

BACK†**CREEK**
CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

COVID-19 SCHOOL
PROTOCOL
2021

TOUCHING HEARTS, ENGAGING
MINDS



2021

As our world continues to navigate the COVID-19 pandemic, BCCA remains committed to providing in-person learning for our school community to the extent possible.

One of our Core Values is inquiry and practice that cultivate habits of informed thinking. Evidence and knowledge are not opposed to faith, but part of faith, as God has created us with the capacity for reason and understanding. With our faith firmly rooted in God's sovereignty, we remain committed to working cooperatively with the Mecklenburg County Health Department and following the guidance of appropriate health authorities.

MASKS



- We will begin the year with masks highly recommended, but optional except in multi-grade cohorts.
- **Administration will implement a mask requirement if necessary, either due to active case and exposure numbers or the mandate of health authorities.**
- All students are required to have a mask available at school.

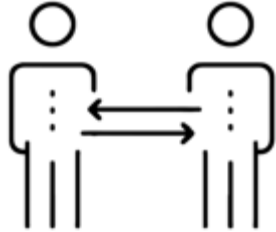


HEALTH CHECK



- Parents should monitor their students for symptoms daily before arriving at school. If your student exhibits any symptoms, stay home, notify the school, and consult with your healthcare provider.
- A student exhibiting any potential symptom of COVID-19 will be removed from the classroom immediately and sent home.

THE SCHOOL DAY



- Classrooms are arranged to accommodate appropriate distancing where possible.
- Plexiglas dividers are available for workspaces with closer proximity.

- Students are encouraged to wear masks when working in small groups and required to wear masks when in multi-grade cohorts.
- Signs and other markings around campus will be placed to encourage physical distancing.
- Frequent hand sanitizing and washing will be directed throughout the day and upon entering classrooms.
- **Masking requirements may change as necessary.**

- Teachers will wear masks or appropriate face coverings when working with children one-on-one or in small groups (or at all times if necessary).



- Multi-grade cohorts are established for chapel, lunch, and recess.
- Lunch, recess, and PE will continue outside when possible.

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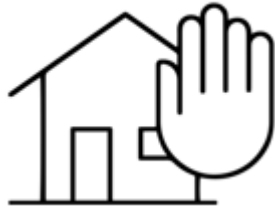
CAMPUS VISITORS

All visitors, including parents, are to call the main office from their vehicles upon arrival and receive instruction from office personnel.

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- If permitted to enter campus, visitors will follow all safety guidelines.
- Visitors are not permitted to enter classrooms unless specifically arranged by administration.
- Parents who need to meet with teachers are strongly encouraged to do so by video conferencing.

COVID-19 Response



- Parent(s) of students, and any staff member(s), are required to notify school administration if they:
 - Exhibit signs or symptoms of COVID-19;
 - Have been exposed to someone who tested positive for COVID-19;
 - Have a pending SARS-CoV-2 test;
 - Live with someone with a pending SARS-CoV-2 test;The student or staff member must self-quarantine until cleared for return by his or her healthcare provider.
- In all cases of exposure, BCCA will follow the guidance of Mecklenburg County Health Department (MCHD). Relevant communication will be in accordance with MCHD recommendations.
- Anyone exhibiting signs or symptoms of COVID-19 while on campus will be moved to a dedicated space and the student's parents notified to immediately pick up the child. Symptomatic staff members will likewise be required to return home.
 - Such individuals may return to campus once cleared by his or her healthcare provider.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- If necessary, BCCA remains prepared to suspend on-campus learning and return to distance learning as directed by appropriate authorities.
- Drop-off and pick-up procedures will be assessed and modified if necessary to accommodate health and safety procedures.
- Masking requirements and other relevant policies will be modified as necessary.

