



FLINT HILLS CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

COVID-19 RETURN TO SCHOOL PLAN

GENERAL COVID-19 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

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.

INSTRUCTIONAL MINUTES

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).

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.

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.).

VISITOR POLICY

Visitors will need to adhere to the specific phase requirements when visiting campus. Appointments are always encouraged to avoid delays. Visitors include, but are not limited to parents, volunteers, delivery carriers and vendors. During yellow and red phase, visitors will be limited to appointment and assigned volunteer option

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.

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. Students and employees must be fever free without fever-reducing medication for 24 hours prior to returning to campus.

Regardless of temperature, if a student or employee displays any of the following symptoms of illness, they must stay home for 24 hours: Chills, Muscle Aches, Weakness, Malaise, Headache, Sore throat, Cough, Shortness of breath, Difficulty breathing, New loss of smell or taste, or diarrhea. Employees or students may only return earlier than 24 hours with a signed physician note.

All students must be picked up within an hour of parental notification when sick.

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.

COVID-19 TESTING

POSITIVE TESTS

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 event of a positive COVID-19 in a student or employee, the FHCS campus may be closed temporarily for sanitizing. Email communication will be sent to parents regarding the positive case and any temporary closures. Privacy will be maintained.

NEGATIVE TESTS

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. Antibody testing will not be accepted for admission back to school. Please see the school nurse for testing inquiries. (Updated 2/8/2021 following Board vote based on new county and KDHE recommendations)

PLAYGROUND, PHYSICAL EDUCATION

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.

LIBRARY & 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.

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

FHCS will follow KCAA guidelines and timing in regards to athletics. See specific athletics policy on page 9.



COMMUNITY EVENTS

FHCS is excited to continue to host a variety of events which involve individuals coming into our facility. To assure that we maintain the highest degree of safety and well-being for all, including visitors, we are now requiring that masks be worn at all school events that are open to parents, families and visitors when appropriate six-foot physical distancing cannot be maintained.

Updated 1/12/2021

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 to the classroom. Any student or employee that begins 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

PHASED SYSTEM FOR REOPENING

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.

We have identified four phases (GREEN, YELLOW, RED, REMOTE) that will allow FHCS to effectively adapt and respond to the local and regional risks for COVID-19.

	GREEN	YELLOW	RED	REMOTE
Criteria	0-6 active cases within the school	7-12 active cases within the school	13 or more active cases within the school	School administration or local authorities mandate a closure
Elementary	In-person following safe opening practices	In-person modified to classroom level	In-person and no special classes	REMOTE
Secondary	In-person following safe opening practices	In-person following safe opening practices	REMOTE	REMOTE
Activities and Athletics	Follow community events section or Athletics Policy	Follow community events section or Athletics Policy	SUSPENDED	SUSPENDED

GREEN PHASE (SCHOOL WILL START IN GREEN PHASE)

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

- 0-6 active COVID-19 cases are 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 be in their cohort line outside.
- PM Academy operates as normal.
- At-home temperature checks each morning are encouraged for both students and staff.
- For winter sports specifics, see Continuation of Athletic Events on page 9. (Updated 1/12/2021)
- Extracurricular activities require in-facility visitors to wear a mask when physical distancing cannot be maintained. (Update 1/12/2021)

YELLOW PHASE

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

- Between 7-12 new active COVID-19 cases determined to be within the school. (updated 2/8/21)
- The school administration team determines that the risk increases from green level locally or regionally with guidance from the health department.
- Improvement in school and/or local community situation from RED level.

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)
- For winter sports specifics, see Continuation of Athletic Events on page 9. (Updated 1/12/2021)
- Implement limitations for field trips and extracurricular activities as necessary per event. (Updated 1/12/21)

RED PHASE

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

- 13 or more new active COVID-19 cases continue to be determined within the school. (Updated 2/8/21)
- 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, field trips, or guests on campus.

REMOTE

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 teachers and classmates.
- Allows for the student to easily transition to the on-campus environment when the family deems it is safe to do so.

RESOURCES

[Kansas Department of Health & Environment](#)

[KDHE Symptoms Chart](#)

[Communicable Diseases](#)

[Centers for Disease Control](#)

[KDHE, Navigating Change: Kansas Guide to Learning and School Safety](#)

[Kansas Academy of Family Physicians Home](#)

[Kansas Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics](#)

[Pottawatomie County Health Department](#)

ATHLETIC EVENTS

WINTER SPORTS

Knowing that basketball brings in a higher number of spectators both home and visitor, the plan for moving forward includes the following:

Green Phase

Masking: All spectators and volunteers will be required. Players, coaches, and officials will mask before and after games. They will not be required to mask during the games or while on the bench.

Attendance: Allow immediate families of athletes to attend games. Immediate family includes parents and siblings (under 18) residing within the household. The boy's team will be allowed to come in for the girl's games and the girls will be allowed to stay for the boys games to provide an opportunity for a limited "student section". This will provide a small sense of normalcy for our students. The silver bleachers will be provided for extra seating to allow for more distancing opportunities. Masking will be required for all spectators in the stands.

Concessions: We will provide normal concessions. All volunteers in the concession stand will be gloved and masked when handling food.

Gate: We will continue charging a gate fee with an attendant at the gate.

Sanitizing: We will sanitize all equipment daily. Balls will be wiped down after each quarter of play. Chairs where players sit will be wiped down after each game. Bleachers will be wiped down at the end of the last game. All surfaces used will be wiped down at the end of the final game

Yellow Phase

Masking: All spectators and volunteers will be required. Players, coaches, and officials will mask before and after games. They will not be required to mask during the games or while on the bench.

Attendance: ONLY 2 parents for each player will be allowed. No siblings or additional household members will be permitted. Visiting teams will be given a document to fill out and send back to the A.D. documenting the two parents that will be attending. Each team will provide a roster including players and coaches attending. No more than 2 coaches and 1 manager will be allowed in-facility. The silver bleachers and an additional set of chairs will be used for additional seating to provide teams a place to sit while waiting for the next game. Masking will be required for all spectators in the stands as well as any volunteers.

Concessions: We will provide ONLY prepackaged foods and drinks.

Gate: We will run gate as normal.

Sanitizing: We will sanitize all equipment daily. Balls will be wiped down after each quarter of play. Chairs where players sit will be wiped down after each game. Bleachers will be wiped down at the end of the last game. All surfaces used will be wiped down at the end of the final game.

Red Phase

If we are in this phase, per the re-opening plan, athletics will be canceled until we go back into yellow or green.