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CALVARY BAPTIST CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

A Blueprint for Back-to-School

A Planned Response to Coronavirus Circumstances



Introduction

Calvary Baptist Christian Academy is excited about our plans for the return to school on campus this fall! We have been praying and working collaboratively with legal counsel to make informed, thoughtful, and practical plans for the 2020-21 academic year. The following pages outline our plan for a responsible return.

The Lord has blessed CBCA for 21 years and we believe the best is yet to come!

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Letter from Pastor Stevens

While this season has been challenging, I am excited to discuss our plans for returning to campus this fall and reaching forth toward the great things in store for CBCA!

CBCA plans to begin our school year on August 24 in a traditional, in-person format, meeting five days per week. **That means our campus will be open, classes will be hosted in our buildings, and we will continue our mission to educate and equip students to develop a heart for God, to cultivate a sound biblical worldview, and to serve the Lord.**

We will be resuming in many of the familiar ways that contribute to the intellectual and spiritual formation of our students. Everyday practices that our students long for, need, and love about our school community like recess, lunch, and time with friends will still be taking place! We believe it is essential for students to have daily instruction and community with teachers and classmates for all aspects of growth—academic, social, spiritual, and physical. All classes will be conducted in a very thoughtful and responsible fashion, following appropriate protocols and guidelines that are in place.

CBCA recognizes that while we are shaping hearts and minds, we equally hold a commitment to the well-being of our students and employees. As such, every precaution will be taken to implement additional safety protocols while students are on campus. Our children are a gift to us from God. While we cannot guarantee the health of a student, staff member, or parent, we are committed to providing the safest and most healthy environment possible for our children.

The following pages outline CBCA's plan for a responsible return to campus. Faculty, staff, and families are required to read this document in order to prepare for school this fall.

The threefold cord is as important now as it has ever been. Thank you for your continued partnership as we seek to serve and honor the Lord in preparing the next generation to live for Him!

Pastor Marshall Stevens

Senior Pastor



Six Simple Steps for a Healthy School Community



Strengthen the stay home/send home standards.

- Fever greater than 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit
- Vomiting and/or diarrhea
- Severe and persistent cough, congestion, and/or runny nose
- Breathing that sounds or looks different than normal



Screen for symptoms prior to school entry.

- Staff will screen themselves daily prior to leaving home
- Parents/guardians will screen students daily prior to leaving home
- Anyone exhibiting the symptoms of COVID-19 will remain at home
- Student temperatures may be taken prior to class entry



Utilize a Health and Wellness Room for ill students.

- Students who develop symptoms at school will be sent home
- A room is available so ill students can rest in isolation until pickup
- The ill student will wear a face covering until off campus
- All staff working with the ill student will wear appropriate PPE



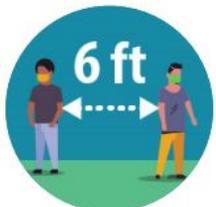
Increase the sanitization of the facilities.

- Training of all staff in proper sanitization techniques
- All student and staff areas sanitized on an ongoing basis
- Use of electrostatic sprayer after each school day
- Use of CDC approved disinfectants and cleaners



Promote proper hand hygiene.

- Hand sanitizer and soap will be made available across the campus
- All students and staff will sanitize their hands twice daily in addition to the common times of hand sanitation



Encourage social distancing and cloth face coverings.

- Maximize student space in classrooms where feasible
- Limit sharing of materials and common storage
- Use cloth face coverings when social distance not achievable

The Sanitization of Our Facilities

While cleanliness has always been a priority for CBCA, we recognize the need to increase our sanitization practices for responsible operation during the current circumstances.

Increased Cleaning

- Training of all staff in proper sanitization techniques.
- Increased, routine cleaning and disinfection campus-wide.
- Ensuring safe and correct usage of CDC approved cleaners.
- Use of electrostatic sprayer after each school day.

Classrooms

- Cleaning frequently touched surfaces, such as door handles, locker combinations, light switches, tables, desks, and chairs daily and/or between use as much as possible.
- Placing hand sanitizers in each classroom.
- Limiting the use of shared objects when possible, or cleaned between use.

Restrooms

- Restroom will be thoroughly cleaned each day.
- Adequate supplies of soap, paper towels, and running water will be provided for frequent handwashing.

Outdoors and Common Spaces

- Playset will be cleaned each day.
- The student Health and Wellness Room will be cleaned and sanitized after each use.
- Drinking fountains are for refilling water bottles only.



Promoting Behaviors that Reduce Spread

CBCA is adopting the following practices and measures based on the best available public health data at this time. As new data and practices emerge, the guidance will be updated.

