



LEGACY CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

August 2021

Dear Eagle Nation:

The Executive Leadership Team regularly meets to review operating policies and procedures. We prayerfully consider which guidelines allow us to operate in the least restrictive environment that protects and preserves the physical, mental, and emotional health and well-being of our students, faculty, and staff. The specific guidelines are detailed below.

In light of the recent surge in COVID cases among both the vaccinated and unvaccinated, it is extremely important that parents accept their responsibility to be the first level of defense against the spread of the virus in our community. Therefore, it is vital that parents constantly monitor their children for symptoms and keep them at home when they present symptoms until it is safe for them to return to school or are cleared by their physician. Our desire to operate in the least restrictive environment is not possible if our families do not take this responsibility seriously.

We acknowledge that Legacy families have varied opinions regarding how best to protect their children. It is essential, therefore, that we respect the different choices families and teachers make regarding their personal health. No child or teacher should be criticized or ridiculed for wearing masks or other personal protective equipment, nor should anyone judge others regarding their decision to vaccinate or not. Please reinforce this principle with your children and make it clear to them that the school will not tolerate disrespectful behavior or attitudes regarding different perspectives on personal health.

In these challenging times, our covenant relationship with one another will be tested like no other time in our school history. If we foster mutual support and respect, and commit to promoting the welfare of others (Philippians 2:3-4) we will not only successfully navigate this pandemic, we will become that “city on a hill” that reflects the glory of God to a lost world.

Please know, Legacy Christian Academy continues to rely on and follow guidance issued by our local health authority at Denton County should there be a need to make adjustments. LCA may adjust protocols to address specific needs or circumstances in order to protect the health and safety of students and staff. Our commitment to you is to provide frequent and transparent communications regarding this ever-evolving situation. Thank you for partnering with us in the education of your children.

Stronger Together,

Bill McGee
Head of School



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2021-2022 HEALTH & SAFETY PROCOTOLS

FACE MASKS & COVID-19 VACCINATIONS

Masks and vaccinations are optional according to your family's preferences. We ask that our families and staff make the best decisions for themselves and their loved ones when it comes to mask-wearing or receiving a vaccine.

As a reminder, on May 18, Governor Greg Abbott issued an executive order prohibiting government entities, including school districts, from requiring face masks after June 4. We are aware of the recently-released CDC guidance recommending face masks while indoors, however, LCA is not mandating masks.

EDUCATIONAL POLICIES

- 5%+ infection in specific Lower School grades or Middle/Upper School divisions will trigger an evaluation for the necessity of distance learning.
- In the event of quarantine/illness:
 - Students will make up assessments on return
 - Students may work independently on work assigned from home if health allows
 - Students will not have access to remote classroom live-stream (Flex Learning)
- In-person instruction is prioritized
- Long-term absences due to illness will be accommodated
- Long-term elective absences are not permissible

POSITIVE CASES

Students or staff who are lab-confirmed positive for COVID-19 must isolate at home until the following conditions are met:

- **At least 10 days have passed** after the date of the positive test or the date of symptom onset
- **No fever for 24 hours** without the use of fever-reducing medications
- Must be **symptom-free** in order to return to campus.

During this time away from school, families will receive direction and resources to support learning at home. Please do the following:

- [Submit an Absence and Attendance form](#) on the LCA app
- [Submit a Covid Report Form](#) on the LCA website
- Upper School students should email Mr. Embry at andrew.embry@legacyca.com
- Middle School students should email Mr. Roach at joey.roach@legacyca.com
- Lower School students should email Mr. Hall at mike.hall@legacyca.com

SYMPTOMATIC INDIVIDUALS

Students or staff who are experiencing COVID-like symptoms will be sent home to monitor their symptoms.

- [Submit an Absence and Attendance form](#) on the LCA app
- [Submit a Covid Report Form](#) on the LCA website

Due to the existence of COVID-related symptoms, you must isolate at home until the following conditions are met:

- **10-day quarantine** after the date of symptom onset
- **No fever for 24 hours** without the use of fever-reducing medications
- Must be **symptom-free** in order to return to campus

If you believe the symptoms are not COVID-related, they must do one of the following before returning to campus:

- Consult a physician; obtain physician documentation that symptoms are not COVID-related and confirm an alternate diagnosis (e.g. allergies, seasonal cold, strep throat, etc.)

OR

- Obtain a negative nasal PCR COVID test five days after the date of symptom onset

Once you have this documentation, please submit a new [COVID Reporting Form](#) and upload the items, or bring the documentation into one of our front offices and wait until a nurse is available to review the documentation. Please note that only a school nurse can clear your student to return to campus.

CLOSE CONTACT WITH HOUSEHOLD MEMBER WITH COVID

As a close contact with a lab-confirmed COVID-19 positive individual, you must quarantine at home in isolation from the positive individual until the following conditions are met:

- [Submit an Absence and Attendance form](#) on the LCA app
- [Submit a Covid Report Form](#) on the LCA website
- Quarantine can end after Day 7 if a negative [PCR \(molecular\) test](#) is provided and if no symptoms were reported during daily monitoring. The test may be completed within 48 hours (or on day 5, 6, or 7 of quarantine) before the time of planned quarantine discontinuation, but quarantine cannot be discontinued earlier than after Day 7.
- Quarantine can end after Day 10 without testing and if no symptoms have been reported during daily monitoring. Must be **symptom-free** in order to return to campus.

Once you believe that you have met these conditions, please submit a new [COVID Reporting Form](#) to request a return to campus.

HEALTH & SAFETY PROTOCOLS

We will continue our daily sanitization practices, which include enhanced cleaning of school buildings. We will also promote frequent hand-washing, sanitizer use, cough etiquette, and other good hygiene practices. Campuses will continue to be provided hand sanitizer and additional cleaning supplies. Water fountains will remain turned off and we will still provide filtered bottle filling stations for water bottles. Additionally, we will continue to use MERV-16 air filters for high-quality air filtration.

OTHER INFORMATION

- Flex learning will not be offered this school year.
- Campuses will be open to visitors and volunteers as we resume standard operations.