

# CoVid Response Plan

At Liberty Christian School, we are committed to a safe and complete return to live, in-person instruction on August 26th, 2020. Our response to this virus is to protect the health of our children, families, staff, and community. The following plan is designed in consultation with and guidance from other California religious schools, the Centers for Disease Control, the Orange County Health Department, the Orange County Health Care Agency, the Orange County Department of Education, and the American Academy of Pediatrics. We will continue to monitor the spread of the virus, so please be aware that this plan is subject to change depending on future developments.

To limit the potential spread of CoVid-19, we will be making some temporary changes to our programming that include robust cleaning and disinfecting procedures, and minimizing opportunities for person-to-person exposure. The following plan outlines practices and strategies that we will use to protect the health of our children, staff, and families while ensuring that children are experiencing developmentally appropriate and responsive interactions and environments. The hope is that by following these new procedures and practices, we will be able return to serve the Liberty community we so deeply value and love.

## **Face Masks and PPE (Personal Protective Equipment) for our Campus:**

Face masks for staff and students will be required during activities where social distancing *cannot* be maintained, and optional during activities where social distancing *can* be maintained. K-6th grades will not be required to wear a mask during academics, recess, lunch, or PE. 7th-12th grades must wear a mask when going to their lockers and passing in the hallway (Masks will not be required during academics, PE, athletics, and lunch). If a face mask is worn, the student must be able to exhibit self-control while wearing the mask, and must be able to put on and take off the mask without help. Face shields may also be worn in lieu of face masks. Recent guidelines state that K-2 students are not required due to age, capability, and contamination risks.

The use of face coverings has been the topic of much debate in recent days, and LCS expects all members of our community to respect each individual's use of face coverings, regardless of their reasons.

Parents and campus guests will be asked to stay out of buildings, and maintain social distance while visiting campus. Face masks are required for these groups. Unfortunately, parents may not attend chapel services for the time being. We will let you know when you can return to chapel.

## **Personal Responsibility:**

Students and staff should wash hands regularly. Hand washing should also occur during times of transitions (going in and out of buildings or classrooms).

Students and staff should take their temperature daily at home before arriving on campus. Teachers will take student temperatures (with a touchless thermometer) at the beginning of the school day. Staff will also take a visitor or student's temperature if there is a reasonable cause to do so. Anyone with a temperature of 100.4F / 38C or higher will be sent home or asked to leave campus.

Students and staff are encouraged to follow proper etiquette when coughing or sneezing (cough/sneeze into your elbow or use a tissue). They are to avoid touching their face during educational or recreational activities. Anyone who feels sick or experiencing CoVid symptoms should stay home.

Any student or staff who tests positive for CoVid-19 should report that to the school office promptly, so a contact level of exposure diagnosis can begin.

## **Campus Precautions:**

Campus drinking fountains will be off-limits. Students should bring reusable or single-use water bottles from home. Labeling the reusable bottle with the student's name is highly recommended to prevent transmission. There will be teacher-guided opportunities to refill water bottles during the day.



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## **Classroom Preparation:**

Our cleaning company will be implementing cleaning practices that address sanitizing and cleaning protocols in response to CoVid-19.

High traffic areas and hard surfaces in the buildings will be cleaned and sanitized at least once per day.

When possible, using teacher discretion, light switches should remain in the on position to avoid touching.

When possible, using teacher discretion, windows and doors should remain open during the day.

Desks and tables will be wiped down with regularity after usage. 7th-12th should wipe down desks at the end of each class period.

Student desks and tables should be spaced appropriate distances from each other (based on room size and student count). They should be situated in such a way to minimize face-to-face contact. In Kindergarten, a shield divider will be implemented on their table desks.

Shared school supplies must be kept to a minimum. When unavoidable, they must be sanitized properly between uses.

Computer keyboards and mouses should be sanitized after each use. Students should wash their hands before entering the Computer Lab and upon leaving.

## **Lunchtime:**

Lunch tables will be cleaned at the beginning of the day and after each lunch period.

During lunch, students should avoid sitting face-to-face.

Limit the number of students per table. Lunch tables will be spread apart.

Students should not share food items or utensils.

