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# **COVID-19 Student Return-to-Campus Plan**

Faith Lutheran School intends to open in the fall of 2020, with in-person classes on a normal schedule.

The first day of school will be September 9, 2020.

In order to do this, we need to carefully consider how to accommodate the health needs of our students, faculty, and staff—especially those who are at increased risk for the COVID-19 virus. This guide outlines necessary procedures to ensure our safe return to campus. It was developed in consultation with OSPI and local health care guidance. The full version of this guide can be found on the school website at FLSchool.org and will continue to be revised as information and understanding of COVID-19 evolves.

CDC-recommended infection control practices will be followed everywhere on campus.

These practices include:



### **Hand Sanitizing Stations**

Hand sanitizing stations (of at least 60% alcohol content) will be placed throughout campus. Every classroom will have at least one such station.

## Frequent Cleaning and Disinfecting

Classrooms, bathrooms, the lunch area, and all other areas students frequently use will be regularly cleaned and disinfected. High-touch surfaces such as door handles, will be disinfected several times throughout the school day.

#### **Handwashing**

Students will be encouraged to wash their hands frequently throughout the school day for at least 20 seconds, as recommended by the CDC. The most important of these times will be before lunch when a temperature screening will also be administered.

#### **Physical Distancing**

Students, faculty, and staff will maintain a physical distance of 6 feet as much as possible throughout the school day. "Eagle Wingspan" may become a phrase you hear a great deal this year! Stretching arms straight out to "soar like an eagle" will assist young students to understand and remember to maintain physical distance from others. Classroom furniture, lunchroom tables, and other public spaces will be arranged to accommodate physical distancing.



#### **Respiratory Etiquette**

All students and FLS staff will wear a facial covering (cloth mask OR clear, full-face shield) when in public spaces such as classrooms, the lunchroom, or the gym where minimum physical distancing is more difficult to manage. Students will be provided with a cloth, reusable mask on arrival to campus. Disposable face coverings/masks will be provided for visitors who need to be on campus; these are designed for one-time use and must be placed in the trash and replaced daily.

Please note: The CDC recommends wearing cloth face coverings in public settings, especially in areas of community transmission. A cloth face covering does not generally protect the wearer from viruses, but it decreases the spread of viruses from the wearer to other people.

The FLS office area will continue serving families virtually as well as in-person. Parents can utilize virtual services to minimize risk of exposure or may choose to set an appointment to connect with staff on campus. Visitors to campus will be held accountable for adhering to physical-distancing guidelines, wearing a face covering and modeling safe health practices.

#### **Screenings**

Students and staff will undergo a temperature screening upon their arrival to campus. Additional screenings will be conducted throughout the school day. Students or staff who exhibit symptoms of COVID-19 while on campus will be immediately isolated in their classroom area while arrangements are made for them to leave campus as soon as possible.

This plan is consistent with the recommendations detailed by: Reopening Washington Schools 2020: District Planning Guide as specified by the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI), Washington State Department of Labor & Industries Publication F414-169-000 (06-2020), COVID-19 Planning Considerations: Guidance for School Re-entry published by the American Academy of Pediatricians, and the general business guidelines established by the Washington State Department of Health (DOH).

Please note: It is absolutely imperative that individuals stay or be kept at home if they or anyone in their immediate family has symptoms of COVID-19. History indicates that people often go to work or school when they are ill or not feeling well. This <u>cannot</u> happen in the present situation. Such behavior will create dangerous situations for others at worst or inconvenient quarantine and subsequent remote learning situations. This policy must be agreed upon and adhered to by all members of the Faith community, if we are to fulfill our commitment to keeping everyone safe while remaining open for on campus learning.

# **Academic Plan**

- In-class learning will include the use of Google Classroom in all grade levels. This will allow teachers to train students to use this system while together.
- Teachers will deliver content (up to 10%) from each subject area "online" while in class. This will enable students to practice skills and receive assistance in person. (The goal is to be prepared for a pivot to remote learning should it be required.)
- Classes will remain as isolated as possible. (Departmentalization in the middle school will be suspended for this school year.)
- Due to physical dimensions, student capacity in some classes will be adjusted.
- Supply lists for each class can be found on the school website. Please note that there will be no "shared" supplies on these lists. It is important to purchase only the numeric quantities listed due to limited classroom storage space for each student.
- Special content areas (i.e., Art, Music, PE) will be taught to individual classes.
- Classrooms or areas (gym) where special content is taught will be cleaned and sanitized following each class.
- Enrollment will determine whether special content areas are taught by specialty teachers or led by the classroom teacher.

## **Technology Integration Plan**

- All classes will utilize Google Suite for Education for curriculum engagement.
- Chromebooks and/or tablets will be provided for students K-8 and available in classrooms for
  younger students. This will require some changes to the fee structure for various grade levels.
  Technology fees over subsequent school years will apply to the purchase of this device upon
  graduation from eighth grade or withdrawing from FLS.
- Wi-Fi connectivity is being upgraded over the summer to ensure optimum use by increased numbers of users.
- Sycamore School is a web-based student information system Faith will use for attendance, report cards, and communication. This system will allow Faith parents/guardians to see assignments, grades, and attendance in real time using their smartphone with the Sycamore app or a computer with internet access.

Please note: All staff and faculty email addresses are being changed to better integrate with the Google Suite system. FLS email addresses will use the FLSchool.org domain from this point forward. Please use this email domain when corresponding with Faith staff. (e.g., c.neumiller@faithcampus.org will become c.neumiller@flschool.org)