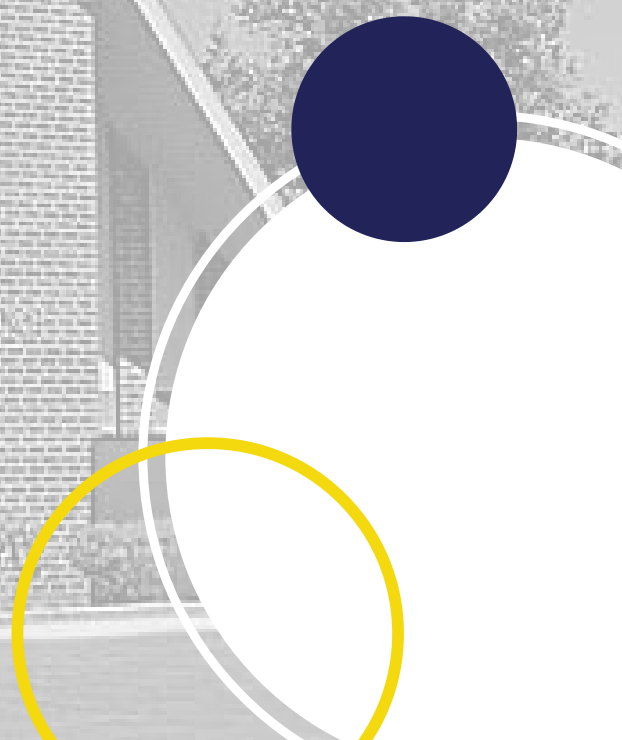




# **COVID-19 SAFETY PLAN FOR 2020 - 2021**

CHRIST LUTHERAN  
CHURCH & SCHOOL  
MERCER, OHIO



# **CHRIST LUTHERAN IS COMMITTED**

**TO THE SAFETY AND HEALTH OF  
YOUR CHILD, YOUR FAMILY, AND  
OUR STAFF.**

Multiple safety procedures and practices have been implemented for a successful school year with robust and exceptional educational experiences for your child(ren) in a safe environment. Protocols with proactive strategies and enhanced measures are practiced throughout campus.

*If we experience a mandate for distance learning, we assure you our focus remains consistent, lessons are delivered, accountable learning takes place, teachers are present and available throughout the school day (8am - 3pm), and we are returning to campus as soon as the mandate is lifted.*

# **EDUCATIONAL GOALS & EXPECTATIONS**

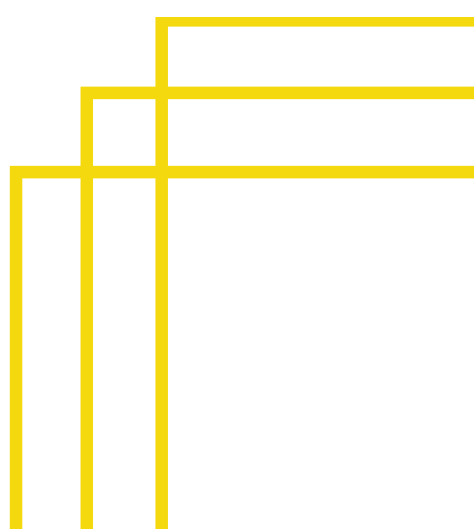



- **Christ Lutheran's values, educational philosophy, and school mission where faith, academics, and families come together are the core of the educational experience.**
- **Students are on campus for robust and exceptional educational programs, five full days a week.**
- **Current state and local guidelines are monitored and evaluated for the safety and health of our campus.**



# **SAFETY & HEALTH PROTOCOLS**

In accordance with CDPH Guidelines for schools, Christ Lutheran is committed to the safety of the community of students, family and staff. The following safety and health guidelines guide us through the school year but are subject to change as state, and county guidelines develop, and as legal advice determines what is best for our organization.





