



FLINT HILLS
CHRISTIAN
SCHOOL

Re-Opening Plan: Connected & Respected

Increase awareness on healthy hygiene practices while respecting staff and family preferences



Clean hands at the door and schedule **regular hand washing** reminders



Disinfect surfaces like doorknobs, tables, and desks regularly



Avoid touching your face and cover your coughs and sneezes



Increase ventilation by opening windows and doors or adjusting air conditioning

Encourage continued participation

Stay connected with added **video streaming** for community events and meetings

Prepare lessons with **video streaming or uploading** options for absent students

Communicate family travels and the possible need to quarantine upon return to school



Stay home if...

- Students and staff are **feeling sick**
- Have a temperature of **100.4 or above**
- **Require nurse approval** before readmittance back to school



Spiritual, mental and emotional well-being

Outbreaks are a stressful and anxious time for everyone. FHCS is committed to support both students and staff!

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GENERAL GUIDELINES

Flint Hills Christian School reviewed recommendations from the Center for Disease Control, Kansas State Department of Education, Kansas Academy of Family Physicians, the Kansas Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics, and Pottawatomie County Health Department. As COVID-19 guidelines change, this plan may be amended at the school Board of Director's discretion as the needs and circumstances may dictate.

EDUCATING THE SCHOOL COMMUNITY

All faculty and staff will receive training on our health and safety procedures prior to the start of school. Our staff and faculty will educate students at the beginning of the school year on how the buildings will operate differently to empower them to maintain good health. Our school will educate families on when to keep their kids home when sick.

SCREENING STUDENT HEALTH

It is the parents responsibility to keep sick students home to prevent further spread of illness. As a result, parents need to take their child's temperature at home every morning. This should be done prior to administering fever reducing medication (aspirin, Tylenol, ibuprofen, etc.).

KEEPING STUDENTS OR EMPLOYEES HOME

If an unrelated or unknown COVID-19 illness occurs, a student or employee must stay home if he or she has a temperature at or above 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit. Regardless of temperature, if a student or employee displays any of the following symptoms of illness, they must stay home for 24 hours: Having symptoms of vomiting, diarrhea, cough, body aches, rash which is new, undiagnosed, and/or untreated, excessive nasal drainage without medical documentation. Students and employees must be fever free without fever-reducing medicine for 24 hours prior to returning to campus. All students must be picked up within an hour of parental notification when sick.

NEGATIVE COVID-19 TESTING

Employees and students that have been exposed to a positive Covid-19 case must quarantine for a minimum of **10** days even with a negative Covid-19 test. Employees and students may return to school after day 10 without testing if no symptoms appear. Please see the school nurse for testing inquiries. (Updated 12/15/20 following Board vote based on new county and KDHE recommendations)

POSITIVE COVID-19 TESTING

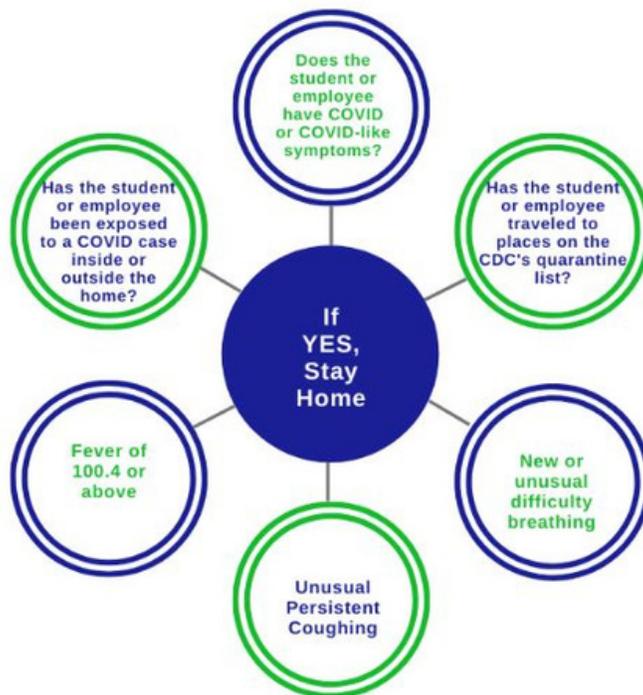
If a student or employee tests positive they are to remain in isolation for 10 days after onset of symptoms (or date of testing for those with a positive test result who did not have symptoms) and 72 hours fever free and symptoms greatly improve, whichever of these two is longer. Employees or students may return sooner if clearance by a physician or county health department is received. In the case of an active positive COVID-19 illness in a student or employee, the FHCS campus may be closed temporarily for sanitizing. In addition, we will send an email to parents regarding the positive case and any temporary closures while maintaining privacy and confidentiality for employee and student health information.

ATTENDANCE POLICY

FHCS will maintain the existing attendance policy detailed in both the staff and student handbooks. However, unusual circumstances are expected especially in the 2020-2021 school year. If a student were to become ill for an extended period of time, we would look for ways to extend grace, helping the student make up missed coursework to ensure academic success.

