



LITTLE ROCK CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

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RETURN TO SCHOOL FAQs



What is the reasoning behind asking parents to take their children's temperature?

The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) guidance recognizes that larger schools may need to elect this option. The time and equipment for mass readings coupled with the fact that temperatures can be medically masked, push us to depend on parents recognizing the critical nature of personal responsibility and honesty. This and other steps to keep Warriorville healthy can be found in the upcoming WARRIOR WELLNESS PARTNERSHIP ACKNOWLEDGMENT included in the annual Back-To-School online packet.

Is it true that, as a safety measure, things like volunteering, bringing supplies, and missing work will be restricted during ORANGE?

Yes. But, let's be clear. You may drop items off but not enter the building – what is called a contactless drop in designated bins. This is a hard one. It's a temporary measure but, one that our medical advisors say is a very significant way to prevent community spread and keep our school open. Imagine 500 moms or dads entering the elementary school to drop by at will. That is a lot of exposure risk. And, a risk we cannot afford to take.



How do we take our child off-campus for doctor/dental visits and safely return to class? If appointment is mid-morning should we stay home after appointment or return to campus?

- Inform the gate of the purpose of your campus visit.
- Inform the building of your presence and purpose.
- Collect child/children.
- If before noon, the student may return to class. If after lunch, please return the following day.

What is the earliest time we can arrive to campus in the morning?

Given the complexity of supervision this year, we will be ready for students 30 minutes before the start of the school day.

What do you mean by zones?

To mitigate risk of contagion spread, the junior high and elementary buildings have sectioned their building into zones to limit the cross traffic between certain grade levels. Middle school grades will be separate but the architecture of the building is not strictly zoned. The best example is in elementary. K3, K4, and K enter and exit the building using the southwest door. First and second grade enter and exit using the southeast door (Mrs. Chami's side). Third and fourth grade enter and exit using the doors at the back of the elementary building. Refer to the pending dismissal map for directions for drop-off and pick-up.

Are you talking to the other private school leaders in Little Rock?

Yes. The majority of the Little Rock private school heads have shared information and plans.

How does lunch work?

Your House leader will inform you of lunch locations and hot lunch options.

Is the bathroom hardware hands-free?

Yes. We invested \$26,000 to upgrade this hardware for the safety of our community.

Is After-School-Care available?

As of today, after-school care will be held in the ATC (Building #2). In ORANGE, students will be separated by classroom groups. This year, after-school care is limited to families for work situations. This year, we cannot provide care for social reasons.

Will students be able to use their school locker?

Not in Orange. (Athletic lockers fall under the guidance of the AAA.)



What happens when a student or teacher is tested?

The person tested is excluded from school until test results are received. Knowing false-negatives occur, we will examine the case and the symptoms closely before the person may return to campus. AMI should be available during the waiting period.

What happens if someone at school tests positive?

What is the notification process if a test-positive is confirmed?

A “test-positive” is the trigger for quarantine and tracing. The ADH will direct our response based on the context of the exposure. Quarantine periods cannot be shortened.

Who determines closure of a classroom, grade level, zone or building?

The Arkansas Department of Health. We will act conservatively.

What does our cleaning service look like?

Regular cleaning protocols have been intensified. Special cleaning protocols include fogging, disinfecting, and sanitizing. Playground cleaning will occur after each play group.

Will you describe how students will get around their building?

Beyond masks and socially distancing, hallways will be marked with foot traffic patterns.

How will AMI (teacher-directed virtual learning) work? How much of AMI is live/sync?

Dr. Smith and Mrs. Chami will be distributing their Upper and Lower Virtual Learning models before August. We learned from experience we need to increase the amount of synchronous (real-time) learning. Although we feel we pioneered AMI well, we know we can do better and we will!

How will Chapel work?

In ORANGE, for the most part, chapels will be streamed to classrooms. A rare gathering will be masked, socially-distanced and under 150 people.

What is happening with Band and Choir?

We await AAA guidance.

Will field trips be allowed?

In ORANGE, there will be no field trips, K-12.



What about other traditional, community events such as the performing arts?

In ORANGE, the event will be livestreamed with no on-site audience. In YELLOW, the on-site audience will be families only.

How can we review the complete health and safety plans?

Our detailed operational plans (subject to modification at any time) are available [here](#).

How are we monitoring (and handling) out-of-state travel?

The [Washington Post](#) (7/9) reports the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) offers advice to parents who have to travel with children during the pandemic. Dr. Yvonne Maldonado, senior associate dean for pediatrics at the Stanford University School of Medicine and chair of AAP's committee on infectious diseases, said, "If you have to travel cross-country or internationally, I wouldn't do that for fun." Dr. Maldonado also said, "There's so much uncertainty about who you're going to be around and how close you're going to be to the next person and how well the airlines are cleaning their planes," so she recommends traveling by car if possible.

Our answers to our FAQs are based on our knowledge of guidance as of mid-July. Before the start of school, we will revisit our guidance and FAQs to make sure our understanding is as contemporary as possible.

