

Family Education Sheet

*COVID-19 and Safety Guidelines at
Holden Christian Academy*



A safe return to in-person learning, for both students and staff, is a top priority of Holden Christian Academy. This sheet talks about safety measures we have put in place as of July 10, 2020 and will be updated as state guidelines change in response to Covid-19 data.

Why do we have these safety measures?

- COVID-19 spreads through tiny droplets of saliva or fluids from the mouth or nose. These droplets are released into the air when an infected person coughs or sneezes. If these droplets come in contact with the eyes, nose, or mouth of another person, an infection can develop.
- The spread usually happens when people are in close contact with each other.

What is HCA doing to protect my child during school hours?

- **Maintaining social distancing**
 - We will make more space in classrooms for students to be 3'-6' apart.
 - Foot traffic will be planned through hallways and on stairwells to minimize congestion.
- **Requiring face masks**
 - All staff and students Grade 2 and older will wear masks that cover their nose and mouth at all times, when social distance cannot be maintained (per state guidelines). Students in Kindergarten & Gr. 1 will be strongly encouraged to wear masks.
 - Students will have breaks from wearing their masks regularly throughout the day, when they are 6' apart, or outside.
- **Requiring wellness screenings**
 - We ask that all families self-monitor symptoms, and do not send your child to school if they are sick with Covid-19 symptoms.
 - If a student becomes ill with any Covid-19 symptoms while at school they will be sent home. This policy supersedes our Well Child Policy in our Student Handbook.
- **Following our sick employee policy**
 - Our staff must stay home from work when they are feeling sick.
 - Staff are required to self-monitor for symptoms and report any illness.
 - All staff must wear face masks while at work when social distance cannot be maintained (per state guidelines).
- **Increasing cleaning**
 - We will follow the CDC guidelines for frequent cleaning and disinfecting of common spaces and high touch surfaces.
 - Rooms will be disinfected daily after school hours.
 - Hand sanitizer will be made available throughout the building.
 - Students/staff will wash hands frequently, especially upon arrival to school and before meals.
- **Ensuring food safety**
 - Cooking in our FFL kitchen and all food prep in our classrooms are temporarily suspended.
 - Students will not be allowed to share food or use classroom microwaves.
- **Limiting the number of visitors**
 - Our visitor policy will have temporary limitations regarding all non-staff adults in the building to help minimize exposures to students and staff.
 - All packages will be received outside our building.
 - Students being dismissed early will be escorted to their car by a staff member.