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REOPENING PLAN

FCS | GRADES K-12

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REOPENING FAITH CHRISTIAN

Mission focused

INTRODUCTION

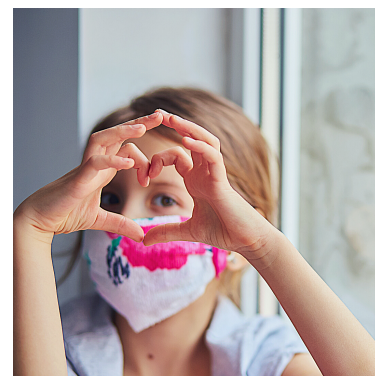
We eagerly await Faith Christian's reopening and look forward to once again seeing our Lions roam our campuses! Although we will begin the year with distance learning, we have been working incredibly hard to prepare for the return of our students and we are pleased to provide this document outlining the changes we have made to ensure that our campus is safe and that we can continue to deliver on our mission.

As we step forward into a new school year in an ever-changing world, and as new research and information becomes available, our team will continue to meet and access our procedures, data, and protocols throughout the school year to safeguard our community.

Thank you in advance for your grace, flexibility, and patience as you and your family partner with us on this journey. We believe this season affords us with a unique opportunity to model for our students what it means to be resilient, wise, prayerful and courageous even in the midst of uncertainty. This is not something we can do in our own strength but only through the power of the Spirit of God working within us (2 Timothy 1:7).

GUIDELINES

1. Protect the health and safety of students and employees
2. Maximize student learning opportunities and minimize health risk
3. Create a plan that is individualized to our specific needs, campuses and students
4. Develop clear protocols and practices after consideration of all local and state government agency guidelines, as well as, guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and local health agencies
5. Create physical distance by effectively utilizing classroom space
6. Provide students with school routines for learning
7. Set clear expectations for everyone



For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.

2 Timothy 1:7

RATIONALE FOR REOPENING

Meeting our families' needs

CONSULTING OUR SCHOOL PARTNERS

The CDC has noted, "What has been highlighted during this pandemic is the importance of paying attention to the social-emotional well-being of our students, families and staff." Faith Christian has had definite direction from our constituency in favor of on-campus, in-person learning.

On August 5, 2020 a parent survey was conducted to see the support level of in-person learning and the results were an overwhelming 92% of parents who would prefer their students to be in class. Comments from parents included the following:

"I feel in-person learning is essential and critical for my child's learning and development!"

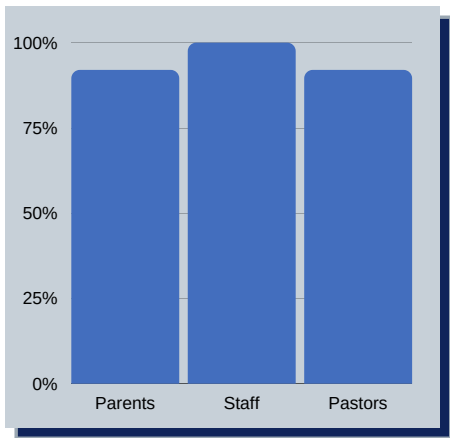
"I fully support the children going back to on campus in classroom school full time... The school size is so small and the staff diligent with precautions that we are not worried and feel that it is prudent for the children to return to a normal lifestyle."

Concurrently, a staff survey was conducted along with the administrators speaking directly to most staff. The staff are 100% in agreement that they want our school to re-open to in-person learning. (Note: our staff does not have a labor organization.) Staff comments include:

"I support in person classes as they are vital for the mental and emotional development of students."

"Educators know proximity is a necessary tool for student engagement and focus which lead to increased learning."

"Forming relationships with students and being able to give immediate feedback on their work is essential to effective learning."



Percentage of respondents in favor of in-person learning

A third survey was conducted in the community with multiple pastors who provide family support to our constituents. These church leaders also firmly supported our desire to provide in-person learning for our students with a 92% approval rate.

