

Bethel Christian School COVID-19 School Plan for 2021/2022

This school plan provides guidelines for Bethel Christian School (BCS) faculty, staff, students, parents, volunteers, and guests. This plan may be amended at any time to meet the needs of or in the event of mandates made by local, state, or federal jurisdictions. Our goal is to maximize safety for our students and staff while allowing us to continue providing in-person, on-site education for our students for the 2021/22 school year.

Health Screenings

BCS promotes **personal responsibility**; every person who enters the BCS campus must complete an at-home self-examination or parent/guardian examination of children before entering campus. For information on how to self-exam, see this [CDC self-check symptoms site](#). Students and staff members may NOT come to school if they are sick, have a fever (100.4 or higher), or have COVID-19 symptoms. Parents are required to sign our COVID-19 Waiver of Liability before August 17, 2021, which we will send out shortly.

We desire to create the least restrictive environment possible for our teachers and students. Masks are welcome on our campus; the decision is up to individual parents.

Hand and Personal Hygiene

We will be teaching and reinforcing the cleaning of hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after contact with frequently touched surfaces, using the bathroom, before eating, after blowing their nose, coughing, or sneezing from allergies. If soap and water are not readily available, hand sanitizer may be used that has been placed in each classroom and throughout the campus. Additionally, students and staff are expected to cover coughs and sneezes, avoid contact with one's eyes, nose, and mouth.

Exposed to COVID-19 but asymptomatic

All asymptomatic close contacts (within 6 feet of an infected person for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period) must quarantine for 10 days from the date of last exposure with or without testing.

For these contacts, those who remain asymptomatic may discontinue self-quarantine under the following conditions:

- Quarantine can end after Day 10 from the date of last exposure without testing, OR
- Quarantine can end after Day 7 if a diagnostic specimen (Antigen or PCR test) is collected after Day 5 from the date of last exposure and tests negative. This means test on Day 6 and if negative, resume activities on Day 8 after exposure.

Unvaccinated school-based close contacts (students only) who are exposed in the school setting:

- Modified quarantine for unvaccinated TK-12th grade students who are exposed in any school setting in which students are supervised by school staff (including indoor or outdoor school settings and school buses) may continue to attend school for in-person instruction under a modified 10-day quarantine, if they:

- Are asymptomatic;
- Continue to appropriately mask, as required;
- Undergo at least twice weekly testing (Antigen or PCR) during the 10-day quarantine; and
- Continue to quarantine for all extracurricular activities at school, including sports, and activities within the community setting.

Note: Unvaccinated Teachers/Staff identified as close contacts must quarantine for 10 days.

Food

Students who bring their own meals will be expected not to share food. Disposable utensils or dishes are recommended. Any food offered at any BCS event will be pre-packaged boxes or bags.

Every student will need a water bottle as drinking fountains will not be available except for refilling water bottles.

Classroom

Student desks will be spread out as much as practical. Teachers are encouraged to instruct outside when possible, and weather permitting will open windows to allow for ventilation when inside the classroom. Classrooms in the main building have air sanitizers installed. The Modular classrooms have portable air purifiers. Students will only touch or handle their own learning materials (e.g., textbooks, pens). Students will not use another student's locker, backpack, or other items without first disinfecting the item.

PE/Sports

Contact sports will be permitted during Physical Education classes. Recreational and sports equipment will be regularly cleaned and sanitized. Students (5th – 8th grade) will not be required to dress out for PE due to the size of the locker room and proximity to other students; however, for families of 5th - 8th graders that would like their student to have a locker and dress out, PE lockers will be issued. Students are encouraged to wear athletic shoes during the school day or keep an extra pair of athletic shoes in their locker or backpack.

Fine Arts

Choir and dance, if indoors, will have students maintain appropriate distancing.

Environmental Cleaning

We will have increased routine cleaning and disinfection campus-wide with EPA standard cleaning and disinfecting products (storing products securely away from children). Regular deep cleaning by Bethel Church custodial staff of frequently touched surfaces, such as door handles, light switches, tables, student desks, and chairs, is done daily and between use as much as possible.