FAMILY TRAVEL

We will be following KDHE guidelines on travel. If traveling to an area in which KDHE has mandated as a "hot spot" will need to contact their county health department and may be quarantined for up to 14 days.



When Should Students & Employees Stay Home?

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VISITOR POLICY

Visitors may need to adhere to pre-screening and masking upon arrival depending on their campus related business and the severity of current active cases. Appointments are always encouraged to avoid delays. Visitors include, but are not limited to parents, volunteers, delivery carriers and vendors.



MASKS AND PHYSICAL DISTANCING

In addition to the three phases, the following will be observed. Employees and students are highly encouraged to wear masks when physical distancing is not possible in all areas. Students in Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten are not required to wear masks. Students in grades 1-6 will have plexiglass barriers between their desks. Students in grades 7-12 will practice physical distancing within the classroom. Teachers have the discretion to adjust mask requirements per their individual classroom needs. Students and employees are encouraged to sanitize their hands upon leaving and returning the classroom. Any student or employee that begin showing signs and symptoms of a contagious illness *while at school* may need to wear a mask and be located in our nurses office until leaving school, at which point the sick policy protocol begins. (updated 11/6/20)

INSTRUCTIONAL MINUTES AND SCHOOL CALENDAR

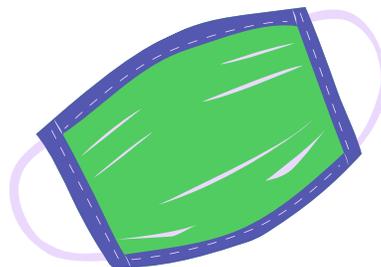
The first day of school is August 19th for all students and the last day of school is May 20th. Ten minutes will be added to each day for PK-12 grade in order to increase the number of instructional minutes over the year. The purpose of this is to prepare for any possible unforeseen closures. The newly updated time for the school day is 8:10 am - 3:30 pm (Ten additional minutes each day).

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Community events will be addressed individually to ensure that we are keeping our school community safe, but making every effort to still host engaging events. Communication on changes will be distributed on a per event basis. Efforts will be made to provide a virtual option for anyone that is at-risk or uncomfortable attending on-campus events.

SPECIAL EDUCATION

Students receiving special education resources may have additional guidelines or expectations to follow which will be addressed on a case by case basis that allows for individual planning to the uniqueness of each student's capabilities.



FACILITIES

Each classroom is equipped with at least one hand sanitizer dispenser and hands free sanitizer dispensers are at each entrance/exit. Water fountains will not be used for direct drinking; bottle fill stations may still be used. Sharing of student books and supplies (pens, pencils, paper, etc.) is discouraged. Bathroom doors will be kept open on the elementary wing to increase ventilation (bathroom privacy is still maintained). The school bus will be sanitized after each use. Passengers will be spaced when possible and/or additional vehicles will be utilized with volunteer parent drivers.

ATHLETICS/EXTRACURRICULAR

All athletics and extracurricular activities are scheduled to begin in Fall as usual. FHCS will follow KCAA guidelines and timing in regards to athletics. Spectators are encouraged to distance by family and/or wear masks indoors when distancing is not able depending on current active cases. Please check in with admissions volunteers per event for up-to-date guidelines.

WARRIORS

LIBRARY AND COMPUTER LAB

Library books should be returned and placed in a box for 72 hours before entering recirculation. Chairs and tables will be cleaned after every use with assistance from staff and students. Computers and iPads will be cleaned after every time they are used also with the assistance from staff and students.

PLAYGROUND, PHYSICAL EDUCATION, AND GYMS

Students will be encouraged to sanitize hands before recess and entering the gym or weight room (an additional sanitizing station will be located in the weight room). Students will be required to clean weights, balls and other athletic equipment after each use.

RESOURCES

[Kansas Department of Health & Environment](#) [KDHE, Navigating Change: Kansas Guide to Learning and School Safety Operations](#)
[KDHE Symptoms Chart](#)
[Communicable Diseases](#)
[Centers for Disease Control](#)
[Kansas Academy of Family Physicians](#)
[Kansas Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics](#)
[Pottawatomie County Health Department](#)

PHASED SYSTEM FOR REOPENING

We have identified three phases that will allow FHCS to effectively adapt and respond to the local and regional risks for COVID-19:

GOALS:

- To create a phased system that allows us to open and remain open in the event of multiple possible scenarios at the local level.
- To create a fluid system that allows easy mobility between the different phases.
- To create a plan that works for all divisions of the school: Early Education, Elementary, Middle and High School.
- To create a plan that meets the diverse needs of our school community.

GREEN PHASE (LOW RISK) - *We will start school at Green phase.*

We will implement Green Phase if all of the following apply:

- No more than one current active COVID-19 case is determined to be within the school.
- The school determines that the situation is stable locally and regionally with guidance from the health department.

