



LIGHT OF CHRIST ACADEMY 2021-2022 PLAN REGARDING COVID

Safety Procedures

A. Distancing - Student desks/tables in classrooms will be spaced three feet apart whenever possible.

B. Transitions - Transition procedures will be established by the school to limit traffic in hallways.

C. Face coverings – LCA will ensure that children in kindergarten through grade six consistently and properly wear a facial mask covering both mouth and nose while inside any enclosed building.

LCA shall ensure that all persons regardless of vaccination status, providing service to any child kindergarten through grade six, and all persons providing service to students identified as medically fragile regardless of age, properly and consistently wear a facial mask while inside any enclosed building.

This order shall not apply to the following Persons:

1. Persons in the act of eating or drinking.
2. Persons if not engaged in activities involving direct physical contact.
3. Persons under the age of 5 years
4. Students with developmental conditions of any age attend school.
5. Teachers who are working with children who are hard of hearing or students with developmental conditions who benefit from facial cues. These teachers or staff must be vaccinated or comply with masking directive.
6. Persons who have a medical reason confirmed in writing from a Medical Doctor (MD) or Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine (DO) currently licensed to practice medicine in the state of Michigan.

Our staff and students will respect each Person, practicing the virtues of kindness and charity.

D. Hygiene – Staff will continue to encourage handwashing and good hygiene. Hand sanitizer will be available when handwashing is not possible.

E. Cleaning – Cleaning is important to removing virus from surfaces. Student tables/desks will be cleaned twice a day using clean rags and a solution of Bleach to water within parts of 50 to 100 parts per million as recommended by the Michigan Licensing and Regulatory Agency, in addition a mid-day cleaning of high-touch surfaces.

F. Ventilation – Good ventilation is important in reducing the number of virus particles in the air. Windows and doors will remain open, when possible, to facilitate an exchange of fresh air.

Health Procedures

A. Preventative strategies – It is critical that students and staff who have symptoms of infectious illness stay home and seek guidance from their health care provider. A temperature check at drop-off to insure a normal temperature. Students developing symptoms of illness during the school day will be isolated and families will be called to pick their student up.

B. Vaccination - The COVID-19 vaccine is not listed on the School Required Vaccination List. Vaccinated individuals will not be required to quarantine after exposure and close contact to COVID-19 and will maximize in-person attendance and minimize disruptions in learning. The USCCB website offers guidance on COVID vaccinations.

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Quarantine and Isolation due to COVID 19 exposure or illness

Students and staff are strongly encouraged to stay home if sick and symptomatic for any illness. This is one of the single most important strategies for the prevention of illness, not just COVID-19. Students and Staff who are symptomatic and have tested positive for COVID-19 must isolate for at least 10 days from the date symptoms began. It is important that you keep isolating until you meet all the criteria below:

*at least 10 days since your symptoms began

*at least 24 hours since your fever went away without the use of fever-reducing medications (Tylenol or Ibuprofen)

* other COVID related symptoms have improved

Students and staff will be required to quarantine if they have been in close contact (within 6 feet of someone for a total of 15 minutes or more) with someone who has COVID-19, unless they have been fully vaccinated. People who are fully vaccinated do NOT need to quarantine after contact with someone who had COVID-19 unless they have symptoms. While we regularly monitor the recommendations of the CDC and other national professional medical agencies, local public health authorities make the final decisions about how long quarantine should last, based on local conditions, and needs. The Kalamazoo Health Department, then, is the ultimate arbiter and is currently using 10 days after last contact. Their website has a quarantine and isolation calculator that will provide the most up-to-date local information.

<https://www.kalcounty.com/hcs/covid19calculator.php>

For reference, the CDC lists current options for unvaccinated individuals who have been in close contact with someone with COVID-19 include stopping quarantine (As of June 22, 2021) as After day 10 without testing, or After day 7 after receiving a negative test result (test must occur on day 5 or later), and the MDHHS still has a 14 day quarantine in effect. Please take note though, of the following possible scenario if the positive person in a household is not able to fully isolate from others in the home. A household contact who is not able to isolate completely from the COVID+ person will need to be in quarantine for 20 days.

See: <https://www.kalcounty.com/hcs/covid19calculator.php> Academics, Extra-Curriculars, and Ancillary services

A. Arrival/Dismissal procedures - Arrival and Dismissal procedures will be established by the school to limit traffic in hallways.

B. Classroom procedures – Classroom procedures will be established by the school, keeping the safety of students and staff as the priority.

C. Food service –Lunch will be eaten in the Social Hall, maintaining distance and good ventilation.

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