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SCHOOL

2020-21 Faith Lutheran COVID-19 Policy and Procedures

Dear Faith Lutheran families,

Please see below for our COVID-19 policies and procedures for the 2020-21 school year. Please contact the board with any questions or concerns at SMB@faithmarietta.org

Peace in Christ,

Faith Lutheran School Ministry Board

<p>Are we starting school on August 5th?</p>	<p>Yes, the plan remains the same to open school on August 5th. There may be times during the year where the public sector has to implement various mitigation strategies, while Faith Lutheran may not have to follow these heightened mitigation levels because there are no cases that exist in our community. We will continue to follow guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the guidelines contained in the Georgia Departments of Education and Public Health Recovery Plan for Georgia Schools. For more information, please visit: https://www.georgiainsights.com/recovery.html</p>
<p>What health screening measures will be implemented before people enter the building?</p>	<p>All people entering our campus will have their temperature taken and a health screening will be conducted with the parent before entering the building. For Kindergarten through 8th grade, Pastor Carl and Principal Mike will be stationed at the car rider line outside the church. For ECE, students and parents will have their temperatures taken at the front doors before entering the building. If a student has a fever, they will return home until they are fever-free for 72 hours without</p>

	<p>the use of fever-reducing medication. We recommend the CDC criteria to discontinue home isolation.</p>
<p>When should my child stay home?</p>	<p>Your child should not come to school, and parents should notify school officials (Mike Wolber, <i>the designated COVID-19 point of contact</i>) if their child becomes sick with COVID-19 symptoms, tests positive for COVID-19, or has been exposed to someone with COVID-19 symptoms or a confirmed or suspected case. In addition, students should not return until they have met CDC's criteria to discontinue home isolation.</p>
<p>What conditions or requirements will be in place for students who simply become ill and need to remain at home?</p>	<p>We are asking that students be fever-free for 72 hours without the use of fever reducing medication before returning to school.</p>
<p>What procedures will be in place for students who become ill during the school day?</p>	<p>We will immediately separate students with COVID-19 symptoms (such as fever, cough, or shortness of breath) at school. As in previous years, we will notify the parent(s) that they will have to come to campus to pick up their child. We are going to have a new nurse's office for any incidents of illness where fever could be present and where students will need to be isolated according to the guidelines. https://www.georgiainsights.com/recovery.html</p>
<p>What will happen if a confirmed case of COVID-19 takes place at school?</p>	<p>First and foremost, we will follow the counsel and recommendations from the local health department. If the case is restricted to one classroom, we will close that classroom for a day for a deep cleaning to take place. If we meet or exceed the current infection rate for Cobb County the following mitigation strategies would apply:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3-5 day closure based on Faith Lutheran community spread • The closure could be lengthened by the principal if cases increase in our school community • Families are asked to stay in contact with and must report new cases to the principal. <p>In addition, if five staff members or fifteen students were to contract COVID-19, Faith Lutheran's mitigation policies would supersede the infection rate for the county. In</p>

	all instances, student and staff medical privacy laws will be adhered to by Faith Lutheran personnel.
Who will be permitted to enter the building during the day?	We will restrict access to the building to students, parents, staff and essential delivery services. Temperatures and a health screening will be conducted before a person is admitted to the building. Deliveries will be asked to come in through the administration door to limit exposure to the school children.
What is the face mask policy for adults entering the building?	All adults are required to wear face masks when they are in the building.
What is the face mask policy during the day for students and teachers?	The CDC recommends that all children over the age of two should wear face coverings in school except for those who the wearing of masks adversely affects their health (asthma). Students in grades Kindergarten through 8 th grade will be required to wear masks during day. Early Childhood students are encouraged to wear masks, but it is not mandatory.
Will the students have specials and how will this work as compared to previous years?	Yes, we will have specials classes. Student grade levels will not be grouped together this year.
Will the students have chapel each Wednesday?	Yes, we will have chapel each Wednesday while keep social distancing in place between each grade level group.
What sanitation policies and practices will be in place for: -Handwashing -Recess -Cafeteria -High traffic areas and surfaces	-Handwashing will be done multiple times throughout the day. Hand sanitizer dispensers will be place outside each classroom entrance for the students to use upon re-entering their classroom. -Recess will continue with increased time intervals in between each session to allow for spraying of all the playground equipment. Students will not wear facemasks during any physical activity during the day -We will not be having lunch in the cafeteria this year. Tasty Touch will be able to serve our students in their respective classrooms. -High traffic/high touch services will be cleaned at various times during the day.
Will there be Kids Club this year?	We will have both morning (7:00 start) and afternoon Kids Club. Parents using this service acknowledge that their child will

	<p>come into contact with students from other grade levels even though they will be in one area of the building. ECE kids and K-8 students each will have their own classrooms in the afternoons. More information will be forthcoming, but we are having Kids Club this year.</p>
<p>What is the maximum classroom size at the present time?</p>	<p>After inputting our classroom dimensions into the LCMS software, we can accommodate a maximum of 15 students while practicing social distancing measures.</p>
<p>Should a shelter in place be ordered again, what is the plan for distance learning?</p>	<p>We will continue with Google Classroom and Zoom meetings as our main distance learning packages. We are in the process of developing a schedule where teachers will have virtual instruction for 2-4 hours a day. Middle school grades would have a different schedule based on their specific needs. Early Childhood classes would have a different schedule as well. These matters are an ongoing discussion in order to meet the needs of all learners at various developmental levels.</p>
<p>What measures are being put in place to maintain distance between grade levels/groups?</p>	<p>Grade levels will not be able to have recess or specials with each other according to the guidelines. The guidelines emphasize keeping grade levels and groups separated from one another during the day.</p>
<p>Will students be able to use water fountains?</p>	<p>Students will not be able to drink from water fountains, but they will be able to utilize the portion of the water fountain specifically designed for the filling of water bottles.</p>
<p>What will classroom restroom procedures be?</p>	<p>Whole class restrooms visits will be scheduled by the teacher throughout the course of the day. Only two students will be allowed into each restroom at a time. Students will be allowed to use the restroom outside of the designated schedule if an emergency does arise. We want to avoid the intermingling of various grade levels according to the guidelines.</p>
<p>What will be the plan for weekly and monthly programs?</p>	<p>We will refrain from having large gatherings at the present time. We are planning on having School in Prayer, but while maintaining social distancing measures. Unfortunately, we can't have Chapel Buddies</p>

	or Faith Families to start the school year. The guidelines suggest that we should stay in our separate grade level groups during the day.
Will there be large scale events like School Kick-off and Fall Festival?	Events of this nature will not be planned at the present time. A schedule will be developed for the 3 rd and 4 th of August for each family to come in to meet their child's teacher. During these days, you will also be able to make tuition payments and access resources (Bibles, assignment books, key cards/fobs, uniform closet, etc.).
What is the plan for athletics?	We will not have Fall sports. The situation will be reevaluated for the Winter sports season.
What is the plan for during or after school programs like dance and soccer?	According to the guidelines, we will refrain from having outside visitors and the intermingling of various age levels.
Will visitors be allowed on campus for in-house field trips or presentations?	The same is true here, the guidelines stipulate that outside visitors should not be allowed on campus.
Will a blended or online learning module be offered in the fall?	No, not at the present time. All learning will be conducted on campus during the school day
How often will the classrooms and building be sanitized?	On a nightly basis, every classroom and common area will be cleaned and sanitized. This is a key component of our mitigation strategies.