



**Centralia Christian School
Health and Infectious Disease Protocols
Academic Year 2021-22 - UPDATED**

Goal: To provide a safe, stable, secure, and nurturing school environment for students, families, staff, and volunteers.

Centralia Christian School (CCS) is committed to providing an environment that ensures the health and safety for all its constituents - faculty, staff, students, families, volunteers, and visitors. CCS will utilize information from the Centers for Disease Control, the Washington State Governor's Office, the Washington State Department of Health, Labor & Industries, and Lewis County Public Health and Social Services in its planning and implementation of this plan. CCS complies with applicable state and local orders.

As a community of believers there are also prevention strategies that everyone can participate in. Pray for the Lord's covering over the school and all who attend, work and visit here. Pray for wisdom and discernment on how to handle and respond to issues or emergencies that may arise. Be observant and report concerns to the school. At Centralia Christian School we pray for the best, plan for the difficult and trust God for His hand of protection.

- Centralia Christian School will abide by the Governor of the State of Washington's mandate and State Department of Health guidelines.
- Centralia Christian School will also retain the right to quarantine students from access to school facilities and activities for a defined period of time based upon if they tested positive for COVID-19 or if they had a direct exposure to a known COVID-19 case. Such quarantines will be based upon local Health Department recommendations.
- Centralia Christian School requests that each family and staff member use vigilance in protecting the health of others by cautiously monitoring their own health and staying home when not feeling well and following the [Student Symptom Decision Tree](#) acquired by the Lewis County Public Health & Social Services Department along with the [Covid-19 Exposure Control Plan for Schools](#).
- In alignment with Romans chapter 14 where we are called to respect the customs and requirements of others without passing judgement, Centralia Christian School will honor the protocols and requirements of other schools, businesses, and the WIAA when engaged in all public arts, travel, and athletic events as either the host or guest. For example, when hosting or visiting an indoor athletic game, all CCS parents and spectators will be expected to wear masks in honor of our guests or hosts. In the event guests do not comply, actions may be taken by CCS and/or the host that are within both the guest and entity's legal right to do so.
- Centralia Christian School will continue to use the following protocols within our facilities to help maintain the health and welfare of our students and staff. This plan addresses:

- ❖ Prayer
- ❖ United Effort
- ❖ Physical Distancing
- ❖ Ventilation
- ❖ Transportation
- ❖ Cleaning and sanitizing procedures
- ❖ Promoting healthy hygiene practices
- ❖ Health and illness
- ❖ Communication

Prayer

CCS is a Christian community committed to prayer, scripture and following Christ. As a community, we will commit ourselves to pray for the health, safety, and protection of our students, staff and families.

United Effort

The health and safety of all our students and staff is a partnership between CCS faculty, staff, parents, students, and families to comply with guidelines and protocols.

Physical Distancing

CCS will maintain recommended physical distancing as set forth by state and local guidelines.

Ventilation

Research states that increased airflow assists in the reduction of the spread of viruses. Teachers are encouraged to open windows throughout the day as needed and appropriate. Likewise, our air filtration system has been maintained and updated per the DOH recommendations. Additionally, students may spend extra time outside throughout the day as weather permits for additional mask breaks and classroom activities per the teacher's discretion.

Transportation

Students will be required to wear masks whenever physical distancing as set forth cannot be maintained on CCS provided transportation, including buses and vans.

Masks for Field Trip Transportation Policy by Private Vehicles

- ❖ Teachers are highly encouraged to group students in cars with students they already sit close to in class, at lunch, and in music.
- ❖ Teachers need to submit their carpool seating arrangements to the principal for each field trip.
- ❖ All students who wear masks at school in the classroom must wear masks in vehicles while on field trips.
- ❖ Students who have a mask exception backed by a medical provider are encouraged but not required to wear a mask in a private vehicle but must do so if on public transportation where medical mask exceptions may not be honored or accepted by the authority in place.
- ❖ Teachers are encouraged to recruit more parent drivers when possible to help with social distancing protocols and to help limit possible exposures to Covid 19.
- ❖ Drivers are required to wear a mask in a vehicle that they are transporting students to the field trip or back to the school from a field trip unless a medical mask exception is on file at the school.
- ❖ Teachers are required to wear a mask in a vehicle that they are transporting or riding to the field trip or back to the school from a field trip unless a medical mask exception is on file at the school.
- ❖ All field trip participants need to be prepared to wear their mask in any venue (museum, store, library, etc.) that has a masking mandate in place.

