



2020 - 2021 Safe Return to School Plan

The conditions surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic are continually evolving, and The Academy at Church Eleven32's Safe Return-to-School plans will be constantly evaluated to adapt to the continuing trends of the COVID-19 virus, especially in the City of Allen and Collin County.

Please know that The Academy at Church Eleven32 will follow recommendations for school opening and operation from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), as well as state and local health officials. Circumstances related to COVID-19 may change throughout the coming school year, and this document will be updated as conditions change.

This document covers two specific areas in our response to COVID-19:

- PREVENT: Required practices to prevent the virus from entering the school
- RESPOND: Required and recommended practices to respond to a lab-confirmed case in the school

PREVENT

Infection Control Measures

- Staff and teachers are recommended to wear face coverings (face mask or face shield) during non-instructional times, ie, when in hallways, the classroom, common areas and during arrival and dismissal.
- It is optional for students to wear face coverings when on campus.
- Monitored and limited access to water fountains for filling of water containers only.
- Restroom capacity examined and 20 second hand washing practices monitored.
- High touch areas sanitized multiple times throughout the day.

Learning Environments

- Daily wiping of high hand-touch areas.
- Hand sanitizer in each classroom, entrances, and throughout common spaces.
- Classrooms sanitized every day upon dismissal.

- Class sizes limited to 12 students.

Health Screenings

- Staff required to complete a daily health screening. This includes a temperature under 100.0, no symptoms of Covid-19, and no “Close contact” to lab-confirmed cases of Covid-19.
- Students required to complete daily health screening. This includes a temperature under 100.0, no symptoms of Covid-19, and no “Close contact” to lab-confirmed cases of Covid-19, and fever free without medication for 72 hours.
- Visitors required to complete health screening upon entry into the building. This includes a temperature under 100.0, no symptoms of Covid-19, and no “Close contact” to lab-confirmed cases of Covid-19.

Symptoms of Covid-19 Include:

- Feeling feverish or a measured temperature greater than or equal to 100.0 degrees Fahrenheit
- Loss of taste or smell
- Cough
- Difficulty breathing
- Shortness of breath
- Headache
- Chills
- Sore throat
- Shaking or exaggerated shivering
- Significant muscle pain or ache
- Diarrhea

Close Contact

“Close Contact” to a lab-confirmed case of Covid-19 is defined as:

- a. being directly exposed to infectious secretions (e.g., being coughed on while not wearing a mask or face shield); or
- b. being within 6 feet for a cumulative duration of 15 minutes, while not wearing a mask or face shield;

if either occurred at any time in the last 14 days at the same time the infected individual was infectious.

Individuals are presumed infectious at least two days prior to symptom onset or, in the case of asymptomatic individuals who are lab-confirmed with COVID-19, two days prior to the confirming lab test.

Individuals Confirmed or Suspected with COVID-19

Any individuals who themselves either: (a) are lab-confirmed to have COVID-19; or (b) experience the symptoms of COVID-19 (listed above) must stay at home throughout the infection period, and cannot return to campus until The Academy screens the individual to determine any of the below conditions for campus re-entry have been met:

- In the case of an individual who was diagnosed with COVID-19, the individual may return to school when all three of the following criteria are met:
 1. at least three days (72 hours) have passed since recovery (resolution of fever without the use of fever-reducing medications);
 2. the individual has improvement in symptoms (e.g., cough, shortness of breath); and
 3. at least ten days have passed since symptoms first appeared.
- If the individual has symptoms that could be COVID-19 and wants to return to school before completing the above stay at home period, the individual must either (a) obtain a medical professional's note clearing the individual for return based on an alternative diagnosis or (b) receive two separate confirmations at least 24 hours apart that they are free of COVID via acute infection tests at an approved COVID-19 testing location found at <https://tdem.texas.gov/covid-19/>.

RESPOND

Required Actions if Individuals with Lab-Confirmed Cases Have Been in School

1. If a student or teacher at The Academy at Church Eleven32 has lab-confirmed to have COVID-19, we will notify the local health department, in accordance with applicable federal, state and local laws and regulations, including confidentiality requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA).
2. The Academy will close off areas that are heavily used by the individual with the lab-confirmed case (student, teacher, or staff) until

the non-porous surfaces in those areas can be disinfected, unless more than 3 days have already passed since that person was on campus.

3. Consistent with school notification requirements for other communicable diseases, and consistent with legal confidentiality requirements, The Academy at Church Eleven³² will notify all teachers, staff, and families of all students if a lab-confirmed COVID-19 case is identified.

Academy Online

If we have a lab-confirmed case of COVID-19 on campus we will follow the direction of the local health department. This may include transitioning to online learning for five to fourteen days.

We are prepared to transition to online learning whenever necessary. In the event of a lab-confirmed case of Covid-19, we will switch to live online classes every day through Google Classroom Meets. Kindergarten and 1st Grade will have class from 9:00am-11:00am, and 2nd and 3rd Grade will have class from 9:00am-12:00pm. All schoolwork will be provided for parent pick-up. The teachers will walk their students through their schoolwork each day, with the goal of minimal to zero homework. All work completed during Academy Online will be turned into the teacher for grading purposes.

Students will need to have access to an iPad, tablet, or computer in order to access Google Classroom and Google Meets. If your student is in need of a device for online learning please reach out to the Elementary Director.

Attendance

Per Texas Education Code 25.092, students must attend 90% of the days in a school year in order to be awarded credit and be promoted to the next grade. This equates to a total of 18 days of available absences in the 2020-2021 school year.

Due to the public health situation, student attendance may be earned through the delivery of virtual instruction.

In order to aid students in achieving attendance requirements, we will offer virtual school days for students who are well at home and in their 72 hour fever free waiting period (or 14 day quarantine) before being able to return to school. If the class is meeting in person, and a student at home wishes to join in they will be sent videos of in-classroom

instruction at the end of the day which will aid them in completing their school work.

A student is only able to participate in a virtual school day for attendance credit if they are in a mandatory quarantine or in their 72 hour fever free waiting period or a 14 day quarantine for close contact to COVID-19. This does not apply to pre-planned absences and/or vacations.