# CAMPUS SCREENING



- Students are to arrive within their 15-minute window as closely as possible to reduce congestion during health check and drop off.
- Each Monday, parents provide current data by submitting a healthy checklist for each student during temperature check.
- At arrival, students receive a non-contact temperature check inside the vehicle before getting out. Any student with a temperature over 100.4 is not be permitted on campus until the temperature is below this level for 24 hours without medication. Parents are encouraged to perform temperature checks at home prior to leaving for school.
- Students go directly to their classroom upon exiting the vehicle. Students are escorted, as necessary.
- Afternoon pick-up is conducted with students sitting in their assigned class and/or family group. Parents must wait in their vehicle for students to walk up. Parents are to wear a mask if they need to exit the vehicle to assist with loading or unloading. In the case of inclement weather, students are escorted to vehicles.

# DISTANCING INSIDE & OUTSIDE OF CLASSROOM

- Contact is minimized between students, staff, and families at beginning and end of the school day.
- Traffic is kept to the right when walking in halls or walkways in the direction of the arrows. Students follow directional signs in walkways.
- One door is designated for entry and one door for exit in each classroom.
- Designated spaces are created for students during circle or group time (ie: seating spots) spaced for social distancing to minimize face-to-face contact.
- Student desks and workstations are spaced apart appropriately for social distancing with flexible learning furniture and clear barrier shields.
- Non-classroom space is open for instruction along with outdoor space when weather permits.

# HEALTHY HYGIENE PRACTICES

- Staff model and teach hand-washing for students to wash hands before recess, after recess, and prior to any eating.
- Hand-washing stations are in classrooms and outside in the bathrooms.
- Hand sanitizer is provided when hand washing is not practical.
- Tissues are utilized for cough and/or sneezing with proper hygiene modeled. Hands are washed after sneezing and coughing.
- Students are encouraged to reduce frequent touch to the eyes, nose, and mouth.
- Staff and students wear face

# MAINTAINING HEALTHY ENVIRONMENTS


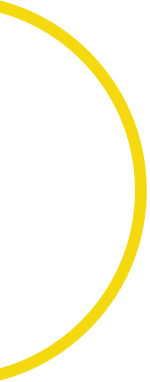


**Frequent sanitizing of high touch areas is implemented by staff throughout the day** (door handles, sink handles, light switches, bathroom surfaces, tables, desks, chairs, playground equipment, etc.).

**Disinfecting of classrooms and spaces utilized during the day occur after hours each night.**

**Sanitizing checklists are provided and monitored for each classroom, bathroom, lunch area, and space occupied throughout the day.** Additional checklists are used by evening cleaning crews for disinfecting.

**Cleaning supplies are applied and stored appropriately out of the reach of children.**





**Students and staff bring their own refillable water bottles since drinking fountains are not available.**

**Proper filters for air quality have been installed.** Doors and windows are open to increase proper ventilation when possible.

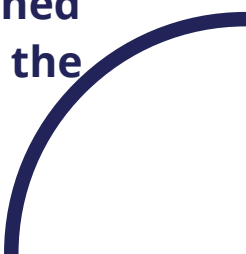
**Classrooms have individual HVAC units which eliminate cross-classroom airflow.**

**Student belongings are separated and stored in individual containers, cubbies, etc. and are sent home each day for cleaning.**

**Adequate supplies are available to avoid shared objects.**

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# **MAINTAINING HEALTHY OPERATIONS**

- **Students consistently stay in the same cohort with their teacher throughout the day, limiting cross interaction.**
  - **Flexible learning furniture, clear barrier shields, and social distancing promote healthy learning environments.**
  - **Rotation station teaching provide activities for smaller groups and self-directed learning.**
  - **Classroom practices are implemented to minimize contact for a variety of everyday tasks (turning in assignments, getting supplies, etc.).**
  - **Outdoor learning spaces have been designed for student instruction and located outside the Kindergarten through fourth grade classrooms.**
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- **Lunch is eaten outdoors at staggered times for social distancing.**
- **Students who bring lunch from home are required to clean lunch boxes/bags each night before return.**
- **Students do not share food or drinks.**
- **Christ Lutheran does not provide food for snacks, lunches, or any other activities.**
- **Volunteers are not present in campus activities.**