- Faculty and staff are expected to screen themselves daily, before leaving home; anyone with symptoms consistent with COVID-19 should remain at home in isolation.
- Parents/guardians are expected to screen students daily, before leaving home; anyone with symptoms consistent with COVID-19 should remain at home in isolation.
- Students may be screened prior to entry to school using no-touch thermometers and a visual symptom check.
- Teaching and reinforcing that members of the CBCA community clean their hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds after contact with frequently touched surfaces and especially after going to the bathroom; before eating; and after blowing their nose, coughing, or sneezing. If soap and water are not readily available, hand sanitizer may be used. Hand sanitizer will be made available in each classroom and throughout the campus.
- Teaching and reinforcing the covering of coughs and sneezes, avoiding contact with one's eyes, nose, and mouth among students and staff.
- Encouraging social distancing within the classroom where/when feasible.
- When possible, using creative outdoor space for classroom activities.
- Assemblies, when held, will use staggered seating to ensure social distancing.
- Face coverings will not be required for students in kindergarten through 2nd grade as per CPHD guidance. Face coverings will be required for students in 3rd grade and above, faculty, and staff when in contact with others and social distancing is not achievable. Face coverings will be used in designated high traffic and common areas of the school. The school may issue 2 cloth face coverings to each student and staff member. All guests will be required to wear cloth face coverings or masks while at school. Any person is welcome to wear the face covering or other/additional PPE of their choice as long as it abides by the school dress code. Exceptions/alternatives may be made for those who have health conditions preventing the wearing of face coverings.
- Sharing of materials/supplies and common storage of items will be limited.



Limiting School Access

For the duration of the current concern regarding the Coronavirus or COVID-19, visitor and parent access to the campus is limited. All visitors are required to check in with the school office upon arrival.

- Parents visiting the campus shall notify the school before traveling to the school and confirm approval for entering the campus
- No one should plan to attend any on-campus event who is known to have had any contact with anyone with symptoms consistent with COVID-19 in the last 10 days.

Maintaining Healthy Environments

Key to reopening our campus responsibly includes the promotion of healthy practices by all to maintain healthy environments. Below are guidelines we ask all to be aware of and put into practice as much as possible.

Strategies

- CBCA will continue to use staggered arrival (7:30-7:50 AM all grades) and dismissal (3:00-3:30 PM) windows to minimize large gatherings of students.
- Maximizing space between seating and desks; distancing teacher and other staff desks away from students.
- Turning desks/tables to face in the same direction (rather than facing each other), or have students sit on only one side of tables, spaced apart.
- Discouraging the sharing of items that are difficult to clean or disinfect.
- Keeping each child's belongings separate from others', such as in a cubbie or locker
- Ensuring adequate supplies to minimize sharing of high-touch materials when possible (e.g. assigning each student their own art supplies, equipment) or limit use of supplies and equipment by one group of children at a time and clean and disinfect between use.
- Avoid sharing electronic devices, toys, books, and other games or learning aids when possible.



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- Opening interior and exterior doors to classrooms, when possible, to increase ventilation and to introduce fresh outdoor air as much as possible.

Nutrition

- Students should not share food; disposable utensils are recommended.

Health and Wellness Room

A Health and Wellness Room will be maintained at our facilities in order to allow ill students to rest in isolation as they await pickup. This room is away from high traffic areas. It will be cleaned and sanitized after each use. While in this room, students shall wear a cloth face covering or surgical mask at all times. Staff working with these students shall wear proper PPE.

The following protocols are regular practice:

- Checking signs and symptoms of COVID-19 related illness.
- Conducting visual wellness checks of students and taking students' temperatures with a no-touch thermometer.
- Monitoring staff and students throughout the day for signs of illness; sending home students and staff with a fever over 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit, cough or other COVID-19 symptoms.

If Someone Gets Sick

While many guidelines will be put in place to avoid the spread of the Coronavirus we recognize that some on our campus may still become ill. Below we have included protocols that will be followed if this does occur.

Point of Contact

Should a student or staff member become exposed to the Coronavirus or present symptoms of COVID-19 they should contact the school office at school@cbcac.org or 707-642-1143. The school administrator will be responsible for providing direction and properly responding to this information.



Students

The following guidelines will be followed, when applicable, for all students suspected of having symptoms of :

- Students who develop symptoms of illness while at school will be separated from others right away in the Health and Wellness Room.
- A staff member in appropriate PPE will ensure that the student is wearing a face covering.
- Ill students will remain in the Health and Wellness Room with continued supervision and care until picked up by an authorized adult to go home. Parents/guardians should be prepared to have a child picked-up within an hour after being notified.

Faculty/Staff

Faculty and staff members who develop symptoms of COVID-19 will be sent home.

All

The following guidelines will be followed, when applicable, for any and all from our campus suspected of COVID-19:

- Identify adults or children who may have had close contact with the ill individual for more than 10 minutes.
- In the event of a confirmed case of COVID-19 with potential exposure to staff or students, school administration will contact the appropriate public health authority or provider for consultation and guidance (this is the same procedure we have in place for other reportable diseases). Please note, that while all parents and staff should be informed of a confirmed case of COVID-19 in someone connected to school, it is not legal to share the name of the infected individual. CBCA will protect confidential information.
- CBCA has a plan for the possibility of temporary closures of classes, groups, or facilities when guided by the local health department to do so.