Cleaning and Sanitizing Procedures

CCS will intensify cleaning and disinfection to ensure a safe and healthy school.

Cleaning and Disinfecting:

- ❖ CCS will provide needed PPE for faculty, staff, and volunteers.
- ❖ Cleaning staff should wear disposable gloves and any other needed personal protection equipment when cleaning and disinfecting.
- ❖ For most surfaces it is important to clean using soap and water or other approved cleaning agents and then to use a disinfectant.
 - Cleaning reduces the number of germs, dirt, and impurities; disinfecting kills germs on surfaces.
 - Surfaces that are not frequently touched only need to be cleaned.
 - Cleaning staff will follow the directions on cleaning and disinfecting products to ensure safe and effective use.
 - CCS uses disinfectant products approved by the EPA to be effective on Covid-19
 - Additional products recommended and used by local health care providers are authorized.
- ❖ Staff will routinely clean frequently touched surfaces. These include door hardware, light switches, desktops, phones, keyboards, faucets, sinks, drinking fountains, etc.
 - Door hardware, handrails, desktops, faucets, drinking fountains, and sinks will be disinfected at least daily.
 - Keyboards, Chromebooks and other shared items such as art or PE equipment should be disinfected after each use.
 - CCS has purchased additional Chromebooks to ensure that students in grades 1-10 have an assigned computer; reducing the sharing of equipment.
 - Toys that have been placed in a child's mouth or otherwise contaminated should be set aside and then cleaned, sanitized and rinsed at the end of the day.
 - Lunchroom tables will be disinfected between each lunch group.
 - Library tables will be disinfected after each library time.
 - Note: Books and other paper-based materials are not at high risk for spreading the virus.
- ❖ Before and after care room tables and other frequently touched surfaces in the room will be disinfected after use in the morning and afternoon.
- ❖ Electronics such as Chromebooks, keyboards, remote controls will be cleaned at least daily and after each use. Alcohol based wipes or sprays containing at least 70% alcohol are acceptable.
- ❖ All restrooms will be cleaned and disinfected daily.
- ❖ Soft surfaces such as carpeted floors and rugs will be vacuumed and cleaned with cleaners appropriate for use on these surfaces.
- ❖ Any laundered items will be washed at the warmest appropriate water setting and dried completely. Any laundry hampers would be cleaned and disinfected at least weekly.
- ❖ Outdoor areas and the playgrounds will receive normal routine cleaning, but do not require disinfection.
 - High touch surfaces made of plastic or metal, such as grab bars and railings should be cleaned routinely.
 - Cleaning and disinfection of wooden surfaces (play structures, benches, tables) is not recommended.
- ❖ CCS will ensure ventilation systems operate properly and increase circulation of outdoor air as feasible by opening windows and doors.
- ❖ CCS has hired a daytime sanitization specialist and has hired a professional cleaning company for the evenings.
 - These cleaning specialists have been trained to use the CDC Cleaning - Disinfecting Tool.

- ❖ Protocol for cleaning and disinfecting the school if someone becomes sick:
 - Close off areas used by the person who is sick.
 - Open outside doors and windows to increase air circulation in the area.
 - Wait as long as feasible (up to 24 hours) before the area(s) are cleaned and disinfected.
 - Clean and disinfect all areas used by the person who is sick, such as offices, bathrooms, common areas, and shared electronic equipment.
 - Vacuum the space if needed. Use a vacuum equipped with a high-efficiency particulate air (HEPA) filter, if available.
 - Once the area has been appropriately disinfected, it can be opened for use.

Promoting Healthy Hygiene Practices

CCS will continue to promote healthy hygiene practices that are in-line with the [Department of Health's](#) requirements and protocols.

These include:

- ❖ Teach and reinforce proper handwashing
 - Students will be asked to wash their hands or use hand sanitizer upon entering their class at the start of the day; when leaving their class at the end of the day; before lunch; after recess and after any other activities where it is deemed necessary.
 - Hand sanitizing stations will be located at the building entrance, in each classroom, and common area.

