



PROVIDENCE CHRISTIAN ACADEMY ILLNESS POLICY, PROCEDURE AND WAIVER FORM

Illness has affected all of our lives in very visible ways. We recognize here at Providence Christian Academy that students benefit from loving, small class size, face-to-face teacher instruction, but also understand that illness exists and can cause a risk to students health. We, the staff and administration of Providence Christian Academy do not take it lightly that you have entrusted your children to us, and will do our best to provide a safe, clean, and learning friendly environment to your children. Below is how this will be best accomplished.

Before the School Day- STUDENTS and PARENTS

- If my student has the following symptoms within 12 hours of the school day, they will stay home
 - Fever of 100.4* or HIGHER taken ORALLY (not by ear or under the arm)
 - Persistent Dry Cough- new onset, not related to allergies
 - Sore Throat
 - Nausea/Vomiting/Diarrhea
 - Persistent Headache
 - Nasal Discharge of any COLOR

At and During the School Day- STUDENTS and PARENTS

- Students will use proper handwashing with soap for 20 seconds whenever needed
- Hand sanitizer will be placed convenient and liberally around the entire campus for encouraged frequent student use.
- Masks will not be required, but if a student feels more comfortable with a mask in place, or you as a parent would like them to wear it, PCA will comply with those wishes.

At School – ALL- STAFF, STUDENTS, Parents

- **If your student exhibits new symptoms of any of the above and need to be sent home, they are not to return to school until 24 hrs symptom free.**
 - **Ex. If sent home on Tuesday at 8:30am with symptoms, they CAN NOT return before Thursday at 8:00am.**
 - **If a student is put on antibiotics they MUST be on antibiotic for 24 hrs. before returning to school.**

- **This will be strictly enforced in the 2023-2024 school year. Students will be turned away the day after being sent home. This is in an effort to prevent the quick spreading of ANY illness (stomach virus, strep, COVID...etc.)**
- The following items will be cleaned and disinfected several times a day.
 - Desks
 - Counters
 - Doors, Handles, Frames
 - Light Switches
 - Bathrooms
 - Water fountains
 - Computer Components
 - Phones
 - Furniture (desks, chairs, work areas)

In addition to multiple times per day cleaning and disinfection of the above listed items, staff will also end each day with a thorough wipe down and disinfection of areas within the classroom areas to include, but not limited to the items above.

PCA Commitment to Academic Excellence

We are committed to your child’s academic experience. If we are required to do off-campus learning we will do our absolute best to maintain academic excellence while also making it a pleasant experience for families. This may include partial day with limited students and staff or other favorable teaching outcomes. Always know, you and your family are our first priority.

Thank you for entrusting us with your children.

2023-2024 ILLNESS Policy, Procedure, and Waiver Form

Parent Acknowledgement

I, _____ (parents name), have read and understand both my commitment as a parent, and the commitment of PCA staff and administration to put both the academics and health well being of my child at the forefront of all that they do. It is my responsibility, as a parent to assess my child every day for the symptoms mentioned above. I will not hold responsible the staff or administration of PCA if my child tests positive for COVID-19 .

Is there any medications that your student takes that impacts their learning ability? _____ YES
or _____ NO (check one please)

Parent Signature: _____

Date: _____

Student Name: _____