

2020 – 2021 COVID-19 SCHOOL CONTINGENCY PLANS

Rhema Christian School will comply with all local and state regulatory agency policies that have jurisdiction over non-public Christian schools. Any additional decisions will be made by the school board and school administration. Parts of this plan are subject to change as the needed to ensure the health and safety of all students and staff.

Steps to Mitigate Spread

Hygiene/Health

Temperature screenings will be utilized in morning for both employees and students
Employees and students with a temperature of 100.4 or higher will be sent home
Water fountains will be closed or shut off (Personal water bottles will be allowed)
Teachers will be teaching handwashing and hygiene in the classrooms
Students will have specific times during the school day set aside to wash hands

Cleaning / Disinfecting

Hand sanitizing dispensers in each hallway, classroom, library, and lunchroom
New hand sanitizing stations in school entrance way
Electrostatic Disinfectant Sprayers
High touch surfaces cleaned nightly
Desk and student tables cleaned after lunch and after school
Restrooms surfaces cleaned and disinfected daily
Carpets vacuumed
Trash emptied
Deep cleaning to restrooms – Biweekly
Hallway floors cleaned with floor machine daily
Soap and sanitizer replacement check daily

Cafeteria / Gym

Students will eat during separate lunch times and spread apart to practice social distancing
Tables will be spread apart to practice social distancing
Tables will be cleaned and disinfected daily
Three bowl sink method to be used by chef to disinfect kitchenware

Summer Modifications

Purchasing of cleaning and sanitizing products that meet the CDC health criteria
Purchasing of equipment, including PPE, thermometers, and other necessary items
Modification of existing areas to effectuate appropriate social distancing where feasible
Purchasing educational technology for distance learning to ensure the continuity of education if needed
Purchasing of sneeze guards for cafeteria line in the lunchroom over serving tables

Masks

We will welcome and encourage any student or staff member who would like to wear a mask to do so
All visitors to the building must wear a mask

Students will **NOT** be required to wear masks (as long as government mandates are in effect, all students will need to wear a mask at all times but may be afforded 10 minute breaks). This decision is to comply with the PDE mandate announced on August 17th. [Link to PDE Order Requiring Universal Face Coverings](#). Please contact your state representatives if you disagree with the universal face covering order.

Faculty & staff working during the school day must wear a face shield (School will provide) **OR** mask (Face shields can be removed when no students or other staff members are in the classroom)

Group Gatherings / All School Event

Gatherings of more than 25 for a school event are cancelled until we can safely host on campus

Class Parties

Classroom celebrations will be limited to no more than two room parent helpers with masks
All food must be individually wrapped and passed out by a gloved and masked helper
Sealed multi-snack packages from Costco or Sam's club are permitted if sealed going into classroom
No homemade treats

Class Trips and Overnight Trips

Off campus & overnight trips are cancelled for the Fall Semester. We will attempt to reschedule fall trips to the Spring Semester pending the state of the Covid - 19.

Library

Books returned by a student will be out of circulation for 1 week (quarantined) before returning to shelf
Students must sit at tables not in circle groups on the floor during Library time

Phys. Ed Equipment

After each class equipment that was used will be placed in bin for cleaning. The next class will use a different set of items while the used equipment from prior class is cleaned
Games and physical challenges that involve touching other students will be restructured

Band / Music Classes

Any instrument or equipment used during class must be disinfected before another student may utilize.
Students are encouraged to utilize their own personal or assigned instrument for band class if possible

Athletics / Extracurricular Activities

Outdoor sports will be pursued if the governing leagues agree and plan for player safety
Fans must practice social distancing as possible during outdoor games
Indoor sports will be suspended pending SWCAC collective counseling and local health guidelines

Administrative Policy Changes

Parents and visitors entering the building must get temperature screening and wear a mask
Administration and staff will actively educate and enforce stay-at-home attendance policies

Revised attendance policies for students and employees (See Below)

If a student or staff member has a fever of 100.4 or is having respiratory challenges, they will be

Escorted to a private room and will be required to leave the school immediately. Parents must have student picked up within an hour. An employee with fever must exit the school and be cleared for return (See Below)

If the student or employee has symptoms consistent with COVID-19, they can return to school

after:

- a negative COVID-19 test, symptom improvement, and fever-free for at least 24 hours not on antipyretics.
- if no testing is done, 3 days with no fever **AND** symptoms improve **AND** 10 days since symptoms first appeared.

If a student or staff member has been exposed to someone with COVID-19, they can return to school after:

- 10 days without symptoms, OR 7 days without symptoms and a negative COVID-19 test.
- If symptoms develop or if they test positive, see guidelines below.

If a student or staff member has tested positive (with or without symptoms), they can return to school after:

- At least 10 days since symptoms first appeared **and**
- At least 24 hours with no fever without fever-reducing medication **and**
- Other symptoms of COVID-19 are improving**Loss of taste and smell may persist for weeks or months after recovery and need not delay the end of isolation

If a COVID-19 case is confirmed in school, we will notify local officials, staff, and families immediately in accordance with state and local laws while maintaining confidentiality and HIPPA privacy.

Tuition Refund

Tuition discounts will be prorated at 10% per month for each month that we may be closed. Additional assistance will be available on a needed basis for every month that we may be closed.