as an excuse is not an acceptable excuse.

In His Grace and Mercy,

Randal C. Gast