- ❖ Teach and reinforce covering coughs and sneezes.
- ❖ Teach avoiding touching eyes, nose, and mouth
- ❖ Ensure there are adequate supplies for healthy hygiene - soap, hand sanitizer, paper towels, tissues, no touch trash cans, etc.
- ❖ Teach and encourage social distancing. Signage or marking will be added in locations where it is deemed necessary and described in DOH requirements.
 - CCS will have 6 lunch periods. Students will sit in assigned seats according to their home room class and an appropriate distance apart.
 - Chapel and other multi-grade functions will be set up to allow for social distancing.
 - Use of restrooms will be monitored to avoid crowds and ensure adequate social distancing.
 - Drop off and pick up are designed to allow for social distancing. Parents dropping off at the front door in the morning will be asked to have students remain in their vehicle until the main doors are open and they can enter school safely.
 - Staggered pick up times have been implemented.

- ❖ Teach and reinforce “new” behaviors that will include no hugging and keeping one’s hands to themselves.
- ❖ Students, faculty and staff, are required to wear cloth face coverings when inside the school building unless covered under a medical exception and have a written doctor’s note on file with the school. Guests and visitors are also required to abide by [state and local guidelines set by the Department of Health](#).
- ❖ Based on guidelines at the time of opening, certain activities may need to be modified. These may include music and PE.
- ❖ CCS will train and provide resources on health and safety protocols to all employees.

Health and Illness

To ensure the health and safety of all, ongoing monitoring protocols will be put in place.

- ❖ Communication will be sent to parents, students, staff and volunteers as needed to promote the health and safety of all within our CCS community. .
- ❖ Parents will be asked to check and monitor their students daily using the [Student Symptom Decision Tree](#)
- ❖ Students who have been identified as a close contact will be notified by letter, email and/or phone call.
- ❖ Everyone - students, faculty, staff, volunteers, etc. - who is sick is asked to stay at home.
- ❖ Absences will be monitored and documented on a graph provided by the Department of Health and area school districts. Staff and families will be advised to use the [Student Symptom Decision Tree provided by Lewis County Public Health and Social Services](#).
- ❖ CCS will monitor and remain informed on any developments locally or at the state level that may impact policies and procedures. The school will consult with local health officials when necessary.

Faculty-Staff:

- ❖ Faculty and staff will be provided training on all health and safety protocols. This will be provided as needed throughout the school year.
- ❖ All staff are to follow state and local Covid related guidelines with regard to their personal health (symptom decision tree), social distancing within the classroom, and any additional L&I regulations to promote the health and safety of our CCS community.
- ❖ Staff are to communicate any accommodation requests to the principal and/or board as soon as they become aware of a need.

Students:

- ❖ It is the primary responsibility of the families to monitor student health and report any issues. Families are to keep any students that are sick home.
- ❖ Faculty and staff will also monitor student health throughout the day and any student that appears ill be sent home.
- ❖ Students will be trained on healthy hygiene practices that include hand washing, social distancing, etc. This will be ongoing throughout the school year.

General

- ❖ Return to School/Work
A student or staff member who had signs of suspected or confirmed Covid-19 can return to school when able based on the guidelines set forth on the [STUDENT SYMPTOM DECISION TREE and COVID 19 EXPOSURE CONTROL PLAN FOR SCHOOLS](#) sent out by Lewis County Public Health and Social Services.

Communication

Centralia Christian School is committed to communicating with families, students, faculty and staff on a regular, ongoing basis. The school will also communicate with local health authorities whenever necessary.

- ❖ Updates to protocols and procedures will be communicated with families as they become available.

Conclusion

After prayerful consideration and thoughtful research, CCS will abide by the overseeing policies and procedures set forth in this document. However, we will not lose sight of our vision which is training our future leaders to use their hearts, heads and hands for Christ. Together, we stand united as a Christian educational community. We are Centralia Christian School and will always be Lions.

School Mission

Pursuing Christ in character, academics, and service

School Vision

Training our future leaders to use their hearts, heads, and hands for Christ

Resources

American Academy of Pediatrics- Washington Chapter - Seattle, Washington

Association of Christian Schools International - Colorado Springs, Colorado

Center for Disease Control - 1-800-232-4636 <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>

Lewis County Public Health and Social Services - 360-740-1223;
<https://lewiscountywa.gov/departments/public-health>

Reopening Washington Schools 2020 District Planning Guide - released by Washington Office of the Superintendent of Public Schools - June 12, 2020

Washington State Department of Health - 1-800-525-0127
<https://www.doh.wa.gov/Emergencies/Coronavirus>