

BCS Re-Opening Update

We are excited to be back on campus with our students soon! We praise God for his daily provision. Please continue to be in prayer for our school. Here are the latest health precautions. Although we may at times question a precaution taken for the pandemic, our desire is to be united in spirit, rooted in our love for Christ and our neighbor.

COVID-19 Precautions

We are working closely with the Health Department, County government, health professionals, and other Manatee County private and public schools to keep students safe. In doing so, we will follow their example and recommendations by wearing face coverings inside our buildings unless a person has a documented medical exemption or is able to maintain social distance. We will work with our students to adjust to wearing face coverings when they are unable to socially distance inside. Students who are able to have 6 ft. of distance from others will not need to wear a face covering during that time.

We will continually evaluate this policy and work in conjunction with local health officials to adjust this policy as local conditions fluctuate. This will possibly change throughout the year and is a season we are all walking through together to give us the best chance of staying here on campus together all year.

- ⇒ **Elementary:** Please send your student (1st grade and up) to school with a buff, neck gaiter or mask.
- ⇒ **Middle & High School:** Face coverings (buff, neck gaiter or mask) are required in the hallways, and for classes and times when social distancing cannot be maintained. Face coverings are not required when you can socially distance or if you have a health condition.
- ⇒ We will work with students to make the adjustment to wearing face coverings as easy and comfortable as possible.
- ⇒ **Desks** will be spread out as far as we are able and in many instances will have the 6 ft. distance to not require a covering while at their desk. Classes that don't have that much space will take mask breaks outside periodically. At this point, most of our elementary classrooms have the space so the students will not have to wear masks at their desks. Many of our middle & high school classrooms do as well.

Illness

- Please do not send a student to school who is not feeling well. Please perform a **Wellness Check** on your student each day. Look for these symptoms: fever, sore throat, new uncontrolled cough that causes difficulty breathing, diarrhea, vomiting or abdominal pain, or new onset of severe headache. Students with these symptoms will need to stay home until conditions have improved and they are fever, vomit and diarrhea free for 24 hours.
- If your student has Covid-19 symptoms and has had close exposure (within 6 ft. for 15 minutes or more) to an individual with a confirmed case of Covid-19 or if your student tests positive, they will need to stay home for 10 days after onset of symptoms and be **fever free for 24 hours to return to school**.
- Students who have symptoms should stay home and opt for the online version until they are able to return to school.
- Please inform the school if your student has a positive Covid-19 test. We will work with the health department to notify individuals in close contact following HIPAA laws.

COVID-19 Plan

If a student/faculty member tests positive, the administration will evaluate the situation and work with the parents, doctors and health department to determine our quarantine pathway. If it is deemed necessary, we will work with the health department to notify anyone who has had close contact with the student/faculty member (less than 6 ft. for more than 15 minutes) and recommend quarantine and online school.

Online Option

We have heard from parents who wish for more time to decide about BCS online so we will allow parents to opt for the online option until **Monday, August 10**.

Also, anytime your student has symptoms, we ask you to move to the online version until they are able to return. Students will be able to move back and forth as conditions change. Please email an administrator if you wish to choose online. Those who choose the online option will receive more information next week about how to get started. Tests and exams for online students may require in person attendance at a testing period.

Misc. Information

- By sending your student to BCS you acknowledge that you are aware of the symptoms/exposure of Covid-19 and accept the responsibility of your student being on campus.
- Please send your student to school with a **water bottle** each day so they can use the water bottle filler versus a drinking fountain.
- Our regular admission, tuition and withdrawal fees apply.