



NEW COVENANT CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

COVID-19 PLAN UPDATE PROTOCOL & FAMILY WAIVER

August 27, 2020

New Covenant Christian School will resume physical classroom instruction on Monday, August 31, 2020. Extensive preparation has occurred over the summer in response to the Pennsylvania Department of Education's guidance, the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidelines, and Governor Wolf's orders. **We are ready to partner with our families to keep our students, staff, and faculty safe and healthy during these continued unprecedented times.**

Face Coverings Provided by Families

Families should:

- Provide at least two labeled face coverings for each student
- Provide two labeled paper bags to safely store student's current face covering when not being worn and to store a spare face covering (to be kept at school)
- Properly wash your student's face coverings according to CDC guidelines

Home Screening Before School

Each family will be responsible to check their student(s) for COVID-19 symptoms before school **each day**.

If your student has **one** of the following symptoms, he/she may **not** come to school:

- Fever (100° or higher)
- New cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Vomiting
- New loss of taste or smell

If your student has **two** of the following symptoms, he/she may **not** come to school:

- Sore throat
- Headache, body or muscle aches
- Unexplained fatigue
- Diarrhea or gastrointestinal symptoms

Student Absence Due to Illness – Enhanced Protocol

Continue to follow standard protocol to let the NCCS Office know your student is staying home due to illness. Send an email to jevans@nccspa.org **AND** cburggraff@nccspa.org or call the School Office at 717.274.2423.

A brief **Health Room Survey** will be sent via email to the parent/guardian of an ill student. Please promptly complete this quick questionnaire to assist our Health Room. This reply will go directly to the Health Room personnel. Your partnership is imperative in keeping our school community as safe as possible. If necessary, the School Nurse will follow up with a phone call.

Physician Recommendations

If you have any questions or concerns about direct exposure to COVID-19, please contact your physician and follow the recommendations related to quarantining and/or testing.

Families are responsible to report all pertinent details to the School Nurse regarding the physician's findings, test results, treatment, and quarantine instructions.



Exhibiting COVID-19 Symptoms During School Hours

If, during school hours, a student, staff or faculty member becomes sick and is observed as exhibiting COVID-19 symptoms, the individual will be assessed by the School Nurse, and if necessary, held in an isolation room and monitored until the individual is able to leave. Any student, staff or faculty member exhibiting COVID-19 symptoms is required to leave the NCCS campus as soon as possible. Any additional household members that attend or work at NCCS will be screened by the School Nurse to determine whether he/she can remain at school.

Confirmed COVID-19 Exposure & Notification

For known COVID-19 cases, local health officials will notify the School Nurse. If NCCS becomes aware of any confirmed positive COVID-19 test results for any students, staff or faculty members, we will monitor the situation, on a case-by-case basis, and communicate with families, while maintaining confidentiality.

Return to School After Illness

Students returning from an absence due to illness must report to the School Nurse for a follow-up screening before going to Homeroom.

According to our normal health room policy, students who are absent three or more consecutive school days must provide a doctor's note and may return to school if he/she has been symptom free and fever free (under 100°) without the use of fever-reducing medication for 24 hours.

Students who have tested positive for COVID-19 must provide a doctor's note clearing the student to return to school.

Travel

Families should be mindful of travel locations to avoid COVID-19 hot spots to minimize the possibility of COVID-19 exposure during the school year.

This protocol, in part or in full, is subject to change as new information is received about COVID-19.

As a New Covenant Christian School parent/guardian/host parent, I acknowledge that I have read the 'NCCS COVID-19 Plan for Return to School' in its entirety as well as all updates to COVID-19 Plan Updates. I pledge that someone in our family will be responsible for conducting daily screening of my student(s) for COVID-19 symptoms to determine whether or not my student(s) should attend school each day. I agree to promptly report and respond to appropriate staff as it relates to my student(s)' health, specifically for presumed or confirmed COVID-19, and any testing, treatment, and quarantine instructions from a physician. I also take full responsibility, including indemnifying and holding New Covenant Christian School (NCCS) harmless for any liability in case of accident, injury or sickness (to include COVID-19) resulting from contact with the school and any of its programs.