



Care, Caution & Courage
COASTAL COMMUNITY SCHOOL
20-21 Reopening Plan and Procedures





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Introduction



As we move into the school year with caution, consideration, and courage, we plan to continue carrying out our mission by equipping students to become servant leaders through the strengths of a Christ-centered community, family fellowship, and excellent academic instruction. Although the future is uncertain, we know that God is in control. The benefits of being a part of the Coastal Community include instruction from a biblical worldview, small classes, and less time on campus than traditional schools. We will continually be reviewing our procedures this year to best serve our community.

MISSION FOCUSED

Community is our middle name! The CCS decision to reopen has been based on the fact that a community is meant to be in fellowship and walking out our faith with one another. Sharing the faith is a unique attribute that defines our school beyond others.

According to the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), children learn best when they are in school but that returning to school in person needs careful steps in place to keep students and staff safe. Furthermore, the AAP indicates that, in addition to reading, writing and math, children learn social and emotional skills, get exercise and access to mental health support and other things that cannot be provided with online learning.

"I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world." John 16:33

A photograph of a classroom. In the foreground, a young girl with brown hair tied back, wearing a teal polo shirt with a school logo, is sitting at a desk and writing in a notebook. In the background, there are wooden lockers, a clock on the wall, and a string of colorful triangular bunting flags hanging from the ceiling. A large blue semi-transparent box is overlaid on the right side of the image, containing text.

SCHOOL RE-OPENING RESOURCES

For the latest information on COVID recommendations, visit the links below.

Centers for Disease Control
CDC Considerations for Schools Operating Schools during COVID-19:

<https://bit.ly/2D4kmFA>

American Academy of Pediatrics
AAP COVID-19 Planning Considerations and Guidance for school Re-entry:

<https://bit.ly/30NjugS> AND <https://bit.ly/2CFLk6J>

Florida Department of Education
FLDOE Coronavirus (COVID-19) recommendations to re-open schools:

<https://bit.ly/39s1g8y>

2020-2021 School Options

OPTION 1: On Campus

- 3 days on campus with teacher-led instruction in the classroom (Tues, Wed, Thurs)
- 2 days parent-led instruction at home (Mon, Fri) using lessons plans prepared by the your classroom teacher

OPTION 2: LIVE Online

- 3 days LIVE Online access to the classroom for core subjects (Math, Language Arts, Social Studies, Science) on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. Student will log on from home and watch the classroom instruction on a LIVE platform OR watch the recorded portions later. While not doing the instruction, parent supervision of work completion as a follow-up to teacher-led instruction will be required during these 3 days.
- Parent tracks enrichment hours (50 hrs/trimester = 150 hrs/year)
- 2 days parent-led instruction at home (Monday and Friday) using lessons plans prepared by the your teacher

