



# PROVIDENCE CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

## Illness Policy, Procedure, and Waiver Form

Academic Year \_\_\_\_\_

Illness has affected all 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 for your children.

Below is how we will protect this special environment for all our PCA family members:

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 conveniently and liberally around the 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 –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 they are symptom free for 24 hours.**
  - **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.**

○ **These policies will be strictly enforced. Students will be turned away the day after being sent home. This is an effort to prevent the quick spread of ANY illness (stomach virus, strep, COVID...etc.)**

- The following items/locations will be cleaned and disinfected regularly:
  - Desks
  - Counters
  - Doors, Handles, Frames
  - Light Switches
  - Bathrooms
  - Water fountains
  - Computer Components
  - Phones
  - Other Furniture

In addition to cleaning and disinfecting the above items, staff will also end each day with a thorough wipe down and disinfection of common areas within the classroom and around campus.

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#### **Parent Acknowledgement**

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (parent's name), have read and understand both my commitment as a parent and the commitment of PCA staff and administration to put both the academic 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 or any other communicable illness.

Are there any medications that your student takes that may impact their learning ability?

\_\_\_\_ YES or \_\_\_\_ NO (check one please)

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_