



# Summit Christian Academy COVID-19 Guidance AY 2021-2022

SCA will continue to monitor the impact of COVID-19 in our community and utilize guidance from State and Federal authorities to inform the development of plans and policies designed to protect our school community. The below measures will be adjusted if and when conditions change.

## **Masks**

Masks are optional but highly recommended for the unvaccinated and anyone with a compromised immune system. However, anyone displaying signs of COVID-19 while at school may be asked to mask while waiting to be picked up.

## **Physical distancing**

Every effort will be made to continue physical distancing inside the classroom and in other areas of school. In Elementary, students will be seated in mini-pods. In Secondary, desks will be spaced a minimum of 3 feet apart and 5-6 ft when possible. Seating charts will be used.

## **School Arrival and Dismissal**

Elementary students will be dropped off at a single location and will not congregate in a common area. They will go immediately to their classrooms to avoid mixing with other classes.

Intermediate and High School students will be dropped off at a single point and will then go immediately to their classrooms.

## **PODS**

We will continue to use the pod system across all grade levels. Classes will not intermix. They will use the cafeteria at the same time, but will sit with their pod.

## **Handwashing and Cleaning**

We will continue to encourage thorough handwashing as often as possible. Hand sanitizer stations will continue to be available at the entrance to each building and inside all classrooms.

Classrooms will be cleaned at the end of each day. In the case of a positive COVID-19 case on campus, all areas used by the person will be thoroughly cleaned with disinfectant if it has been 3 days or less since the infected person was on campus.

## **Visitors**

Visitors will not be allowed on campus based on the current levels of community spread. SCA will re-evaluate this control measure if the situation warrants.

## **Cafeteria**

Given very low risk of transmission from surfaces and shared objects, we will no longer serve only prepackaged meals/food items. Students will be able to utilize the cafeteria line to pick up food items as they have done in the past. Seating charts will be maintained while in the cafeteria. Grade levels will not intermix. Outside tables may be utilized if weather permits.

## **Water Fountains**

Water fountains will remain closed but students can utilize water bottle refill stations located throughout the campus.

## **Field Trips**

We are planning to resume field trips this year. However, because there are no trips scheduled during the first term we will make this decision based on an assessment of conditions later in the year.

## **Daily Screening**

All staff will continue to screen themselves for signs/symptoms of COVID-19 and will not come to campus if they are sick. Parents will screen their child for signs/symptoms of COVID-19 each morning before school and will keep them home if they are displaying any COVID-19 symptoms in a way that is not normal for them.

A staff member or student who displays symptoms of Covid-19 and has NOT received the COVID-19 vaccine, must obtain a doctor's note to return to school or provide a negative COVID-19 test result.

If a fully vaccinated staff member or student displays symptoms of COVID-19, please contact the school nurse to discuss symptoms.

## **Notification Requirements**

All staff and students who test positive for COVID-19 and any one identified as a close contact of someone who tests positive for COVID-19 are required to notify SCA immediately by contacting the school nurse, Kimberly Peake, RN at [kpeake@summiteagles.org](mailto:kpeake@summiteagles.org).

## **Positive Case**

We are required to report all positive cases to the local health department. The positive individual will isolate for 10 days starting on the day of symptom onset (or positive test in the case of no symptoms). They may return on the 11th day as long as fever has resolved for at least 24 hours (without using fever-reducing medication) and other symptoms have improved.

## **Contact Tracing/Quarantine**

Those who have recovered from COVID-19 within the past 3 months and those who are fully vaccinated do not need to quarantine following a known exposure unless they develop symptoms. Due to the increase in reported breakthrough infections in the vaccinated, CDC guidelines recommend monitoring symptoms daily, testing 3-5 days after exposure and masking for 14 days or until a negative test is received. If symptoms develop, please isolate and contact the school nurse.

Contact tracing is the responsibility of the local health department. SCA will conduct contact tracing to the extent that it is required to ensure our students and faculty remain safe. You will be notified if your student is considered a close contact by the school nurse.

Quarantine for close contacts will be 7 or 10 days.

- Quarantine may end after Day 10 without testing and if no symptoms have been reported during daily monitoring.
- Quarantine can end after Day 7 if a diagnostic specimen test is negative and if no symptoms were reported during daily monitoring.
  - Testing must occur within 48 hours of the date quarantine ends, but quarantine cannot be ended earlier than after Day 7. For example, the testing must take place no sooner than day 5 of the quarantine period. If a negative test is received, the individual may return to campus on Day 8.
- With either quarantine option, symptom monitoring must continue through Day 14, and we ask that a mask be worn while at school.

## **Communication**

SCA will follow the guidance from our local health department regarding communication to our campus community.

## **COVID-19 Testing**

Due to the wide availability of testing sites combined with the administrative challenges placed on our staff, SCA will no longer offer rapid tests to students. However, if the nurse believes that giving a test to a student is in the best interest of the student, family and school, she may elect to test with the parents permission. Tests will be available for staff and faculty.

## **Online Learning**

Online learning will be available for isolated/quarantined secondary students only.