



Frequently Asked Questions: COVID-19

As of July 15, 2020

1. Are masks required by students/staff during the COVID pandemic?

No, masks are not required, however if a student or staff member would like to wear a mask, they are able to do so. In a small group setting (i.e. reading group staff members will be wearing a mask).

2. What is the plan in the event a student/family member/staff tests positive for COVID?

School administration should be notified (please call the school office to speak with the Principal). Based on CDC recommendations, the person who tested positive should remain in quarantine for 14 days after exposure based on the time it takes to develop the illness and/or at least 10 days have passed since symptoms onset. You may discontinue isolation when:

1. You have had NO fevers for at least 72 hours (3 full days with no fever without using fever reducing medicine) and;
2. Other symptoms have improved (i.e. cough, breathing, congestion) and;
3. At least 10 days have passed since symptom onset

In the event of a positive case, it is **not** necessary to close the entire school down. Parents will be notified when we have a positive case(s).

Families of an individual that tests positive will be required to quarantine. (i.e. sibling, child, parent, anyone living in the household) Students will be given a packet of work that will cover 2 weeks-worth of schoolwork. The parents/guardians of the student should be in contact with the classroom teacher/school office to retrieve missed work; become familiar with expectations; etc.

The classroom (frequently touched surfaces, desks, door handles, etc.) will be disinfected. Only those persons who had close contact within 6 feet for 10-15 minutes or that were being directly sneezed on or coughed on will be required to quarantine.

In the event that several individuals are exposed, and our numbers increase in absences due to COVID positives or exposures, the school would possibly close to allow for disinfecting to take place.

3. What if the school building closes due to COVID?

If the school building closes due to COVID we will resume remote learning. More information will be given in the event this takes place. Our teachers are and have been preparing for remote learning if we must return to this model.

4. Will the students have Electives (PE, Art, Music, Technology)?

Yes. Students will have electives. Art and Technology will happen inside the classroom (pending delivery of Chromebooks- if Chromebooks have not arrived prior to school starting, students will be spread out in the technology room; Disinfecting practices will be in place between use of all technology equipment); PE will take place outside as usual while maintaining social distancing practices; Music will take place in the Link – utilizing 2 rooms instead of the usual 1 room so that students may be at least 6 feet apart.

5. Will there be Hot Lunch?

Yes. Hot Lunch will begin in September. We will not have parent volunteers for at least the 1st 9 weeks or until we begin utilizing the lunchroom again. Our staff members will deliver lunches to the classrooms.

6. How can we help/support the school during the pandemic?

Prayers are always needed and appreciated. Donations of disinfecting wipes and sanitizer is appreciated.

7. Who will receive temperature checks?

All persons that enter the school building will have their temperature taken and will be asked if they have any symptoms (cough, shortness of breath, congestion) (Students upon exiting their vehicle) (Staff members entering the building) All visitors that enter the main office will be required to wear a mask.

8. What happens if my child has a fever and has already been dropped off at school?

Parents will be called and asked to pick up their child. We will not require you to have your child tested for COVID, however, your child will not be allowed on campus for 72 hours.

9. Do parents have the option to keep their child home as cases rise?

CBS does not have a “magic number” set to determine closure, however, attendance will be reviewed every day by the administration to determine if absences are affecting our ability to effectively carry out a school day. In the event that school remains open, parents will be responsible for making sure the student(s) are kept up to date with assignments from their child’s teacher(s). The teacher will not be able to provide the student with a virtual learning model if CBS is open for in-person classes. Tests/other graded assignments will not be allowed to be completed at home.

10. Will there be more time allowed outdoors?

Yes. Teachers will be encouraged to hold class sessions outdoors, eat outdoors, allow for extra recess as appropriate, etc. pending weather conditions and the lesson being taught.

11. Are visitors allowed on campus?

At this time, we are asking visitors to limit their time coming to campus. We will not allow visitors to classrooms during lunch or chapel times due to limited space in our classrooms. Approval will be needed from the administration and teacher prior to visiting a class to celebrate a birthday. We ask that celebrations take place outdoors weather permitting (shaded area, porch) If the celebration must take place in the classroom visitors will be required to wear a mask. (**You must contact the office at least 24 hours before planning to celebrate your child's birthday, Please understand we may need to reschedule a celebration at a later date)

12. Will there be field trips?

At least for the first 9 weeks and until further notice, we will not be scheduling field trips.

13. Will parents be allowed on the 1st day of school?

We will not be allowing parents to enter the building on the first day of school. Parents are welcome to park and walk their child to the entrance of the building where their child enters (Main school building for all K5-5th graders; Church office entrance for all PreK 3-4 students) Because we have several families, and social distancing may be difficult during the first day of school drop off we ask that parents wear a face mask if you are coming to the door for drop off.

14. How will pick up be structured to avoid close contact for students?

Students in the main school building will remain in their classrooms during pick up, PreK students will be spaced out down the hallways with overflow in their classroom as needed; 4th and 5th grade students will remain in their class group and spread out in the Connection; 2nd Grade students will spread out on the Connection Porch.

15. Will Church Staff be wearing a mask?

Church staff (i.e. Pastors, custodians) are not required to wear a mask; in the event that our custodians are not able to maintain 6 ft of social distancing with students they will wear a mask.

**We appreciate your patience with us as our drop off and pick up lines will take longer. If you have any additional questions please email Mrs. Waldrep at dwaldrep@crossroadsbaptist.com or call the school office at 229-241-1430.

**Answers retrieved from the CDC, Local Emergency Management Director; Public Health Officials; Crossroads Baptist Church School Advisory Team, and Local Physicians