

CLASSICAL CHRISTIAN SCHOOL FOR THE ARTS

COVID-19 POLICY

Classical Christian School for the Arts has consulted with health professionals and has worked with them to advise policy for the school. This policy is subject to change based on the changes brought about pertaining to the COVID-19 virus and its various strains.

Regular Health Screening

To help provide a safe learning environment for the students and staff, CCSA will take a two-tiered approach to health screening:

- 1.) All students, staff, faculty, school volunteers, and visitors **MUST** self-screen for abnormal health symptoms **BEFORE** leaving home each day to come to CCSA. An individual shall not come to school under any circumstances if he/she displays symptoms listed below.
- 2.) If symptoms are identified in students or staff during the school day, the individual will be immediately sent home or placed in a designated isolation area at school until they are taken home. It is required that parents make immediate arrangements to have their child picked up from school if they demonstrate symptoms listed below.

A student, staff or faculty member, school volunteer, or visitor must not come to school under any circumstances if he/she displays any one of the following symptoms:

- 1.) A body temperature of 100.4°F or higher at any time within a 24-hour period
- 2.) New or worsened cough
- 3.) Shortness of breath
- 4.) Loss of taste or smell
- 5.) Sore throat
- 6.) Diarrhea or vomiting
- 7.) New onset severe headache

For children with chronic medical conditions (such as allergies, asthma or migraine), symptoms should be a change from their usual health status. Children without any of the symptoms listed above who have non-specific symptoms such as congestion, runny nose, fatigue, or body aches should be kept at home if you suspect they may have an infection.

Returning to School Following Symptoms and/or Illness

> Students, staff or faculty members, school volunteers, or visitors must be clear of symptoms for a full 24 hours before returning to school.

> Students kept home from school by their parents must present evidence of clearance from a doctor OR provide a written note from a parent listing the last time that the symptom was evident before returning to school.

> If a student is sent home from school due to any of the symptoms listed above, the family may be asked to present evidence of clearance from a doctor before being permitted back to school.

1.) PROTOCOLS FOR SYMPTOMATIC OR COVID-19 POSITIVE STUDENTS. Students experiencing any symptoms consistent with COVID-19 or who have received a positive diagnostic test for COVID-19 should not attend school, school-sponsored activities, or be on school property until:

a.) Ten days have passed since the onset of symptoms or positive test result, AND

b.) The student has remained fever-free for 72 hours without the aid of fever-reducing medication, AND

c.) Symptoms are improving

2.) PROTOCOLS FOR STUDENTS WITH EXPOSURE TO COVID-19.

Unvaccinated: An unvaccinated student or staff member who has been exposed to an individual who was tested positive for COVID-19 has the option to shorten quarantine through testing. Individuals exposed can test on day 5 after exposure and return to school on day 6 if asymptomatic and provide proof of negative test. If students or staff members choose not to test, they must remain out of school for 7 days and return on day 8 from the date of exposure.

Vaccinated: Vaccinated students or staff will only quarantine if directed by the Florida Health Department. Fully vaccinated means it has been at least 2 weeks since the second dose of the Moderna or Pfizer vaccine or 2 weeks since the Johnson & Johnson vaccine.

*Anyone who is determined to be in direct contact with COVID-19 should monitor for symptoms of COVID-19 for 14 calendar days from the date of exposure.

*CCSA will not be asking if staff or students have had a COVID-19 vaccine. If an individual has received a vaccine and wants to notify the school nurse, they may do so.

3.) PROTOCOLS FOR STUDENTS WITH PRIOR COVID-19 INFECTION. A student who has received a positive diagnostic test for COVID-19 in the previous 90 days and who is known to have been in contact with an individual who has received a positive diagnostic test for COVID-19 is not subject to the protocols set forth in subsection (2), so long as the student remains asymptomatic. If a student with a previous COVID-19 infection becomes symptomatic, the student should follow the procedures set forth in subsection (1), above. This subsection applies equally to students who are fully vaccinated for COVID-19

- “Exposure” or “direct contact” has been defined as being within 6 feet of an infected person for more than 15 minutes. The school nurse and/or principal have

the authority to determine whether a student or staff person has been exposed while at school.

CCSA will communicate with the Pinellas County Health Department anytime a student or staff member has tested positive for COVID-19. CCSA will then cooperate fully with their guidance.

CCSA will operationalize wellness protocols by:

- ***Strongly recommending*** that face coverings be worn when indoors by staff, students and visitors/volunteers and by continuing to have them available at school for students, staff and visitors.
 - Teachers will have access to a supply of masks for any student in need.
 - The individual choices of all families will be respected.
- Maintaining enhanced mitigation practices for COVID-19 regarding: social distancing, having hand sanitizer stations set up in each classroom, built in frequent handwashing breaks, and wiping down desks with an approved disinfectant both before and after class.
- Ensuring a high focus on personal wellness practices for students and staff such as hand washing and only attending school/work when feeling well. Hand sanitizer and classroom disinfectant supplies will be available in every classroom.
- Leveraging the use of outdoor spaces for learning and/or student lunches is encouraged through planning and collaboration between administrators and instructional staff.
- Using water fountains only to refill water bottles.
- Wearing masks while in school vans.

*CCSA will now be updating families via the website of reported school COVID-19 positive cases. The link will be located under ccsa.us-parent resources-back to school and safety.