

Dear Christian Academy Of Champions School Families,

First and foremost, I hope you are having a fantastic summer break with your children and are getting the opportunity to spend much quality time together before the school year begins. As we continue to look forward to the start of a new academic year, there are a few things I want to provide updates on and hopefully answer some questions you may already have. Our first day will be Wednesday August 26, 2020. All students including online students will come that day. Monthly tuition is due August 3rd (since the 1st is a Saturday) and will be due on the 1st of each month.

Snow Days:

If public schools shut down for snow days, we will open 2 hours late. We will be available to help anyone with video classes. Students are not required to come but can come if their parent wants them to. Those not at school will do their work at home by video.

COVID-19 Closing Update:

Because we are a private Christian School and have more options available to us, we will not be shutting down even if public schools shut down. We will be taking precautions. Those who wish to stay at home can. The students will do their lessons by video. This decision is up to each parent.

Fall COVID-19 Update:

We have spoken to the Director of the Todd County Health Department as of right now, we are planning to fully reopen the school in the fall as scheduled with certain precautions in place:

- Regular school day hours

- Outdoor recess twice a day for mental health and to help students
 - Assigned seating in classrooms
 - Students will clean their areas throughout the day
 - Reasonable social distancing
 - A method of quickly and easily taking students' and staff' temperatures.
- Temperature checks will occur at the following times:
- Upon entry to the building or when getting out of vehicles.
 - At Lunch
 - Before leaving
- Cleaning Precautions that meet the CDC recommendations
 - A “no locker” policy so that students are not congregating in halls
 - No walk up pick up for students
 - No general gatherings that are not essential to learning (for us that means students will report directly to class and not morning motions)
 - No mentoring between grade levels 😞
 - The playground will be closed before and after school (except those enroll in Elkton Gospel Church After School Program)
 - No visitors, parents, or guests allowed to enter the building. We have facetime, zoom and telephones for most meetings. We will schedule a meeting in the parking lot if you need a face to face with the teachers or staff
 - Confidentiality will be maintained for staff and students including as much as possible when sending trace contact information
 - We will follow the CDC recommendations and Todd County Health Department on quarantine expectations which is the 6-30 rule (6 ft or less for 30 or more minutes)
 - Students must be fever free for 48 hours without medication prior to returning to school
 - We will be using different doors for different classes
 - Kindergarten will be using the back door (entrance through the playground fence)
 - Preschool will be using the side door
 - All others will be using the main door
 - We will be doing pick up by radio. When school is dismissed, someone on the school staff will radio the teachers to advise who is first in line. This will keep students from congregating while waiting for their ride. (Our goal is for the children not to have to use mask while at school)
 - If a child has a fever of 99.9 or higher, they will not be admitted into school.
 - If during a follow up temperature check, they will be moved to supervised isolation until they are picked up.
 - We do ask that if a student gets a fever at school, the parent or guardian goes straight to the health department for the 15-minute test. Also, the health department will meet the parent/guardian at the school to administer the test for convenience.

Many of the items required of schools are in place currently as CAC such as:

- Small classroom sizes

- Handwashing and general healthy habits
- Distance Learning options for families in need or want of online learning due to a need or want to remain at home (family is immune compromised, etc.)

As stated above, Christian Academy Of Champions will continue to offer online, distance-learning for those families and students uncomfortable returning to in-person learning at this time, and we will make accommodations as needed. A lot can happen in five weeks. Please know that this information is fluid and subject to change.

We will not be having snow days this year. If you are unable to make it to school, you will have the online classes available.

