

Providence Christian School

Addendum Health Measures, Procedures, and Protocols for 2021

Providence Christian School (PCS) has reviewed and taken into consideration the guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to determine, in close consultation with El Dorado County, what actions to take to further reduce the potential risk of coronavirus transmission in our school community. PCS desires to maintain a balanced and reasonable approach to precautions needed to operate as safely as possible. We recognize that circumstances and guidance could change in the future, which would cause us to change our school policies. We will therefore re-evaluate them on an ongoing basis, including review by our school's board.

Sanitizing and Cleaning

PCS has already started the process of deep cleaning our facilities and it will continue until the start of school. During the school year you can expect to see the following:

- Increased frequency of cleaning classrooms, shared classroom supplies, and high touch surfaces throughout the school day.
- Increased frequency of general area's including physical education/athletic equipment, outdoor picnic tables, and playground equipment on a regular basis.
- Hand sanitizer dispensers in every classroom and throughout the buildings.
- Regular cleaning of the building, including the sanitation of high touch surfaces.
- Use of MERV-13 HVAC air filters designed to proactively capture microscopic particles from the air. They help to reduce allergy and asthma triggers by capturing the unwanted allergens from the HVAC system including mold, dust mites, bacteria and harmful virus carriers.

Campus/Class Safety Measures

CDC and many pediatric groups recommend that parents have their children wear face masks at school, (typical grade suggestion is 3rd-12th). PCS will have some custom-made adjustable/reusable cloth masks available. If you intend to have your child wear a mask, we suggest that you supply them with extras as we will only have enough of our custom masks for one per student. For those wearing masks, other designs are also fine to wear

as long as they are in good taste (e.g. no skeletons, offensive language, etc). Although parent's discretion, PCS suggests that those wearing masks do not use neck gaiters or fleece coverings and instead use a 'traditional' style mask. Parents who would like to leave some masks for their children with the front desk are welcome to.

Other Standard Protocols:

- Hand sanitizer stations will be available throughout the school
- Class spacing will be practiced when possible
- Classes will visit hand cleaning stations before and after lunch
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces on regular basis. This includes tables, doorknobs, light switches, countertops, handles, desks, phones, keyboards, toilets, faucets, and sinks
- PCS staff will rigorously remind students, teachers, and staff about not coughing/sneezing into hands as well as not people not touching mouth and eyes – we ask that you also reinforce this at home as well

Faculty and staff will participate in specific training, during in-service, to minimize the spread of infectious disease including COVID. You can expect the following

- Student training on proper hand cleaning and additional ways to protect themselves and others (e.g. keeping hands away from face, covering coughs and sneezes, etc.)
- Frequent student hand cleaning throughout the day and time allotted to do so
- Water fountains will not be accessible. Students must bring their own water bottles to school.

Classroom Safety Protocols

- Computer equipment - Cleaning Policy Rubbing Alcohol, UV Light, keyboard covers, and STEM learning items
- Students use only their assigned computer from cart to minimize risk
- Students will be asked to not share books, pencils or personal supplies

PCS Exposure Control Plan

Safety Measures & Protocols

- Families will be notified if a student/teacher/aide from same class, teacher or school administrator has tested positive and notified the school
- A quarantine teacher will come on campus as a substitute in the case of a teacher with a positive test
- In the event of a positive test reported, a deep clean will take place and a separate learning environment after exposure for students until area is fully sanitized
- Positive Student / Teacher / Staff member will be asked to quarantine for specified period of time requested by doctor or until receiving a negative test result
- Student/Teacher/Staff will be asked to NOT return without a negative test result

Screening, Monitoring, and Health Care

- Attendance requirements will be relaxed for the 2020-2021 school year.
- PCS has a supply of contactless thermometers that will be used to check the temperature of each staff, faculty, and student on a daily basis. **Any child with a temperature above a normal range will be sent home.**

We strongly suggest to take a temperature reading on your child(ren) prior to leaving home each school day. If your child is showing signs of illness, or has a fever, please do not send him/her to school until cleared by a medical doctor that he/she is not infectious, or you see no symptoms for a minimum of 24 hours. **He/she must also be fever-free without any fever-reducing medicines for a minimum of 24 hours.**

If a student is sick or becomes sick at school that student will be separated, in the administration office, from healthy students and staff. The school will call the parent/guardian for immediate pick up. Areas where the sick student was will be immediately cleaned and sanitized.

If your child or anyone in your household has been diagnosed with or directly exposed to COVID-19, they should stay home from school for a period of time specified by doctor or until he/she receives a negative COVID-19 test.

Personal Hygiene, Prevention, and Training

Faculty and staff will participate in specific training, during in-service, to minimize the spread of infectious disease including COVID. You can expect the following:

- Student training on proper hand cleaning and additional ways to protect themselves and others (e.g. keeping hands away from face, covering coughs and sneezes, etc.)
- Frequent student hand cleaning throughout the day and time allotted to do so
- Water fountains will not be accessible. Students must bring their own water bottles to school.

Other School Related Activities:

- Weather-permitting, Recess, Lunch Play, and Physical Education classes will take place outdoors. Sports and playground equipment will be cleaned on a regular basis.
- For the time being, group chapels will be discontinued and will be performed on a classroom by classroom basis.