



# Family Christian Academy

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## Reopening Plan 2020-2021



Family Christian Academy administration has been diligently working all summer to navigate the constantly evolving situation regarding the COVID-19 pandemic. We are committed to continue safely providing our students with best education possible. Our small classes, spacious campus, and health-centered approach enable us to reopen in Phase 2 for face-to-face learning on August 10 for all grades. Below, we detail the protocols necessary to reopen Family Christian Academy, which comply with the LHSAA, the Louisiana Department of Education, AAP, and CDC.

**Face Coverings:** The CDC and LDOE both recommend the use of face coverings to aid in preventing the spread of disease. FCA will require that all students wear a face covering if they are enrolled in grades 3-12. These coverings can be any shape, size, or design, provided that they cover the student's mouth and nose. They must be solid in color, without text, and school appropriate. Small logos (half-dollar sized and smaller) are permissible. FCA faculty and staff will wear either masks or shields during interactions with students. You may also purchase an FCA school mask by contacting the office.

**Orientation:** Orientation will take place Thursday, August 6, from 12:00 Noon until 7:00 PM in the lobby. Students and parents are welcome to arrive at any time to meet the faculty, staff, and FCA administration. You will be able to pick up announcements and remarks from the administration, your child's schedule, and a checklist to guide you during your visit.

**Limiting Contact:** To minimize outside contact, we ask that parents refrain from entering the school to drop off students before school or pick up students after school. If you must enter the building to check in a late student, check a student out, or have an appointment for a conference, please check in with the office and wear a face mask while in the building.

**Arrival at School:** Please drive through the carline on the appropriate side of the building; do not park and walk your children to the school. Upon arriving at school, students will have their temperatures checked before they exit the vehicle in the drop off car line. Please remain until your son or daughter receives approval to enter the building before driving away. Anyone (including teachers) with a temperature higher than 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit will not be allowed to enter the building. If a student is denied entry due to running a fever, the student may not attend school that day and will receive an excused absence for the day. Once students have entered the building, they will report to the gym, where each grade will have a large area designated to await the bell for the beginning of school.

**Water Bottles:** To avoid students drinking from the same water fountain, please equip your student with a water bottle. Water bottles must be clear containers with lids, labeled with the student's name, and must not contain liquids other than water.

**Lunch:** During lunch, students will continue to be served tasty, hot lunches in covered containers. There will be no buffet-style service, and students will not walk to the counter to receive food. Lunches will be delivered to grade specific tables where students are seated in every other seat to promote social distancing.

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**Dismissal and Aftercare:** At the end of the day, all students will report to the gym to assigned grade-specific areas for dismissal. During carline, between 3:00 PM and 3:15 PM, teachers will assist in getting students to the car and encouraging social distancing where possible. After 3:15 PM, all students remaining will go to aftercare, which will be separated as needed by age group based upon the number of students in attendance.

**Physical Distancing and Cleaning:** Each year during the flu season, Family Christian Academy employs heightened cleaning and sanitization procedures to help ensure your child's safety. This year, those same efforts will both be further enhanced and practiced for the entire school year. FCA will educate students on the need for handwashing, sanitizing, and social distancing whenever possible. FCA's full-time housekeeping staff will clean bathrooms and common areas frequently throughout the school day. Desks in classrooms will be placed to meet state and federal guidelines and cleaned at the end of each hour to ensure the safety of faculty, staff, and students.

**Chapel:** Chapel will be held in our auditorium, which will be provided with extra seating to allow for adequate social distancing. While in Phase 2, there will be no praise team performances.

**Electives:** Due to choir and band enhancing the risk of disease spread, these classes will be altered to include more music theory and music appreciation for the time being. Once Louisiana enters Phase 3, traditional, performance based instruction will resume.

**Illness Policy:** Should a student develop symptoms during the day at school, the student will be quarantined in the sick room in the elementary office until a parent or guardian can pick them up. If anyone tests positive for COVID19, all families of the students who have had direct contact with the positive individual will be notified.

**Absences:** To ensure all students' safety, an absence of more than one day for illness will require a doctor's note to return. Anyone who has tested positive for COVID-19 will also require a doctor's note to return to school. Should a student need to quarantine due to COVID-19, the faculty and staff of Family Christian Academy will be in contact to ensure that they are provided with their work and can remain current with their studies. Please see the handbook for the entire absentee policy, including missed work.

**Recess, Physical Education, and Athletics:** During school, most students participate in recess, physical education, or athletics. To maintain adequate distance between students, the curriculum for physical education will be modified for all grades. In addition, middle and high school non-athletes will not dress out for PE in Phase 2; however, should government recommendations change, FCA will reevaluate this policy. Athletic teams will still change for practice. During PE, recess, and athletics, the CDC does not recommend that students wear masks, and FCA will adhere to this policy. All equipment used for recess, physical education, and athletics will be cleaned regularly. Family Christian Academy will adhere to LHSAA guidelines regarding all sports teams and will be in constant communication with parents as regulations change during the year.

Family Christian Academy is confident that, based upon current enrollment and government recommendations, the precautions outlined here will ensure a safe return to the on-campus learning environment that our students need. If necessary, we will adjust policies to account for additional enrollment and changing government mandates. We understand that there may be apprehension about a possible return to Phase 1; however, FCA Administration has been planning for that possibility. The school is ready to continue providing grade-appropriate content during such an event as we did in the spring semester. Rest assured that regardless of the reopening phase that Louisiana is in, your son or daughter will receive an excellent education at Family Christian Academy.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the school office at (225)-768-3026.

Thank You,  
Family Christian Academy Administration