# MONITORING & PREPARING

- **Staff and students are instructed not to come to school and to notify school officials (e.g., the designated COVID-19 point of contact) if they or someone in their family becomes sick with COVID-19 symptoms or tests positive.** This includes being exposed to someone with COVID-19 or a suspected case (for example the parent of a student who is exposed at their workplace).
- **Staff and children with COVID-19 symptoms at school are immediately moved to a separate area to wait for pickup.**

Symptoms may include: Fever or chills, cough, muscle or body aches, new loss of taste or smell, congestion or runny nose, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, diarrhea, fatigue, headache, sore throat, nausea, or vomiting.

- **Individuals who are sick go home or to a healthcare facility depending on the severity of symptoms following CDC guidelines.** They are picked up from school by parent/guardian within 30 minutes.
- **Any person with a fever of 100.4 or higher is sent home.**
- **Areas used by any sick person are closed off and not used again before cleaning and disinfection.** If COVID-19 is suspected, cleaning and disinfecting are delayed by 24 hours to reduce risk of exposure. If it is not possible to wait 24 hours, the most practical delay is implemented. A safe and correct application of disinfectants with personal protective equipment



# FOR COVID-19 SYMPTOMS

- **Staff and students do not return until they have met CDC's criteria to discontinue home isolation.**
- **Anyone who has close contact with someone with COVID-19 stays home for 14 days after exposure based on the time it takes to develop illness.** If they are tested for COVID-19 and receive a negative result with recommendation, they can return to school.
- **Anyone who had symptoms of COVID-19 may return after meeting the following per CDC criteria: 1 day (24 hours) with no fever** (without the use of fever reducing medications (ie:Tylenol, Advil, etc) **and respiratory symptoms have improved** (e.g. cough, shortness of breath) **and 10 days have passed since symptoms first appeared.**

## INCLUDES

- **Anyone who has tested positive for COVID-19 but had no symptoms may discontinue isolation in accordance with CDC criteria and approval from Christ Lutheran's appropriate school official.**
- **Anyone who had symptoms that could be COVID-19 but is then diagnosed with a different illness (ie: flu, strep throat, etc) may return prior to the 14-day period with a doctor's release note.**



# TOTAL OR PARTIAL CLOSURE

- In consultation with the local public health department, the appropriate school official decides whether school closure is warranted, including the length of time necessary, based on the risk level within the specific community as determined by the local public health officer.
- The classroom or office where the patient was based closes temporarily as students or staff isolate given standard guidance for isolation at home for at least 14 days after close contact.
- Additional close contacts at school outside of a classroom also isolate at home.
- Communication plans for school closure are implemented via email and app notification to include outreach to students, parents, teachers, staff while maintaining confidentiality as required by law. Additional areas of the school visited by the COVID-19 positive individual are also closed temporarily for cleaning and disinfection.
- Staff is provided with information regarding labor laws, Disability Insurance, as applicable.
- Guidance is provided to parents, teachers and staff reminding them of the importance of community physical distancing measures while a school is closed, including discouraging students or staff from gathering elsewhere.
- Regular communications is maintained with the local public health department.
- Students who are affected by closure immediately enter the distance learning program.

# CONCLUSION

- The safety and health of the community of Christ Lutheran is paramount as we provide the best educational experience possible in a restrictive environment while following CDC and CDPH Guidelines.
- Christ Lutheran is adapting to the changing requirements that COVID-19 presents. Regardless of what comes our way, our commitment remains the same. Academics, social emotional development, and faith are pillars in our education in all our learning models.



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