SERVING ALL FAMILIES

FCS Online/Absent Students:

Our faculty and staff is committed to the education and inclusion of our students who will require distance learning due to individualized needs and/or COVID exposure or illness.

Teachers will be utilizing Class Dojo, Zoom, Microsoft Teams or other appropriate distance learning software for student assignments (or packets) to provide ongoing, synchronous instruction and academic support.

ON CAMPUS HEALTH CRITERIA

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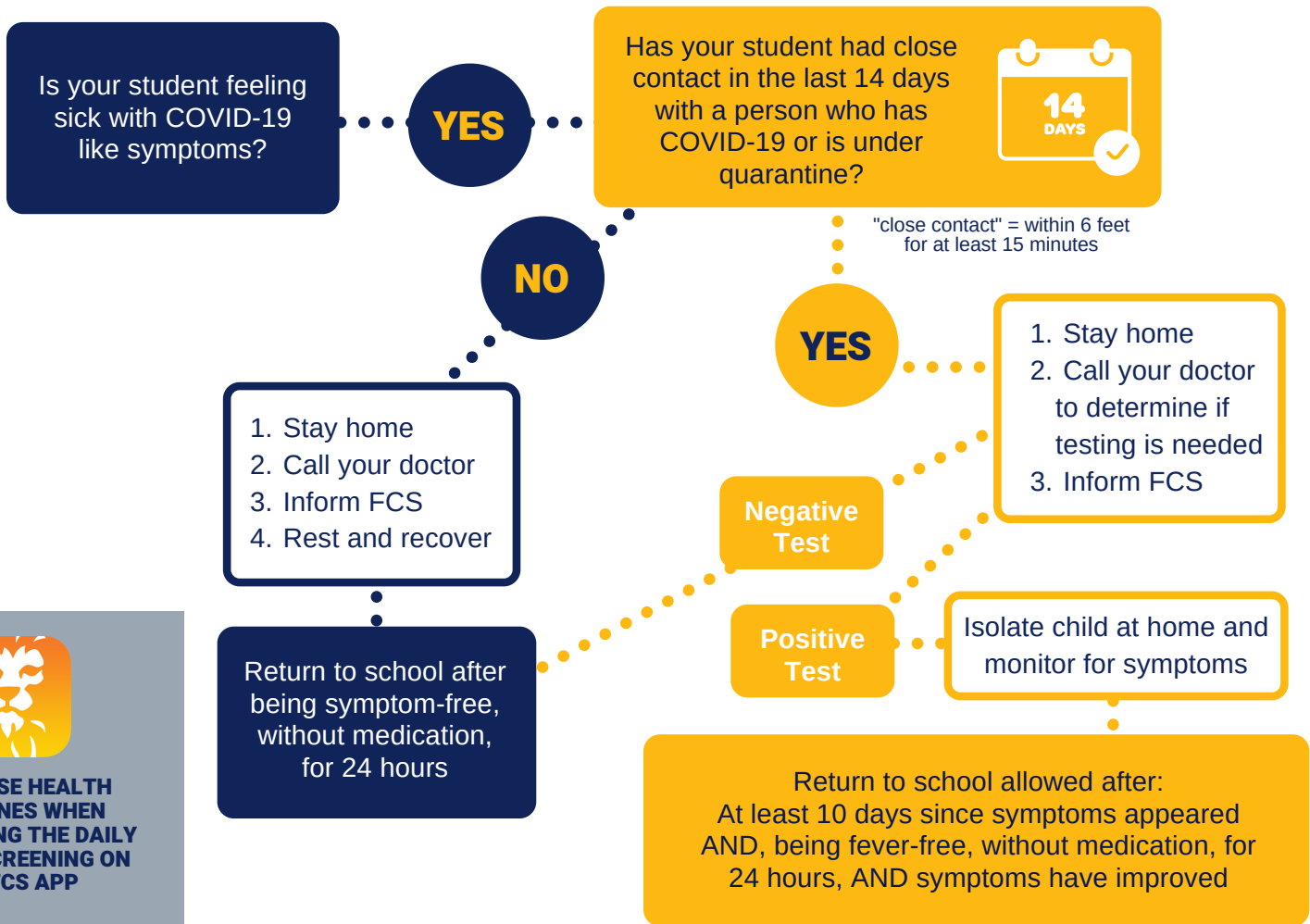
DECIDING WHEN TO STAY HOME