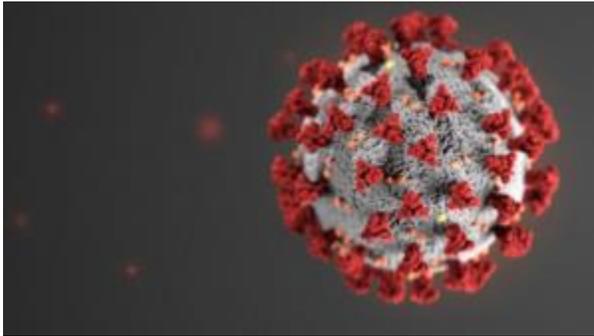
If your child is sick or has a fever, **DO NOT** send them to school. Have them complete their work online. We will provide the information needed to log on and do the video classes at home. You must contact us so we can classify it correctly. Log on and videos watched will be documented to show that classes were completed online.

Finally, please take a look at our updated COVID-19 section on the school website for more information and recent updates. Our intention for this page is to provide our families with factual information on the virus, tips on reducing its spread, to detail cleaning and disease prevention measures being taken by the school, and hopefully to answer some of your questions. This page is linked here: <https://christianacademyofchampions.org/covid-letter-and-updates/>.

I know these are strange and scary times we are living in; however, I am hopeful that with cooperation between school staff and families, and with prayer, petition, and patience, we can move forward with as normal of a school year as possible. Please keep your information updated so that we can text and email you in the event of emergencies. We can do this together!

Blessings,

Dale Hughes, Director



In our decisions and operations, the safety of our students, family and staff is always our top concern. We are currently being faced with an ever-changing environment in regard to the management of the Coronavirus (COVID-19). Christian Academy Of Champions School is monitoring the situation daily and taking direction from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Kentucky Department of Public Health, Governor's Orders, and the Todd County Health Department.

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>

<https://govstatus.egov.com/kycovid19>

<https://www.facebook.com/toddhealth/>

What is Christian Academy Of Champions doing to mitigate the spread of the Coronavirus?

We want to take this opportunity to provide you information about how CAC is taking steps to mitigate the spread of the virus and what you can expect in the event of a major outbreak in the school community.

CAC has asked all parents to monitor their children in regard to symptoms and erring on the side of caution when choosing to keep your children home. Daily, school staff are checking staff, and students' temperatures to ensure a fever free environment. We do know that not all positive cases have run fever. That is why parent due diligence is of the utmost importance.

Daily, our staff are cleaning surface areas with the CDC recommended disinfectants with a sensitivity to the chemicals being used and awareness of long-term exposure to certain chemicals.

Students are monitored in the classroom setting for exposure risks but must be allowed to function as normal sociable children as much as possible. Playgrounds must be free spaces for children to play. That being said, staff are cleaning playground equipment daily as well. Throughout this situation, CAC has worked to ensure a balance between productive learning spaces and reasonable social distancing measures.

Events have been modified to comply with Governor orders. As the school year draws near, our hope is to have full operations of school events with assigned seating and the ability to trace exposure should a student be diagnosed.

Handwashing, hygiene, sanitizing, and cleaning remain at the forefront of our concerns and will continue to be in practice throughout the school year which is best practice for any school.

Our hope is to not require any use of masks but allow them for students or staff who have concerns.

In the event of an identified case, CAC would follow the Todd County Health Department's lead on any notifications, quarantines, cleaning processes, closures, or other health measures needed. Our focus would first be on ensuring the safety of students and staff, and, then on how education would continue for that student and those who have been exposed, whether that be via electronic/remote systems for that student and or the class. Please refer to the school handbooks regarding school closures and maintenance of services.

Know the facts

- To become sick, someone must be exposed to the virus. CDC defines exposure as being within approximately 6 feet (2 meters) of someone with a confirmed infection for a prolonged period of time (at least 30 minutes) in the past 48 hours.
- Person-to-person spread is thought to occur mainly through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs or sneezes, similar to how influenza and other respiratory viruses spread. However, even that is not a guarantee that someone will become sick with the virus.
- For these reasons, people at higher risk of becoming sick are:
 - People who have traveled to China within the last two weeks.

