

At CCA, we believe that God asks us to love, serve, and lead our community. It is our desire to open our doors to fully in-person learning, five days per week, while being mindful of the health of our students and their families. After reviewing NYSED's recommendations for the 2021-2022 school year, our school board has adopted a plan as we respond to the ongoing covid pandemic. The full plan can be viewed on our school's website. Below is a concise overview of the significant areas that will affect our students, their families, and our staff.

- **Health Screenings:** Each family is expected to pre-screen their students for illness prior to sending them to school each day. If a student exhibits any symptoms of illness, families are to contact their healthcare provider for further support and direction. As always, any student feeling ill should plan to stay home until they are symptom and fever-free for at least 24 hours **without the use of fever-reducing medication.**
- **Illness:** Any student who develops COVID-19 symptoms or a fever of at least 100.0°F while at school, will be isolated from others and parents will be contacted to come and retrieve their child. As always, any student sent home may not return to school until they are symptom and fever-free for at least 24 hours **without the use of fever-reducing medication.**
- **Cleaning:** CCA's custodial staff and teachers will continue to remain vigilant about disinfecting high-touch surface areas frequently throughout the day.
- **Face Coverings:** CCA students, faculty, staff, and visitors will be required to wear a face mask anytime they are inside the school building. Each family is asked to send their child to school with a face mask. Masks will be provided when needed. Face coverings may be removed to eat or drink once the student is seated and a distance of six (6) feet is maintained between individuals.
- **Bus Transportation:** All students who ride a school bus must always wear a face mask while on the bus regardless of vaccination status. This is a federal mandate.
- **Student Seating:** Wherever possible, student seating has been arranged to provide a minimum of three (3) feet between students.
- **Handwashing:** Students and faculty will be reminded often of the importance of handwashing.
- **Hand Sanitizer:** Students and faculty will be provided with opportunities to hand sanitize through the frequent use of the wall mounted units and dispensing stations spread throughout the school and in classrooms.

- ***Drinking Fountains:*** Drinking fountains in the school will be closed and staff and students will be encouraged to bring their own water bottles.
- ***Covid Exposure:*** If a student, teacher, or staff member tests positive for COVID, they will be asked to quarantine for a minimum of 10 days (or other such time as mandated by local health officials) and may return to school after they are released by the county to return to school.
- ***Quarantine:*** Any student, faculty, or staff who is not fully vaccinated and who comes into close contact with someone with COVID-19 will need to quarantine for a minimum of 10 days. Those in quarantine can return after the quarantine period has ended, provided they are symptom free. Any who are fully vaccinated do NOT need to quarantine after exposure to COVID-19 unless they have symptoms. Students who are required to quarantine will be provided with the opportunity to do their studies remotely as coordinated with their teachers.
- ***Vaccination:*** The CDC states that vaccinations are the best way to protect individuals against COVID-19 and its variants. Vaccines are currently FDA-approved for those age 12 and up.
- ***Testing:*** CCA may use the local resources to provide covid testing for students and staff in cases of possible infection and to monitor for suspected illness if required by local authorities. No student will be tested for covid without parent/guardian consent.

*****Any of these protocols may be adjusted to align with any new information about the pandemic or if guidelines change per the CDC and the Department of Health.***