OPTION 3: Homeschool Support

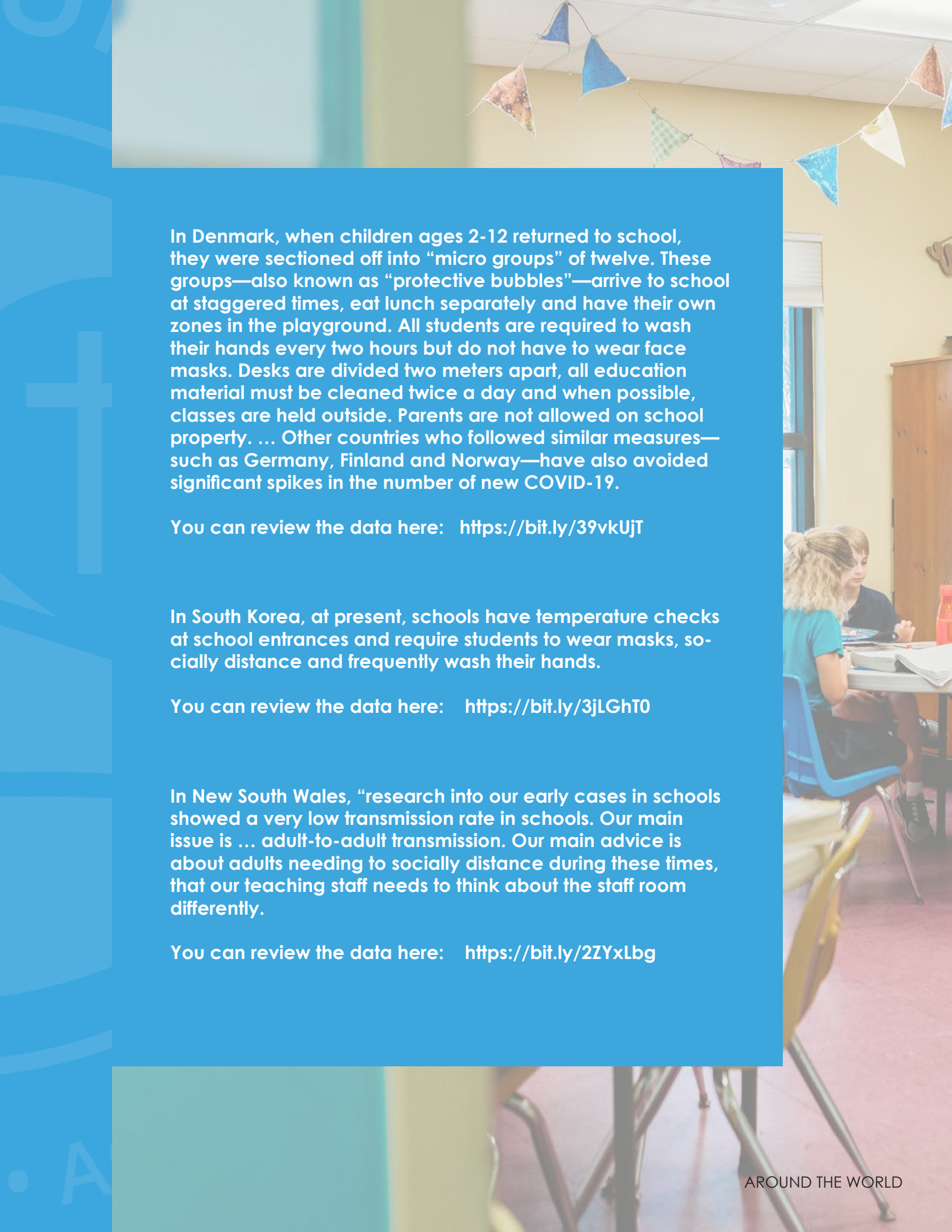
- Parent-led instruction at home (no instructional support provided by CCS)
- Curriculum list available (optional)
- FACTS access and lesson plans available (optional)
- MAP Growth Assessment (Fall and Spring) (required)
- End of year portfolio review by FL Certified Teacher (required)
- Grades submitted by parent (required)
- Grade report generated and provided by CCS
- In order to have access to our online system and access the benefit of standardized testing, these students must be registered as a Coastal Community School student (you will NOT need to register with Brevard County or other homeschool umbrella program)

WHAT WE'VE LEARNED FROM OTHERS RE-OPENING SCHOOLS AROUND THE WORLD

CCS Administration has dedicated a significant amount of time in training, learning, consulting, considering, and preparing. As a result, most of our plans and procedures are very similar to how other private schools are proceeding. Also, here are points to consider that give us confidence in our plan:

- Data from around the world clearly shows that children are far less likely to become seriously ill from the coronavirus than adults
- Some research suggests younger children are less likely to infect other people than teenagers are, which would make opening elementary schools less risky than high schools
- Experience abroad has shown that measures such as physical distancing and wearing masks in schools can make a difference
- Most evidence to date suggests that even if children under age 12 are infected at the same rates as the adults around them, they are less likely to spread it
- Norway and Denmark are good examples. Both reopened their schools in April, a month or so after they were closed, but they initially opened them only for younger children, keeping high schools shut until later. They strengthened sanitizing procedures, and have kept class size limited, children in small groups at recess and space between desks. Neither country has seen a significant increase in cases.
- Several countries limited class size, often allowing a maximum of 10 to 15 students in a classroom. Many place desks several feet apart. Several countries group children in pods or cohorts with social interaction largely restricted to those groups, especially at recess and lunchtime.
- Mask-wearing policies vary. In Asia, where the practice of wearing masks during flu season is common, many countries are requiring masks in school. Elsewhere, some countries required masks for only some students or staff, such as teachers in Belgium and high school students in France, according to the University of Washington report.
- Keeping schools closed for a prolonged stretch has worrisome implications for social and academic development, child development experts say.

You can review the data here: <https://bit.ly/39vkUjT>



In Denmark, when children ages 2-12 returned to school, they were sectioned off into “micro groups” of twelve. These groups—also known as “protective bubbles”—arrive to school at staggered times, eat lunch separately and have their own zones in the playground. All students are required to wash their hands every two hours but do not have to wear face masks. Desks are divided two meters apart, all education material must be cleaned twice a day and when possible, classes are held outside. Parents are not allowed on school property. ... Other countries who followed similar measures—such as Germany, Finland and Norway—have also avoided significant spikes in the number of new COVID-19.

You can review the data here: <https://bit.ly/39vkUjT>

In South Korea, at present, schools have temperature checks at school entrances and require students to wear masks, socially distance and frequently wash their hands.

You can review the data here: <https://bit.ly/3jLGhT0>

In New South Wales, “research into our early cases in schools showed a very low transmission rate in schools. Our main issue is ... adult-to-adult transmission. Our main advice is about adults needing to socially distance during these times, that our teaching staff needs to think about the staff room differently.

You can review the data here: <https://bit.ly/2ZYxLbg>

A photograph of a woman with dark hair, wearing a patterned shirt, smiling and talking to a group of children in a school hallway. The children are seen from behind, wearing light-colored shirts. The hallway has light-colored walls and a door in the background.

20-21 CCS HEALTH AND SAFETY PROCEDURES

Many thanks to volunteer parents and a local Doctor for providing input into the development of this plan, as well as for time and donations of PPE.

Coastal Community School in collaboration with the Florida Department of Education (FLDOE), local health officials, administrators, and staff have worked diligently to develop a school reopening plan that allows students to return to campus in a manner that reduces health-related risks while maintaining an environment in which we focus on the education of the whole child.

Our school will provide LIVE Online and On Campus learning with the necessary campus and classroom modifications needed to support students safe return. This plan may be updated regularly based on the guidance of local and state health officials. School administrators will share updated information on the school's FACTS website and distribute new information to parents as it becomes available. Students will begin the 2020-2021 academic year in August on campus with the expectation that specific health and safety procedures will be required.

For additional resources, please visit the Florida Department of Education Reopening Plan: <https://bit.ly/2CQLEPR>

For access to our internal health and safety plan, please visit: <https://bit.ly/2ZYySaW>

Daily Procedures

Temperature Screening

Students, teachers, and staff will be required to get temperature checks daily upon arrival. Anyone with a temperature of 100.4F or above will be sent home. A doctor's note will be required prior to going back to school if a communicable disease is diagnosed. Parents are asked to cooperate with the school. Anyone with a temperature or feeling ill should stay home to maintain a healthy school campus. Please do not return to school until temperature has been normal without medication for **72 hours** (per COVID policy).

Visitor & Volunteer Protocol

At this time, it is our recommendation that for the 2020-2021 school year, we forgo the use of in classroom school volunteers when possible. The school will provide alternative means for parents to serve our classroom communities. Visitors will not be permitted on the campus during the school day unless pre-approved by administration. This recommendation is made based on the need to limit the exposure of our students, faculty and staff.