Keeping our campuses and our FCS family healthy will take a shared commitment from everyone. Please do not come to school if you are experiencing possible COVID-19 symptoms. Sick staff members, students and visitors should follow the chart to determine when they can safely be on campus. To help, we have outlined key protocols to help you determine when to stay home.

KNOW THE SYMPTOMS:



- Temperature of 100.4 or higher
- Sore throat
- Uncontrolled coughing that causes difficulty breathing (for students with allergic/asthmatic cough, a change in their cough from normal)
- Diarrhea, vomiting, or abdominal pain
- New onset of severe headache, especially with a fever
- New loss of taste or smell



USE THESE HEALTH GUIDELINES WHEN COMPLETING THE DAILY HEALTH SCREENING ON THE FCS APP



Academic penalties for non-attendance will be waived during this time.

SUPPORT A HEALTHY CAMPUS

We are in this together

Campus accommodations for physical distancing are only one aspect of supporting a healthy environment. Keeping the FCS family healthy is a collective effort. With everyone's understanding and cooperation, we have a much better chance of mitigating risk and maintaining a healthy environment for our students, staff, families and community.

Our families can help us prepare students by partnering with us on the following:

TEACHING HEALTHY HYGIENE PRACTICES:



- Encourage frequent proper hand washing (scrub with soap for at least 20 seconds) or use sanitizer when unable to wash hands.
- Wash hands when: arriving and leaving home and school; after playing outside; after having close contact with others; after using shared surfaces; before and after using restrooms; after blowing nose, coughing and sneezing; and before and after eating.
- Practice coughing and sneezing into a tissue or into elbows and to avoid touching their face or face covering.

MAINTAIN PREVENTATIVE HEALTH PRACTICES:



- Add daily temperature checks to the morning routine. (A temp over 100.4 is a fever)
- Continue regular doctor visits and keep immunizations current
- Encourage lots of physical activity outdoors
- Wash your cloth face coverings frequently. Launder with detergent and hot water and dry on a hot cycle. If you must re-wear your cloth face covering before washing, wash your hands immediately after putting it back on and avoid touching your face.
- Discard cloth face coverings that no longer cover the nose and mouth, have stretched out or damaged ties or straps, cannot stay on the face, have holes or tears in the fabric

HELP KEEP CHILDREN EMOTIONALLY SAFE:



- Ask how they are feeling and give them space to share and ask questions.
- Maintain a routine at home to provide stability.
- Continue reassuring them that the adults in their lives are there to support them.
- Reach out for help. We are here to support you!

ENCOURAGE OUR HEALTH PROTOCOLS:



- Visually show and practice keeping 6 feet apart when in public
- Set the tone with a positive approach to the necessary safety requirements

HEALTH AND WELLNESS

Campus Commitment

We know that things may look a little different when we return, and we ask for your understanding and patience as we continue to provide the best educational environment possible for our students and employees. FCS is committed to providing a safe environment by making the changes listed below. Each family and staff have received a copy of the Reopening Plan and must sign the Parent Commitment Form indicating that they have read this Reopening Plan and agree to the guidelines and expectations listed.

DAILY HEALTH SCREENINGS AND TEMPERATURE CHECKS

FCS parent/guardian partners will be responsible for completing a health screening for each of their students before bringing them to campus each day. The screening verification will be done on our FCS App with the myTempTracker tool. (See the On Campus Health Criteria on page 4.) Staff will also be expected to complete a daily health screening in the same manner.

