



July 15, 2020

Dear FCS family,

Our plan for the 2020-2021 school year is for all students to return to campus the week of August 17. All students will be attending school in-person each day. Below are the five principles that will help facilitate staff and students to return to campus.

Eagle standards for going back and staying back.

- \*Honor God with attitude and actions
- \*Assess and protect the health of safety of students, families, and staff with the latest information and guidelines around the coronavirus situation while complying as best we can with local, state, and federal officials.
- \*Limit interaction of students, maximize our campus space to meet curricular needs while trying to social distance
- \*Maintain some level of normalcy with school routine for academics, spiritual, and social development
- \*Clarity in trying to accomplish these objectives

### **Honor God**

The testimony of our Lord Jesus Christ is of the utmost importance. God has appointed us to a time such as this. So, we desire to be Christ-honoring even in the midst of this difficulty

### **Assess and Protect**

Temperatures and symptom check will be performed each day.

FCS is seeking guidance from local, state, and federal levels. FCS also receives guidance from NCCSA, FCS Board, and a newly formed Medical Alumni advisory team.

FCS does review public school guidance but is not bound by the guidance. We do glean great information from the public school guidance, but FCS will make decisions independently of the public school system.

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## **Limit and Maximize**

Limit—Parents may not give medicine to reduce fever/symptoms so that a child can come to school.

Limit students exposed or tested positive to Covid-19

Limit some school activities

Limit volunteer/parent in the school during the day to lessen possible exposure

Limit common touch areas - propping doors open, water fountain bottle fillers

Limit social interaction outside of classes

Maximize student distancing in the classroom by positioning of student desks and minimizing any other furniture in the room

Maximize staggered recess/PE times

Maximize student traffic pattern around campus by one way arrows

Maximize use elementary classroom bathrooms and hall bathrooms

Maximize outside dining areas for MS/HS lunch

Maximize sanitation/disinfectant

- Use of Air purification in the rooms

- Use of Bioesque disinfectant

- Partnering with PuroClean for Bioesque training

- Enhanced staff sanitation training

- Use of Super Sans sanitizer

- Enhanced cleaning of common areas every 50 minutes

- Hand Sanitizer units in every room and common areas

- Increased sanitation in lunch preparation area

## **Maintain Normalcy**

FCS will strive, even with different circumstances for school, to maintain as much normalcy as possible throughout the school day in the classroom.

Although some things will have to be somewhat different, our faculty/staff will continue to provide the normal spiritual and academic environment that you are accustomed for your child(ren).

## **Clarify**

FCS will strive to clearly communicate updates to parents by means of our weekly Friday email. Guidance around the coronavirus changes almost every day, so updates will be needed. FCS will ask parents to sign the Eagle Health and Wellness Pledge which will include expectations of the school, parents, and the students. The Eagle Health and Wellness Pledge will be available in early August for parents and students to sign and return by Open House.

## **Frequently Asked Questions**

### **What about sports and activities?**

FCS will assess which activities will be taking place on campus and notifying families. We are under the direction of the NCCSA for sports. As guidance comes from them, we will make families aware?

### **Is FCS going to require face coverings/masks?**

FCS is continuing to assess the wearing of masks. Depending on the circumstances around the coronavirus situation, FCS will provide guidance as school gets closer. We are also exploring another option in this area that we will send an update on in the days ahead.

### **What are the models of instruction that can be available?**

Four stages of instruction are possible.

1. Eagles at School - Four possible steps are in this model

Red Eagle - Maximum restrictions/precautions at school

Yellow Eagle - Relaxed restrictions/precautions at school

Blue Eagle - Less enhanced restrictions/precautions at school

Green Eagle - Normal school setting

FCS will be releasing the details of each step in the days ahead. FCS will also announce which level we will start at.

2. Staggered Eagles - students at school but in reduced numbers, but all students are served in the same school day. For example, shortened instructional days by age group, last name or half of class.
3. Blended Eagles - some days at school and some days by online instruction.
4. Online Eagles - All instruction online.

### **What improvements is the school making to help with the virus situation?**

Investing in Air purification technology in the school; sanitation/disinfectant improvements; High temperature dishwasher for lunchroom; outside eating areas for students; signage for student traffic flow on campus; water bottle fillers on water fountains; hand sanitizing units; Chromebooks to help with possible training for students in school and online use.

### **Are we starting in August?**

Lord-willing, FCS plans to start in person for all students on campus. Some slight modifications may need to be made to the calendar for Open House and the first couple of days. We will be announcing these in the days ahead.

## **How Can I Help?**

First and foremost, pray! Pray for safety that we can operate on campus with no issues from the coronavirus. Pray for the academic, spiritual, and social growth of the students as they return. These days have been difficult on students with many adjustments. Pray that God will be honored in our school even in the midst of the virus!

Second, begin now by helping your child(ren) with the announcements that are made about school. It is helpful to begin to teach young people how to try to social distance and still be a great friend, how to wash hands more often, how to be healthy and take care of themselves physically.

Third, FCS is investing greatly to help facilitate the return to campus. As you are aware, sanitation/disinfectant treatments are costly. Our biggest expense is the air purifiers that we are striving to put throughout campus. They are not a cure-all, but they are a major improvement. We encourage you to visit the link provided and consider helping with the air purifier in your child's class.

The link is <https://www.activeprosantitizer.com/>

If you have questions about the air purifying process, please reach out to the school.

## **How do we go back safe and seek to stay safe?**

1. It starts at home with assessing for fever, symptoms, and the health of the staff and students. Stay home if a fever or symptoms are there.
2. Assess staff and students when they get to school for fever and symptoms.
3. Air purification systems are helping fight the contaminants in the air and helping to provide fresher air all throughout the day.
4. Maximizing distancing on campus
5. Enhanced sanitation of the rooms and common areas all throughout the day with Super Sans Sanitizer and Bioesque disinfectant
6. Once students have gone home for the day, the buildings are disinfected with Bioesque sanitizer and sanitized with the air purification systems.

## **What happens if someone at FCS gets Covid-19?**

If the individual tests positive, they are quarantined for 14 days from the onset of symptoms. Those that were inside of their 6 foot space for more than 10 to 15 minutes can be quarantined as well for exposure. FCS is putting protocols in place such as distancing in and out of the classroom, seating charts, and other guidelines to lessen possible exposure.