Cleaning & Disinfecting

Enhanced cleaning protocols have been established to disinfect the buildings on campus daily. High touch surfaces will be regularly disinfected throughout the school day. Teachers and staff will be provided the necessary cleaning and disinfecting materials. Hand hygiene will be of utmost importance.

Strategic Social Distancing

Students, teachers and staff will not be required to wear masks. Classroom seating will be arranged to maximize strategic social distancing and to limit face-to-face contact. Classes will alternate use of the outdoor spaces to maintain reduced capacity and strategic distancing protocols.

The background of the page is a photograph of a beach scene. On the left, a large white tent is partially visible. In the foreground, several people are standing and sitting on the sand. A person in a blue shirt with a white logo is sitting on the sand, looking towards the right. Other people are standing around, some looking towards the tent. The sky is blue with some clouds.

Preparation

Communication and Training

CCS is committed to transparent communication.

Prior to starting school:

- Information, such as contained in this manual, will be communicated with all community members, staff and families
- The buildings used by staff and students will be thoroughly cleaned and sanitized
- Symptom checklists will be posted throughout campus
- Teachers will be trained in enhanced safety and cleaning measures
- Teachers will be trained in the use of new and extensive technology being utilized
- Parents will be trained in policies, procedures, and the use of technology being utilized

CCS plans to continually communicate with families via:

- Parent/Text alerts
- Emails for more detailed information
- Newsletter for less urgent communication

Training for staff and families will be ongoing, as needed.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

CCS students will start the 20-21 school year on August 25, 2020, unless mandated otherwise. The current calendar was adapted to accommodate this later start than initially anticipated. Students are still expected to finish the school year on May 28, 2021.

Procedures will continually be reviewed with “end of trimester” being decision point dates:

- End of 1st Trimester: November 17, 2020
- End of 2nd Trimester: February 26, 2021

We understand that adjustments may need to be made to the calendar as the year progresses in the case that school has to be suspended due to the coronavirus or any other cataclysmic event. Administration will communicate in a prompt and timely manner about any school delays, closures, or calendar changes.

WELCOMING STUDENTS BACK

The parent partnership piece of our community's foundational principles has never been so vital than in this season. Health and safety concerns should be brought to the attention of the COVID Care team.

It is imperative that parents, in partnership with the school, cooperate with administration and with one another with regard to student safety and health. It is primarily each parent's individual responsibility to monitor their child's health. Parents, in partnership with the school, must commit to keeping sick children at home and dealing forthrightly with the school. While the school is agreeing to provide a healthy, safe, and clean environment, parents must agree to keep their kids home if sick so that the school is able to maintain as sterile an environment as possible. **If your student has been sick, DO NOT send them to school.**

CCS will NOT enforce the use of masks or face shields. Staff and students can choose to wear a mask or face shield and this choice will be honored by administration and respected by all. We seek to provide a unifying, Christian environment. At this time, masks or face shields will not be required of any student at PE, recess, lunch, or snack.

Enhanced Technology

CCS has invested in additional technology in order to best prepare and equip teachers and students for On Campus and LIVE Online school options. The following equipment is being added to the school environment:

Equipment:

- Chromebooks (1:1 Loan option for LIVE Online students)
- Webcam in each classroom (Logitech C920 Webcam HD Pro)
- Smart TV in every classroom

Platforms:

- G Suite email assigned to each student
- Google Meet for LIVE Online streaming
- FACTS School Information System (SIS) and FACTS Learning Management System (LMS)

Morning Drop-Off Procedures

Students in Grades K-8 will be dropped off at the overhang on the SOUTH side of the JAM Land building (the area also used for afternoon pick up). Parents, DO NOT get out of the car. School staff will be there to greet your family, do the morning health screening, and direct your students to class. Older siblings will be responsible to escort younger siblings needing support to class. Additional staff will be on hand to escort younger students that don't have an older sibling, as needed.

VPK students will be dropped off at the FRONT of JAMLand.

