

**Chesterbrook Academy
Elementary School Health &
Safety Plan**
2021/2022 School Year



Mission

The health and safety of our students and families is always our highest priority. To mitigate the risks of COVID-19 while children are in our care, we have adopted additional health and safety measures based on CDC guidelines, state and local regulations,

While we had hoped to be in a different position in the 2021/2022 school year, we are moving forward, planning for an engaging and exciting school year. We are prepared to continue to provide a safe, healthy and engaging environment. The modifications that we have put into place will allow students to attend school in person, with minimal disruptions to their daily routines and procedures.

Outlined in our plan are the various measures that our students and families are already familiar with, to allow our students to safely return to school. We plan to implement layered strategies including masking indoors for students and staff, taking advantage of our facilities and outdoor learning area, a staggered drop off and pick up procedure, increased disinfection of high touch surfaces, frequent hand washing, and limiting the use of shared materials, among others. These measures will be modeled by our trained faculty and reinforced as any other school-wide procedure would be.

Given the evolving situation, we will continue to update these protocols as necessary. Please contact Mr. Rodia if you have any questions. We appreciate your support, flexibility and patience as we continue to adapt to the pandemic and how it impacts the community at CBA.

Goals

- Ensure the health and safety of our entire school community
- Provide engaging, rigorous in-person education for our students
- Utilize our outdoor learning space as much as possible for classroom instruction, specialty classes and more
- Build school community through school-wide events and traditions
- Regularly communicate with our school community regarding our health and safety guidelines

Masking

- Masks will be required indoors for students, staff, teachers and visitors, regardless of vaccination status.
- Masks will be optional outdoors.
- At times, masks may be optional, based upon COVID-19 transmission rates locally.
- CBA faculty and staff will support outdoor masking for students at parents' request.
- Passengers must wear a mask on school buses, regardless of vaccination status.
- Masks will be provided to students who need them, if a mask is forgotten, for example.

Distancing

- Students will maintain at least 3 feet of physical distance, to the greatest extent possible, within indoor classrooms, to reduce transmission risk.
 - While eating and drinking, students will remain 3' apart to the greatest extent possible.
 - Drop off and Pick up will be staggered to limit the number of individuals entering and exiting the building at the same time.
 - Drop off and Pick up will be done via Car Line between the hours of 7:30am and 8:30am and between 3:30pm and 6:00pm.
 - Lunch will be held in classrooms and/or the gymnasium. The schedule will be staggered and adjusted as necessary, to allow distancing.
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Health Screening

- We ask that families do an at home [health screening](#) of students prior to arrival at school.
- If your student is exhibiting [symptoms of COVID-19](#), we ask that you do not send them to school. Please call the school to discuss isolation from & return to school.
- Students' temperatures will be taken as students enter their classrooms. Students with a temperature above 99.5 will be sent home.
- Staff will complete a health assessment prior to arriving at school each day.

Isolation from & Return to School

- If your student is exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19, we ask that you do not send them to school. Please call the school to discuss isolation from & return to school.
- If students develop symptoms during the school day, they will wait in an isolation room until pick up. We ask that you follow the [Instructions for Symptomatic Individuals](#) provided by the Chester County Health Department.
- If a student has been identified as a close contact, they will be asked to follow [Instructions for Individuals with Close Contact](#). Close contact is defined as students who were within 3 to 6 feet of an infected individual in the indoor classroom setting, without consistently and correctly wearing a mask.
- The Chester County Health Department has provided a [flow chart](#) to help determine how to respond to COVID-19 in schools. We will use this as a guide when making our decisions.

Cleaning

- Classrooms and outdoor learning spaces will be cleaned and sanitized frequently.
- Students will practice regular and frequent handwashing with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- When handwashing is not possible, students will use hand sanitizer.
- Shared materials will be limited and those that are shared will be cleaned and sanitized between use.

Visitors

- Visitors will be permitted on campus, by appointment only.
- Visitors must complete a health survey upon arrival and will be required to wear masks when they are indoors, regardless of vaccination status.
- Parent/Teacher conferences will be held in-person or via Zoom, per parent request.
- We plan to hold school-wide events. We will evaluate each event and determine the safest way to bring families back on campus.

Field Trips & Events

- Field trip locations will be selected based on type and location, selecting only those that align with our health and safety guidelines.
 - Passengers must wear a mask on school buses, regardless of vaccination status.
 - Students will sit 2 to a seat while on buses.
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Distance/Remote Learning

- If a student is required to remain home from school due to a COVID-19 related quarantine, distance/remote learning will be provided for the length of their quarantine.
- Distance learning will not be provided due to travel.
- In the instance where there is a mandated school closure, distance learning will be implemented.

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Can my child bring in a treat for their birthday?

A: Yes, we love celebrating students' birthdays. Treats do not need to be individual wrapped or store bought. Treats must be peanut free.

Q: What type of COVID-19 testing is acceptable?

A: Antigen and PCR tests are acceptable. For students who are symptomatic and receive a negative antigen test result, it is recommended that they follow up with a confirmatory PCR test. A copy of negative test results will be required for student files. At home test kits will not be accepted.

Q: My child has allergies. Will they need to be tested for COVID-19?

A: If your child is exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19, they will need to stay home from school. A negative COVID-19 test, and improvement in symptoms will be required in order to return to school. If symptoms persist, please contact Mr. Rodia or Mrs. Capotrio to discuss next steps.

Q: Does the school require teachers to be vaccinated?

A: No, CBA does not require teachers to be vaccinated.

Q: Will grades combine for lunch and recess?

A: Grade levels will have opportunities to interact during lunch and recess. For example, the two first grade classes may have recess together.

Q: Will students go on field trips this year?

A: Yes, trip locations will be determined by the nature of the trip and the COVID-19 guidelines at the time of the trip.

Q: Are chaperones permitted to attend field trips?

A: Aligning with our visitor policy, chaperones will not be permitted on field trips this fall. We will update this decision as needed.