Returning to School after Presenting with COVID-19 Symptoms

Any student or staff member with symptoms consistent with COVID-19 are to stay home and not go to work or school.

Return Conditions

Once a student or staff member is excluded from the school environment, they may return if they satisfy the recommendations of the CDC. Currently those guidelines are:

1. **Untested.** Persons who have not received a test proving or disproving the presence of the Coronavirus, but experience symptoms, may return if the following three conditions are met:
 - a. They have not had a fever for at least 72 hours (that is three full days of no fever without the use of medicine that reduces fevers); and
 - b. Other symptoms have subsided (for example, cough or shortness of breath); and
 - c. At least ten (10) calendar days have passed since your symptoms first appeared.
2. **Tested.** Persons who experienced symptoms and have been tested positive for the Coronavirus may return to school if the following three conditions are met:
 - a. They no longer have a fever (without the use of medicine that reduces fevers); and
 - b. Other symptoms have subsided (for example, cough or shortness of breath); and
 - c. They have received two negative Coronavirus tests in a row, at least 24 hours apart.
3. **Tested with no symptoms.** Persons who have not had symptoms but test positive for the Coronavirus may return when they have gone ten (10) calendar days without symptoms and have been released by a healthcare provider.

Students may also return if they are approved to do so in writing by the student's health care provider.



Siblings or Other Students in the Household

If a student is excluded from school due to COVID-19 symptoms or has had a positive Coronavirus test, his or her siblings or other students living in the same household will be questioned and if they exhibit symptoms, they will also be excluded from school. If they do not exhibit symptoms, they may still be excluded from school and asked to self-quarantine.

Self-Quarantine

If a student or staff member has recently had close contact with a person with COVID-19 symptoms or diagnosed with COVID-19 or has recently traveled from somewhere considered to be a “hot spot” by the CDC, the school may exclude the student or staff member from the school campus and recommend that they self-quarantine for 14 calendar days.

Appendix

Helpful Information on COVID-19

- The main symptoms of COVID-19 include fever, cough, and shortness of breath. Other symptoms may include chills, repeated shaking with chills, muscle pain, headache, sore throat, or new loss of taste or smell. If you get any of these symptoms that concern you, call your doctor to find out next steps. If you need help finding a doctor, call 2-1-1.
- For Coronavirus testing, please consult your doctor. Testing information for Napa County can be found at <https://countyofnapa.org/2776/COVID-19-Testing>
- Below are some links for further information on Coronavirus and COVID-19 from the CDC and Napa County Public Health that are informative and have helped shape our policies and guidelines:
 - <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/index.html>
 - <http://www.countyofnapa.org/2739/Coronavirus>
 - <https://www.cdph.ca.gov/>



A Few Words on Risks to Children

- According to the data tracked worldwide since February, children are at extremely low risk for contracting the Coronavirus. In particular, those under the age of 15 are at much greater risk from the seasonal flu.¹
- Currently, children make up less than 8% of total California infections.²
- Less than 25% of infected children show any signs of being infected. Those that do show symptoms have a much milder course of illness than adults.³
- Children do not appear to be transmitting the disease to adults. In numerous studies of small groups, family settings, and in schools, studies show that transmission from children appears to be minimal, if anything.^{4,5}

A Few Words on Face Coverings

We recognize that the research and science regarding face coverings has been and continues to be conflicting regarding support for and opposition against wearing face coverings of some form.^{6,7} In addition, there is strong guidance from children's health and educational experts that suggest face coverings should not be used all day in the school setting.^{5,8} At the same time, we must balance these facts with health mandates and recommendations. While our position is that face coverings may not be effective in a school setting and may therefore be unnecessary, we recognize that we may need to comply with governmental requirements. We also recognize that face coverings may be needed in certain situations where social distancing of 6 feet cannot be achieved.⁵ We trust our community to follow any guidelines regarding the use of face coverings with grace and humility, understanding our collective desire to be in this learning environment together on campus. We will continue to assess and reassess in real-time, making adjustments accordingly.

*If you have questions, please contact the school office. A copy of this document is available at <https://cbc.academy>

¹ [Provisional COVID-19 Death Counts by Sex, Age, and State](#)
² [COVID-19 Cases by Age Group](#)
³ [Recommendations for School Reopening](#)
⁴ [NCIRS Schools Study](#)
⁵ [American Academy of Pediatrics Guidance](#)
⁶ [Advice on the use of masks in the context of COVID-19](#)
⁷ [COVID-19: Considerations for Wearing Cloth Face Coverings](#)
⁸ [Recommendations for School Reopening](#)