Preschool

All student temperatures will be taken per state licensing requirements before entering the room with a no-touch thermal scan. A visual health inspection will occur, and parents must wash the student's hands before school begins.

Safety Drills

Safety drills (fire, lockdown, evacuation, etc.) return to normal procedures.

School Hours (College View Campus)

The campus will open at 7:30 AM, and students will go to the playground until the first bell at 7:55 AM. Students are to be in classrooms at 8:00 AM

School dismissal:

Kindergarten – 4 th Grade	Monday dismissal 1:30 PM	Tuesday – Friday dismissal 2:45 PM
5 th – 8 th grades	Monday dismissal 1:45 PM	Tuesday – Friday dismissal 3:00 PM

Risk for Students at Higher Risk for Severe Disease

Some children or families may be at higher risk of adverse outcomes from COVID-19 due to underlying medical conditions. It is not BCS's desire to limit these students' attendance at our school. Due to limited faculty and staff, BCS may not be able to accommodate the needs of all students.

Parents of students in a high-risk category will need to contact the school administration to speak with staff and discuss the school's ability to meet their student's needs.

Waiver

Assumption of the Risk and Waiver of Liability Relating to Coronavirus/COVID-19 at Bethel Christian School 2021/2022

The novel coronavirus, COVID-19, has been declared a worldwide pandemic by the World Health Organization. **COVID-19 is extremely contagious** and is believed to spread mainly from person-to-person contact and/or by contact with contaminated surfaces and objects, and even possibly in the air. As a result, federal, state, and local governments and federal and state health agencies recommend social distancing and have, in many locations, prohibited the congregation of groups of people. People reportedly can be infected and show no symptoms and therefore spread the disease. The exact methods of spread and contraction are unknown, and there is no known treatment, cure, or vaccine for COVID-19.

Bethel Christian School (BCS) cannot guarantee that you or your child(ren) will not become infected with COVID-19 (Initial _____). Further, **attending BCS could increase your risk and your child(ren)'s risk of contracting COVID-19 (Initial _____).**

I understand that the risk of becoming exposed to or infected by COVID-19 at BCS may result from the actions, omissions, or negligence of myself and others, including, but not limited to, BCS employees, volunteers, and program participants and their families.

I agree as parent/guardian/caretaker to screen my child(ren) daily, For symptoms of COVID-19 before leaving home and will **not bring a student with symptoms consistent with COVID-19 to school.** I agree to follow the prescribed checklist for children; Fever of 100.4 degrees or higher; Sore throat; New uncontrolled cough that causes difficulty breathing (students with chronic allergic/asthmatic cough, a change in their cough from baseline); Diarrhea, vomiting, or abdominal pain; New onset of severe headache, especially with a fever (Initial _____).

By signing this agreement, I acknowledge the contagious nature of COVID-19. **I voluntarily agree to assume all of the foregoing risks and accept sole responsibility for any injury to my child(ren) or myself (Initial _____)** (including, but not limited to, personal injury, disability, and death), illness, damage, loss, claim, liability, or expense, of any kind, that I or my child(ren) may experience or incur in connection with my child(ren)'s attendance at BCS or participation in BCS programming ("Claims"). On my behalf, and on behalf of my children, I hereby release, covenant not to sue, discharge, and hold harmless BCS, its employees, agents,

and representatives, of and from the Claims, including all liabilities, claims, actions, damages, costs or expenses of any kind arising out of or relating thereto claims based on the actions, omissions, or negligence of BCS, its employees, students, agents, and representatives, whether a COVID-19 infection occurs before, during, or after attendance or participation in any BCS class, activity or program.

ASSUMPTION OF RISK: I have read and understood the above warning concerning COVID-19. I hereby choose to accept the risk of contracting COVID-19 for myself and/or my children in order to utilize BCS's services and enter BCS's premises. These services are of such value to me [and/or to my children,] that I accept the risk of being exposed to,

Signature of parent/Guardian _____ **Date** _____

Print Name of Parent/Guardian _____

Name(s) of Child(ren)Attending BCS

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