In addition to completing a health check before coming on campus, staff and students will be monitored throughout the day for signs of illness.

Daily screening for all staff and students will include the following:

1. Have you had a temperature above 100.4F in the last 24 hours?
2. Have you had any of the following symptoms in the last 24 hours: new or prolonged cough, shortness of breath or chest tightness, sore throat, body aches, new loss of taste or smell, diarrhea or vomiting?
3. Have you had any close contact in the last 14 days with someone with a diagnosis of COVID-19?

PHYSICAL DISTANCING

Physical distancing is essential to successfully reopen our school. In keeping with "close contact" tracing guidelines, it is imperative that no persons spend more than 15 minutes within six feet of students and each other at all times. There should be no physical contact such as hugs, handshakes, etc. between persons.

During the school day, students will be placed in cohort groups by grade level and, in as much as is reasonable, students will stay in consistent and predictable cohort groups to minimize transitions and contact.

FCS campuses have:

- Posted signs limiting capacity in small rooms
- Marked 6-ft. physical distancing where students are required to wait in line
- Altered classroom layouts to emphasize maximum space/barriers between students
- Limited number of students in restrooms and indicated where to wait for a turn

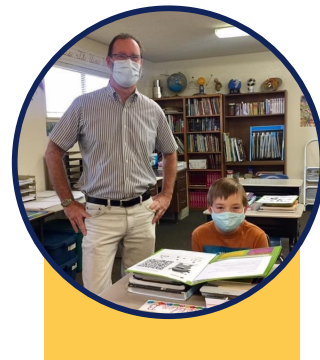


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FACE COVERINGS AND PROTECTIVE GEAR

- Face coverings are required for students 3rd grade and above when arriving at school and inside the building. Extra face coverings, supplied by FCS, are available should students forget to bring their own.
- Face coverings will not be required when eating, drinking or exercising.
- Students who are not able to wear a face covering must have an exemption on file in the school office from a medical professional.
- A student, staff member or visitor who is not exempt and refuses to wear a face covering will be sent home or asked to leave the premises.
- Face coverings are required for all faculty and staff when inside the building except when working alone in their own classroom. Per CDPH guidelines, teachers may use face shields which enable students to see their faces and to avoid potential barriers to phonological instruction.



HEALTHY CLASSROOMS AND CAMPUS

Keeping the FCS campus clean and sanitized is the responsibility of ALL faculty and staff. Every staff member is asked to take ownership of this vital responsibility. This will mean implementing extra steps throughout the day to ensure enhanced cleaning and sanitation of every area of the campus.

- All classrooms and "high touch" playground surfaces will be properly cleaned and disinfected throughout the day with all staff taking special care to ensure safety.
- Outdoor classes will be an option at times while maintaining physical distance.
- Hand sanitizer will be available in each classroom and throughout the campus.
- Hand washing stations are available throughout the campus.
- Desks and furniture will be arranged and floors marked to ensure physical distancing as much as is practicable.
- Healthy hygiene practices (see page 5) will be reinforced to prevent transmission.

CLEANING AND SANITIZING

On each campus, custodial staff has the appropriate equipment to provide enhanced daily disinfecting of facilities including:

- Gloves, eye and respiratory protection and other protective equipment as required by product instructions
- Cleaning products from the EPA approved "N" list for use against COVID-19, when possible choosing products with asthma-safer ingredients such as hydrogen peroxide, citric acid or lactic acid

Custodial staff will wait 24 hours (or as long as feasible) to clean and disinfect any area used for isolation of a student or staff member who has exhibited possible COVID-19 symptoms.

DAYCARE

We will continue to offer before and after school daycare. Morning daycare will be in the daycare room, which will be regularly sanitized. Afternoon daycare will start on the primary playground and the outdoor basketball court and then move to the chapel and the daycare rooms during inclement weather or when ratios permit. To minimize exposure, parents will be asked to text the appropriate number when they arrive for pickup and students will be sent to meet them at the check out station by the flagpole.