Green Phase consists of all students on campus for in-person instruction with no changes to the daily schedule.

- Using cohorts to limit student cross-exposure (PK-K, 1st-3rd, 4th-6th, 7th-8th, 9th-10th, 11th-12th).
- Lunchroom operational with seating chart by cohort.
- Lunch tables will be spaced to maintain physical distance.
- Chapel in progress and physically distanced.
- During morning drop-off, elementary students will go straight to their cohort in the gym and keep spaced from other cohorts. For afternoon pickup, elementary students will stay in their classrooms at the end of the school day rather than going into the hallway.
- PM Academy operates as normal.
- At-home temperature checks each morning are encouraged for both students and staff.
- Athletics, extracurricular activities, and field trips continue as normal

YELLOW PHASE (MODERATE RISK)

We will implement Yellow Phase if any of the following apply:

- Between two to four new active COVID-19 cases determined to be within the school.
- The school administration team determines that the risk increases from blue level locally or regionally with guidance from the health department.
- Improvement in school and/or local community situation from RED level.

PHASED SYSTEM (CONTINUED)

Yellow Phase consists of all students on campus for in-person instruction ***with significant changes at the classroom level.***

- Maintain on-campus operations as normal as possible for elementary with cohorts modified down to classroom level--no close contact to other grade levels throughout the day (lunch, recess, other activities).
- Teachers will travel to students' classrooms when feasible to eliminate hallway exposures.
- Add on-campus temperature screening by the school nurse midday to monitor symptoms that arise while at school. It is recommended that daily screening be executed at home each morning such as assessing recent exposures, travel, and symptoms of illness along with temperature scanning without the use of fever-reducing medications. (updated 11/30/20)
- Masks will be mandatory in all Secondary classrooms by staff and students. (if teacher travel isn't feasible for Secondary)
- Implement limitations for athletics, field trips, and extracurricular activities as necessary per event.

RED PHASE (HIGH RISK)

We will implement Red Phase if any of the following apply:

- Five or more new active COVID-19 cases continue to be determined within the school.
- The school determines that the risk increases from yellow level locally or regionally with guidance from the health department.

Red Phase consists of elementary students on campus for in-person instruction and secondary students learning remotely.

- Maintain on-campus operations for elementary with continued cohorts modified down to classroom level--no close contact to other grade levels throughout the day (lunch, recess, other activities).
- Middle and High School move to a remote learning environment to limit on-campus exposure.
 - Follow the same schedule as on-campus instruction for classes.
 - Some students may need to continue on-campus if safe to do so in appropriate small groupings including but not limited to at-risk and special education students.
- Continue YELLOW level screening.
- Masks become mandatory in all areas of school including continued elementary classrooms. (all areas include gym, office, conference rooms, outdoors, etc.)
- Special classes temporarily suspended (P.E., Music, Art, Spanish, Library, Computers) to allow those teachers to support remote learning.
- Chapel and other in-person activities conducted in the class for elementary. Secondary participating remotely.
- PM Academy suspended.
- No Athletics including practices (follow KCAA guidelines for high risk areas), field trips, or guests on campus.

PHASED SYSTEM (CONTINUED)

REMOTE LEARNING

Remote learning would occur for secondary students during Red phase as stated above and possibly school-wide if the school or local authorities mandate to do so. Some expectations for remote learning are, but not limited to:

- Faculty will provide remote learning for students who are required to be quarantined. Students who are quarantined for exposure or travel (and not sick) will be expected to participate remotely.
- Students may be required to log in at designated times for live video streaming (or recording) instruction in core subjects.
- Families will have access to materials that can be printed and/or a packet sent home with physical supplies needed.
- Healthy students may be required to follow the same on-campus schedule and be provided some level of interaction with teacher and classmates.
- Allows for the student to easily transition to the on-campus environment when the family deems it is safe to do so.

PHASE PLAN	GREEN	YELLOW	RED	REMOTE
Criteria	No more than one current active COVID-19 case is determined to be within the school.	Between two to four new active COVID-19 cases determined to be within the school.	Five or more new active COVID-19 cases continue to be determined within the school.	Potential school-wide remote learning would commence if the school or local authorities mandated a closure that K-12 private school entities must adhere to.
Elementary School	In person following safe-opening principles + cohort	In person following safe-opening principles + cohorts modified down to classroom level	In person following safe-opening principles + classroom cohorts + suspended special classes	REMOTE
Middle/High School	In person following safe-opening principles	In person following safe-opening principles + limit classroom travel	REMOTE	REMOTE
Extra & Co-Curricular Activities	Use cohorts to limit student cross-exposure	Implement limitations on a per activity basis	Middle/High School remote activities	REMOTE
	Normal operations following guidelines. Spectator/audience may be distanced by household groups, masked if indoors and physical distancing is not possible.		SUSPENDED	SUSPENDED