

The New Testament Christian School
Suggested Health and Safety Guidelines for Re-opening School
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Our Goal: To bring back in person educational training on September 9, 2020 with guidelines and policies that keep the health and safety of teachers, parents and students as a priority.

1. As the June 25, 2020 Massachusetts Re-opening Guidelines state: *the evidence suggests schools have not played a significant role in COVID-19 transmission and that children, particularly younger children, are less likely than adults to be infected with COVID-19. Furthermore, if they become infected, it appears children may be less likely to transmit COVID-19 to others.*
2. Teachers and students (grades 2 and above) will wear face coverings / masks when entering the building until they are in their classrooms behind or seated at their desks. They can then remove their face masks during normal instruction times. Teacher and students will be expected to follow distancing guidelines whenever possible.
3. Class sizes will be limited based on the size of the room, and desks will be maintained at a distance of at least three feet apart.
4. Teachers and students (grades 2 and above) will put on face coverings / masks when exiting for recess until they are adequately distanced on the recess field. Care will be taken to make sure students are not playing games that cause them to be too close to others for extended times.
5. Good ventilation and air flow will be maintained in school rooms throughout the day, including the opening of windows when possible.
6. Desks and common areas will be sanitized before school, at noon after lunch, and after dismissal in the afternoon to insure cleanliness. Teachers and students will wash their hands or use hand sanitizer regularly when needed, as well as before eating.
7. Parents and guardians are expected to keep their children home from school if they are exhibiting symptoms related to Covid-19. Symptoms can include fever, runny nose, itchy eyes, cough, vomiting and diarrhea, or any other Covid-19-like symptoms. If teachers detect these symptoms in a student, they will send that child to the office. The parents will be notified and required to promptly pick-up their child.
8. Teachers are expected to stay out of school should they suspect they have symptoms of Covid-19, and precautions will be in place to monitor when it is safe to return to school.
9. If a student, teacher or administrator regularly interacting with students is confirmed with Covid-19, health safety protocols will be followed to curtail transmission.