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FCS COVID-19 RESPONSE PLAN

WHAT HAPPENS IF MY CHILD FEELS SICK AT SCHOOL?

Each campus will be equipped with an isolated waiting area where students will be evaluated. If a student needs to leave campus, a parent or guardian will be notified, and the child will wait in the designated area. There will be staff to support and care for the student until a parent or guardian arrives. If a student is experiencing COVID-19 related symptoms, they will not be allowed to return to class; they will remain safely in the designated waiting area and will need to be picked up promptly.

The same procedure will take place if a student or staff come into close contact with a confirmed COVID-19 case.

See the On Campus Health Criteria (on pg. 4) for guidelines on when it is safe to return to school.

COVID-19 EXPOSURE ON CAMPUS

In the event that a positive coronavirus case is diagnosed in the FCS community, we will implement the following strategies consistent with CDC recommendations:

- Notify the local public health department and school community.
- Symptomatic students or staff are strongly recommended to undergo COVID-19 testing which is available through their own health care provider or <https://www.suttercounty.org/assets/pdf/coronavirus/COVID-19%20Testing%20LHI.pdf> (Copy and paste or type link into your web browser to view)
- The infected person will be excluded from school for 10 days from symptoms onset or test date. The health department will work directly with this individual for contact tracing.
- Anyone who came in close contact with the infected person will be identified and instructed to quarantine at home and watch for symptoms over a 14 day period. It is recommended that these individuals are tested.
- The areas used by the infected person will be closed off, cleaned, and disinfected and the school will remain open.

In the event that a student needs to self-isolate for 14 days, students will seamlessly transition to online distance learning and continue to be engaged in the same content until they can return to on-campus learning.

Students or staff who travel outside the United States may be required to quarantine when they return. The length of quarantine is dependent upon what country they are returning from.

TRIGGERS FOR SWITCHING TO DISTANCE LEARNING

It is Faith Christian's hope that, once in-person school has started, there will not be a need to return to distance learning; however, if multiple cohorts have confirmed cases of COVID-19 or 5% of the students and staff test positive within a 14-day period, after consulting with the Bi-County Health Officer, Faith Christian may revert to distance learning for 14 days.

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VISITOR POLICY

As FCS seeks to minimize the number of people on campus, or in any designated area at one time, unnecessary visits are not allowed at this time. Parents are asked to avoid unnecessary “drop-offs” or general visits during the school day. If any parent group wants to meet on campus, it must be scheduled ahead of time through the campus office, so we can have spaces properly scheduled, cleaned and sanitized.

All guests are asked to wear face coverings and adhere to physical distancing, when feasible, inside campus buildings; face coverings are not required when physical distancing can be maintained at outdoor campus locations. In all situations, physical distancing will be expected and encouraged.



As usual, guests should only enter through the main/front entrance and state the reason for their visit at the main office. At that time, they will be asked to complete a brief questionnaire following the health screening questions on page 6.

TRACING AND TESTING

- Key personnel have been trained in **identification and tracing** of contacts by the Yuba-Sutter Public Health Director, Dr. Rice. These school personnel will keep thorough attendance records for both students and staff to be able to assist the health director in identifying and tracing contacts should the need arise.
- Testing of staff will be implemented as directed by the Local Enforcement Agency (LEA).
- Testing of students will be encouraged as directed by the LEA.

COMMUNICATION PLANS & CONFIDENTIALITY

FCS faculty and staff will maintain the utmost confidentiality upon learning of the positive COVID-19 diagnosis of any faculty, staff, student or family member of any faculty, staff, or student in accordance with HIPAA regulations. No information should be shared regarding any individual's health condition at any time.