- People who have had close contact with someone who was confirmed to have the novel coronavirus.
- Like any other virus, no identity, community, ethnic, or racial group in Kentucky is more at risk for getting or spreading 2019 novel coronavirus.
- Click here for a short video that you can watch with your age appropriate children <https://www.brainpop.com/health/diseasesinjuriesandconditions/coronaviruses/>

Risk from other viruses is greater

- There are many kinds of coronaviruses, like the common cold, currently circulating in Colorado and the U.S. that cause respiratory illness. While these viruses may also be called “coronaviruses,” they are not 2019 novel coronavirus (COVID-19).
- There also are many other kinds of respiratory illnesses (such as flu) circulating right now.
- Currently, people are at much greater risk of getting the flu than the 2019 novel coronavirus.
- You can lower your risk by following the recommended hygiene and sanitization processes.

Symptoms and severity

- Symptoms of respiratory viruses, including the novel coronavirus, include fever, cough, and shortness of breath.
- Any of these illnesses can be severe and require hospitalization, but most individuals recover by resting, drinking plenty of liquids, and taking pain and fever-reducing medications.
- If you did not have a high risk of exposure, it is very unlikely you have novel coronavirus. But if you are ill and concerned, contact your health care provider and do not send your children to school.

What is Coronavirus?

Coronaviruses are a large family of viruses that cause respiratory symptoms such as fever, cough, and shortness of breath. These viruses spread through coughing or sneezing, much like the flu. There is currently no vaccine for the COVID-19.

It is important to convey that risk is based on exposure. People at higher risk for exposure are:

- People who have traveled to China within the last two weeks and have symptoms.
- People who had direct close contact with someone who was confirmed to have the Coronavirus.
- And like any other virus, no identity, community, ethnic, or racial group in Colorado is more at risk for getting or spreading Coronavirus.

What can I do to stay healthy?

The current risk to the general public in the U.S. from this virus is currently considered low. As recommended for other respiratory viruses, people can protect themselves and others through some simple actions.

Protecting yourself from Coronavirus COVID-19 and other respiratory viruses

(source: [CDPHE](#))

If you are healthy:

- Continue your normal routine. This means you can continue to participate in public gatherings such as work, school, or social activities with regards to the small group recommendations.
- Wash your hands with soap and water or, at minimum, use an alcohol-based hand rub, which may be less effective than soap and water.
- Avoid close contact with anyone with cold or flu-like symptoms.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces such as desks, doorknobs, handrails.

If you are sick:

Stay home

[How Sick is Too Sick: When Children and Staff Should Stay Home from School or Child Care. \(Important Link to review annually\)](#)

- Cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue or your inner elbow shirt sleeve.
- Wash your hands with soap and water or, at minimum, use an alcohol-based hand rub, which may be less effective than soap and water.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.
- Avoid close contact with anyone else with cold or flu-like symptoms.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces such as desks, doorknobs, and handrails.

Are you traveling for Summer break?

Both the CDC and the U.S. State Department maintains different levels of Travel Alerts for countries and states, and it is recommended that you look to those Alerts and public health guidance to determine safety in traveling to affected areas. Depending on the level of Travel Alert, the most current local reports, and public health guidance, employers or schools may determine that returning employees or students or members of families with recently returned travelers should stay at home for 14 days after they left the affected country or state.

Because individuals infected with COVID-19 may be infectious before they have symptoms, self-quarantine is often the best response.

CAC in cooperation with Christian Academy Of Champions Church staff has collaboratively agreed to **stringent cleaning practices** to help avoid disease transmission.

In sharing this information with you today, our intention is to provide factual information about Coronavirus COVID-19 and tips on reducing the spread of disease. We will continue to update families and staff as we learn more about the potential progression. As a community, we must work together for the safety and well-being of all in our CAC family. In order for school to open in the fall as normally as possible, we all must do our part in responsibly mitigating our responsibilities to each other in regard to hygiene, self-quarantine, and sanitization. Let us all do our parts to ensure our children are safe to come to school to learn, grow, connect and share in Christ.

Sincerely,

Dale Hughes, Director

Christian Academy Of Champions School