Lunch servers will wear gloves and masks and limit touching of items. K-6 will pay their lunch money to their teachers during morning accounting. Those who collect money for 7th-12th will wear gloves and will be restricted to money handling only.

## **Recess:**

Recess and breaks will be taken in smaller groups. K-2nd will be one social group, and 3rd-6th will be another social group.

The playground will be divided between the blacktop area and the green artificial turf area.

The 2 social groups will rotate areas between recess times, and surfaces will be UV sanitized or wiped down.

Playground toys will be sanitized after each recess, and students should wash hands after playing with playground equipment.



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## **Drop-off and Pick-up Procedures:**

Early morning daycare and after-school daycare will be offered based on family need. When dropping off students in the morning, please do not bring your child to school any earlier that you absolutely must.

7th-12th students who arrive early must be dropped off by the gymnasium and must maintain social distance until the stairwells are unlocked at 7:50am.

K-6th students can be dropped off in early morning daycare in room 212 between 6:30am and 7:30am. Parents must remain outside the door when dropping off. After 7:30am, students may be dropped off at the playground, but must stay in their social groups as communicated by the recess director. Please be patient in the first days of school as the director establishes these social groups/areas.

Parents/guardians should limit their time on campus. Please do not linger or loiter at drop-off or pick-up times.

After-school, 7th-12th students get picked up beside the gymnasium; K-6th get picked up in Car Line on campus. Parents must remain in their cars and wait for the student to come to the car or be delivered to the car at the appropriate time. Students who have not been picked up by 3pm will be entered into Daycare.

## **Responding to Symptoms and Confirmed CoVid-19 Cases:**

Any student (or staff) who develops symptoms or has a temperature of 100.4F or higher will be isolated in the office and parents will be notified for immediate pick-up. Students or staff who have a fever or are showing symptoms of CoVid will need to stay home until they have a consistent, normal (98.6F) temperature for 3 days without medication, and symptoms have improved.

If CoVid is suspected, we recommend getting tested. If a CoVid test is positive, please contact the school office and self-quarantine for a minimum of 3 days depending on current CDC recommendations. Student work can be sent home if the student is well enough to work from home. Normal make-up work procedures will ensue upon returning to school. Although more sick days are expected to occur, we will treat them as normal sick days with routine, make-up work policies in place. For students who are asymptomatic, but must quarantine due to an exposure, make-up work can be provided from the teacher at the end of the day to be picked up in the office. Please make arrangements with the teacher.

If a student or staff member tests positive for CoVid-19, we will contact our local health department for consultation. They will provide guidance and we will determine whether to send a contact/exposure letter (common), close a classroom (rare), or more drastic measures need to take place (not limited to closing of campus ((extremely rare for a school)) for two or more days). When communicating exposure with families about any CoVid-19 cases, we will respect the privacy of individuals and not share health information of any specific person.

If a student or staff member tests positive for CoVid-19, please contact the school office with the exposure level you have received from the OC Healthcare Agency. This is important to note so that we can help reduce the spread of the disease within our community.

Students or staff who have tested positive for CoVid-19 are required to stay at home until these conditions are met:

1. Fever free for 72 hours without the use of medicine that reduces fevers
2. All other symptoms have improved
3. At least 10 days have passed since the *first* symptoms appeared



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## **Partial or Total School Closures:**

We intend to operate in a completely LIVE setting this school year. But should a state or federal mandate send us all back into quarantine, Liberty will continue education with as little interruption as possible, moving into Distance Learning as we did this past March. Although this is not desired, our students were successful overall and our faculty will be prepared utilizing computer applications that will help the transition to be smooth.

Our students finished their school year “Making the Grade” this past year. We were so proud of the finished result, and how our students, parents, and faculty rose to the challenge of distance learning. If quarantine happens again, our staff will deliver the same quality, and even improved quality having now gone through this once already. Distance learning will require commitment from our students and parents to provide the support necessary so that our students will not fall behind in their education.

We have an incredible team of teachers who are ready to make this year a truly excellent experience for our entire community, regardless of the mode of delivery. We look forward to partnering with you, and we will continue to update you on details as we monitor CoVid-19 developments. We are praying for you and your family, and we can’t wait to be together again on August 26th.