If a staff member suspects a student is experiencing COVID-19 symptoms (as defined by CDHP), they should discreetly allow the student to report to the school office.

*It is imperative to adhere to this confidentiality at all times, while on and off campus.

LEARNING SPACES

Site Specific Plans

ENTRANCE | EGRESS | MOVEMENT

ELEMENTARY CAMPUS GRADES K-6

SECONDARY CAMPUS GRADES 7-12

BEFORE SCHOOL

Health Screenings will be done by EVERY family and staff member each day on the FCS App before entering the campus. (See page 6 for more information.)

All staff and students (3rd-6th grade) are to wear a face covering when arriving at school. Students in K-2nd grades are encouraged to wear a face covering when arriving as well.

All staff and students are to wear face coverings when arriving at school.

Students are not to enter classrooms before 8:15 AM. K-6th grade students are to report directly to their classroom between 8:15-8:30 AM.

Students are not to enter classrooms before 7:55 AM.

Faculty are to be in their room before 8:15 AM to help monitor students as they arrive and ensure all students are healthy, wearing face coverings (3rd-6th) and physically distanced.

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SCHOOL DAY SCHEDULE

The elementary schedule will be structured by grade and location. Each class cohort will have a specific route to and from recess to avoid contact with other cohorts.

The secondary class schedule will be done on a Block Schedule to reduce the number of passing periods, minimizing student interaction throughout the school day.

- There will be assigned seating within classrooms for students. Teachers will instruct students to keep their belongings in their individual desks and not to share personal items with other students.
- Textbooks are to be kept in individual student desks or backpacks and are only to be used by the student to whom the textbook is assigned.
- Items that are difficult to clean or disinfect may be removed from the classroom.
- Hand washing should occur at key times, including, but not limited to: arrival and dismissal; before, during, and after preparing or eating food; after using the bathroom; after blowing one's nose, coughing, or sneezing; after touching objects with bare hands that have been handled by other people.
- Cameras are available to teachers to record/livestream classes.
- Grading will continue to be posted through RenWeb.

Playgrounds/Recess (no face covering required)
Recess will be broken down by grade cohorts. Two cohorts may have recess at the same time at different locations on campus (only one on the playground). The high touch and hard surfaces on the playground will be cleaned regularly.

Break Time
There is a mid-morning snack time built into the class schedule.

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Computers

Students will have their own laptops or tablets to use during classroom instruction and in Computer class. Sharing between students is not allowed.

PE Class

All equipment will be sanitized prior to each class period. Students are to bring their own water bottle. Face coverings will not be worn outside, while engaging in activities.

Chapel

When elementary chapel resumes, they will take place with cohort groups. Faculty and staff will help facilitate Chapel during these early weeks.

Chapel

When secondary chapel resumes, students will either attend chapels virtually from their classrooms or attend in the Gym with appropriate physical distancing and masks.

Lunch

Microwaves will not be available for student use. Teachers and students are to wash their hands or use hand sanitizer before and after eating. Students are not to share food or drink. Desks/tables are to be sanitized before and after lunch.

Elementary students will eat lunch with their cohort in the classroom or can be scheduled to use the outside patio area weather permitting. Lunches and snacks can be pre-ordered and will be delivered to the classroom.

Secondary students will eat lunch with those in their own grade level in designated areas outside the Gym.

Events and Field Trips

We will continue to monitor all Health and Safety guidelines as we determine the feasibility of holding any calendar events and will communicate details or cancellations as we near each event. Field trips and class trips will be determined on a case by case basis upon review of the current health guidelines at the time. No Field Trips will be permitted in the first month.

AFTER SCHOOL

There will be routines at the end of the school day for cleaning and disinfecting high-touch surfaces and shared equipment. Sports will be cancelled while our county is on the watch list.

Students are expected to leave campus at dismissal (2:45) unless they need to utilize daycare.

Students are expected to leave campus at dismissal (3:00) unless they are in an extra-curricular activity that meets after school.