Upon arrival EACH SCHOOL DAY, students will be greeted by CCS staff and will go through the following screening prior to entering the building:

1. Symptoms Screening

Have you had a fever of 100.4 Fahrenheit or greater and/or chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, muscle or body aches, headache, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, diarrhea in the last 14 days?

2. Temperature Screening

Taken by a staff member using a touchless forehead thermometer.

3. Travel Screening

Have you traveled internationally or been on a cruise or have you been in close contact with a suspected or confirmed case of COVID-19 in the last 14 days?

4. Disposition

Based on the answers to the above, the student will either be allowed to enter facility OR Referred for Positive Screen

Parents will NOT be able to enter the building unless they are serving on campus, have an appointment, or have pre-arranged permission with administration.

During the School Day

- NON ESSENTIAL VISITORS will be limited on campus until further review
- NO ALL STUDENT gatherings (parties, lunch, or chapel) until further review
- NO FIELD TRIPS will be taken until further review
- School supplies: EVERY child will have their own pencil box/case. There will be NO SHARING.
- High touch surfaces will be cleaned frequently throughout the day, particularly when students are out of the classroom.
- The FRONT/WEST stairwell will be UP foot traffic only and the BACK/EAST stairwell will be DOWN foot traffic only.
- Picnic tables will be assigned BY CLASS for use during each school day for breaks, lunch, and learning.

Lunch Procedures

- NO GENERAL MULTI-CLASS LUNCH GATHERINGS
- Teachers will determine the time to break for lunch in their schedule.
- Lunch time will be staggered between 11am - 1pm.
- Indoor and outdoor spaces will be made available.

Afternoon Pick-Up Procedures

Students in Grades K-8 will be picked up at the overhang on the SOUTH side of the JAM Land building. Parents, DO NOT get out of the car. Classes will stay together and students will be called as parents approach. School staff will be there to escort your child to the car. VPK will be picked up in the FRONT of JAMLand.

Clinic Procedures

A detailed log will be kept of every student coming through the school clinic or returning from an illness.

Student/Staff showing SYMPTOMS of COVID

In the event that staff or a student becomes SYMPTOMATIC during the school day, they will be immediately removed and put into a separated and supervised area until they are picked up or until they leave. During that time, all remaining students and staff will relocate together to another clean room. The contaminated room will be closed and go through a disinfection process that takes 2 days. We will then notify all families in the room that we have someone showing symptoms and the plan of care. The school is responsible to notify the Florida Department of Health (FLDOH) to assess the risk of spread and then they determine with us if we close just that room or the school. FLDOH: (866) 779-6121 or email COVID-19@flhealth.gov

If your child is showing any flu-like symptoms at home, please DO NOT send your child to school.

If your child has had a fever but no other symptoms related to COVID-19, you can return to campus only after Three (3) days with no fever (without the use of fever-reducing medication).

While the symptomatic staff or student is seeking medical attention to determine the return to school, all remaining students and staff who pass their daily health screening will be permitted to come onto the school campus.

Student/Staff who have been EXPOSED to COVID

If you have been in close contact with someone with COVID, you can return to campus only after 14 days OR after providing the school with evidence of a negative COVID test result.

Close contact is defined as follows:

- You were within six (6) feet of someone who has COVID-19 for at least 15 minutes with no other interventions. (e.g. face coverings).
- You live with someone who has COVID-19.
- You had direct physical contact with someone who has COVID-19 (touching, hugging, or kissing).
- You shared eating or drinking utensils with someone who has COVID-19.
- Someone who has COVID-19 sneezed or coughed on you.

Other staff and students will be notified of exposure and will have the choice to continue coming to school or to remain at home for LIVE Online learning.

Student/Staff TESTS POSITIVE for COVID

If you test positive for COVID, please notify the school immediately. You can return to school ONLY after 14 days have passed since the positive test AND, you provide a written clearance from a physician OR a negative COVID test result.

If a student or classroom teacher tests positive for COVID, the entire class will not be allowed to return to school for 14 days and instruction will be provided via LIVE Online.

