



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.

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.

Isolation and Quarantine Guidelines

Students Who Test Positive for COVID-19: Isolate

A student who tests positive, regardless of vaccination status, is required to:

- Stay home from school for 10 days from symptom onset or the day of the positive test result if asymptomatic.

Students Who Are Exposed to COVID-19: Quarantine

A student who has had close contact with an individual who has tested positive for COVID-19 is required to follow protocols based on a previous positive COVID-19 diagnosis and/or vaccine status.

A. If the student has:

- Had COVID-19 within the last 90 days, **OR**
- Has been boosted, **OR**
- Completed the primary series of Pfizer or Moderna vaccine within the last 6 months, **OR**
- Completed the primary series of J&J vaccine within the last 2 months

The student...

- May attend school
- Should wear a mask around others through the 10th day after exposure
- Monitored for symptoms for 10 days from exposure
- Should test on day 5, if possible.

If the student develops symptoms, stay home.

B. If the student has:

- Completed the primary series of Pfizer or Moderna vaccine over 6 months ago and are not boosted, **OR**
- Completed the primary series of J&J over 2 months ago and are not boosted, **OR**
- Are unvaccinated

The student...

- Stays home for 5 days
- May return to school on the 6th day
- Should wear a mask around others through the 10th day after exposure
- Monitor symptom for 10 days from exposure
- Test on day 5, if possible.

If the student develops symptoms, stay home.

Online Learning

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

Contact Tracing

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.

Communication

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

COVID-19 Testing

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 parent permission. Tests will be available for staff and faculty.

