



Valley Heights Christian Academy



COVID AND QUARANTINE PREVENTIVE PLAN 2021-2022

As Valley Heights Christian Academy (VHCA) continues to navigate providing a quality “in-person” Christian education amidst a pandemic, the School Board of Directors and staff remain committed to prayerfully making decisions that are guided by supporting the overall health and well-being of all students, teachers, staff and families.

This desire is driven by love of our students, school families, teachers and staff. When Jesus was asked what the greatest commandment in the Law was, he answered in Matthew 22:37-39, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the greatest and first commandment, and the second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’” Loving your neighbors during a “global pandemic” means we may have to continue to do things differently, while maintaining the provision of a quality Christian education.

While keeping the VHCA community safe during in-person learning, we also desire to provide excellent opportunities for students to thrive spiritually, academically and socially.

HEALTH & SAFETY PROTOCOLS:

Cleaning: VHCA’s custodial staff, volunteers and teachers will continue to remain vigilant about disinfecting high-touch surface areas frequently throughout the school day.

Daily Health Screening: VHCA will request for parents to conduct the VHCA Daily Health Screening each morning before sending their child(ren) to school. Any student feeling unwell should plan to stay home until they are symptom and fever-free for at least 24 hours without the use of fever-medication.

Face Coverings:

- By NYS Public Health Law (10 NYCRR 2.61), all individuals regardless of vaccine status must wear a face mask while in a school building.
- Students will have the option to remove face masks during frequent mask breaks and while seated at least three feet from one another.
- Face coverings are not required when outside the building.
- Students are to supply their own masks. However, a supply of face masks will be kept in the school office for any who need one.

Student Seating: Whenever possible, student seating has been arranged to provide a minimum of three feet between students. The CDC recently redefined their physical distancing recommendations for students.

Hand Washing: Before homeroom, snack time, lunch; after recess, PE

Hand Sanitizer Stations: Available in all classrooms, gym and cafeteria

Cafeteria: 3-feet apart

Playground/Recess: Assigned playground times for K4-6th grade classes

Lockers: Spaced out between students and assigned locker times

Water Refill Stations: Water fountains will be closed; please send in a refillable water bottle

Bathrooms: limiting number of students in bathrooms

Visitors into Building: limiting nonessential visitors

Parent Volunteer: Parents are welcome to volunteer!

COVID EXPOSURE

If a student, staff or volunteer tests positive for COVID, they will be asked to quarantine for a minimum of 10 days, and may return back to school after they are fever free for the last 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medication. Local health departments will contact individuals who test positive for COVID and collaborate with VHCA for any close contact tracing.

REMOTE LEARNING PLAN

If an entire class or grade is quarantined, VHCA will follow the same Remote Learning Plan as 2020-2021.

VHCA School Board of Directors and Administration will closely monitor the situation as our school marches forward in prudence and faith to further our mission of educating minds and transforming hearts for Christ.

****Any of these protocols may be adjusted to align with new information about the pandemic. VHCA will refine our approach if specific protocols are not working. We will use local discretion as we plan or change any protocols.**