In summary, the above guidelines are based on current CDC recommendations and are subject to change based on the school's continual review of CDC updates and guidelines.

Plans for Moving to an Online Learning Platform

The LIVE Online option was developed to accommodate students that are unable to return to the physical campus on August 25, 2020. It was also developed with all students in mind in the event that an individual family, class, or the whole student population is not able to return to school. The LIVE Online option also positions the students for success should we have to move to an online platform due to a mandated closure at any time during the 20-21 school year.

Q&A

When is the first day of school?

The first day of school will be August 25, 2020, and the plan is to have a regular schedule on-campus of 8:30 – 3:00 Tuesday & Thursday, and 8:30 - 2:00 Wednesday for all Grades, K-8.

What safety and health precautions are in place for the school year?

CCS takes the health, safety, and care of our students and staff seriously. We will be consulting the CDC guidelines and taking our own preventative measures to ensure the overall health and safety of our school community, beginning with but not limited to:

- Spaces thoroughly cleaned prior to students entering campus
- Temperature checks/health screening each morning for students and staff
- Masks NOT required for students or staff (but we honor those who wish to wear them)
- Increased hand washing routines throughout the day, such as upon entry and before exiting class (most classrooms have a sink in the room)
- Signs posted throughout campus reflecting protective measures and a COVID symptom list
- Hand sanitizer around the buildings to utilize between classes
- Effective but safe cleaning with products specific to killing viruses to be used daily
- A separate area designated for sick students until parents can pick them up
- Lunch will be eaten in classrooms or outside at designated picnic table areas
- Several picnic tables will be available for outdoor instruction time and/or lunch
- School will be shut down in the event that hot spots occur
- NO school-wide events will be held for at least the first several weeks of school (including but not limited to chapel, special performances/events, community meetings, fundraiser)
- Chapels will be smaller and outside as weather permits

How will CCS communicate to families during this dynamic time?

- Parent/Text alerts
- Emails for more detailed information
- Newsletter for less urgent communication

How are teachers being properly trained and coached to teach during this time?

CCS will spend time at orientation on school safety precautions and classroom strategies for this year. This includes but is not limited to:

- Daily cleaning routines
- What is the protocol if a student is sick
- Recognizing the symptoms
- FACTS LMS Training
- How to protect themselves
- Dynamic instruction to reflect our academic goals, whether in or out of the classroom

What if my student starts “LIVE Online” and wants to move to the classroom?

Yes! You can do this and tuition will be adjusted up to “on campus” status. Classroom seats will be available on a first come, first serve basis. A student can move from online to the classroom on a “by Trimester” basis.

What if my student starts “On Campus” and has to go online for short or long durations (due to student illness or family member COVID exposure, etc.)?

Yes! You can do this! Parents have the freedom of choice and convenience to move their students between the on campus and LIVE environment. You are paying to secure your seat in the classroom. Should you be required to be at home past a 14-day period, tuition will be adjusted.

What if a whole class or the whole school has to go home and learn online due to a virus outbreak or any other cataclysmic event?

If a whole class or the whole school has to transition to online instruction, tuition will be adjusted after being in the online setting past a 14-day period.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RISK AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY

CCS is taking precaution to keep students safe and healthy. We acknowledge that, while putting preventative measures in place, the spread of an infectious disease is still possible.

All parents with students participating on campus are required to sign the "20-21 School Participation Agreement, Acknowledgement of Risk, and Waiver of Liability."

SCHOOL CLOSURE TUITION ADJUSTMENT

In the event that an individual student, class, or whole school is mandated to close for more than 14 days, tuition rates will be adjusted by using a daily credit.

GRADE LEVEL	ANNUAL TUTION (On Campus)	ANNUAL TUTION (LIVE Online)	DAILY FEES <i>Based on a daily rate for online learning tuition; Applicable only if student(s) is off campus for more than 14 days</i>
VPK	N/A	N/A	N/A
K-5	\$4150	\$2800	\$25
6-8	\$4850	\$3200	\$29

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