

FAYETTE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL PLAN FOR RETURNING TO SCHOOL 2020-2021

2 Timothy 1:7 "For God has not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind."

Dear FCS Families:

I want to begin by thanking each of you for your tremendous support during the unexpected situation we have been navigating over the past months. In spite of the frequently changing information regarding the Covid-19 virus, let us rest in God's sovereignty and the reality that He is indeed in control. Our peace will not be found in data, guidelines, or procedures.

Our school does want to respond responsibly and reasonably in our approach to reopening. Fayette Christian School is recognized by the state as a non-chartered, non-public school. This designation allows us great freedom regarding our beliefs and our implementation of those beliefs in our teaching. With this privilege comes certain obligations. One of those is that we must follow state and local fire, safety, and health regulations in order to operate.

We have been in collaboration with our local health department. They have made on-site visits to help us formulate an appropriate plan to help ensure a safe return this fall.

We will be operating on our normal 5-day, full-time schedule. The first day of school is Monday, August 17, 2020, for students in kindergarten through 12th grade. Students in prekindergarten 4 and preschool 3 (Monday/Wednesday/Friday session) will return Wednesday, August 19, and preschool 3 (Tuesday/Thursday session) will return on Thursday, August 20.

To minimize exposure and minimize the spread of illness, we plan to take the following steps:

- 1) Staff and students should self-assess for symptoms of COVID before arriving at school.
- 2) Students will have their temperature checked at their vehicle prior to entering the school building.
- 3) Any student who becomes ill (100.0 temperature, vomiting, etc.) will be sent home.
- 4) Unless medically excused, all staff will wear face coverings (mask, face shield, etc.). When physical distancing is possible, masks may be off in order to enhance teaching.
- 5) Students will not be required to wear masks; however, face coverings are highly recommended for secondary students. In collaborative learning situations such as a science lab experiment, students may be asked to wear masks.
- 6) Staff and students will wash their hands and use sanitizer throughout the day.
- 7) We always want our parents to feel welcome at school. However, at this time we will be limiting access and contact with parents and guests. Any necessary visits should be prearranged with the office.
- 8) We strongly recommend that students bring their own water bottles.
- 9) Classrooms will be organized to allow for maximum distancing.
- 10) We will regularly disinfect all utilized spaces and high-contact surfaces.

We will communicate more information as specific details are implemented and/or if changes occur to the present plans.

These are difficult times for all of us. Our attitudes and responses to this situation will be readily caught by our children/students. Let us be gracious in how we handle disappointments and inconveniences.

We are looking forward to welcoming students back to school!

Sincerely,

Larry Fitch, Principal