

Calvary Christian School

Covid-19 Policy

2020-2021 School Year

The safety of our students has always been priority for our ministry. It is our goal, and more importantly our earnest prayer, that we see no cases of CV19 (Covid-19) in our school this year. When this virus first became widespread in the second semester of last school year, the Lord gave me a verse of Scripture to guide us through this strange time. That verse is **Psalm 56:3, “What time I am afraid, I will trust in Thee.”** The truth of this virus, and any virus, is that they are totally out of our control. We can and will implement common sense measures to try to prevent spreading germs as much as is possible as we do each year, but at the end of the day, a virus is something that we do not have complete control over. In fact, there are not any viruses that can be controlled. We have vaccines for the flu virus, yet it has and continues to kill thousands if not millions every year. We have learned to live with it and use common sense preventative measures. Usually, we fear the things that we cannot control, and for that reason, many are fearful (rightfully so) over the CV19 virus. Fear causes us to do crazy things. It causes us to blame people for things that, in reality, they have no control over. God’s Word tells us that our lives should be controlled by faith in Him, not fear. Our fear can be turned into faith when we trust Him. He is in control. He can prevent a virus. He gives us wisdom in dealing with these things and moving forward in faith instead of reacting in fear. It is God’s Word and faith in Him that will guide our decision making in this policy and all other policies.

With that in mind here are our guidelines in dealing with the CV19 virus, the flu virus, the other members of the family of coronaviruses (like the common cold), and any other sicknesses that we must face. These policies will be implemented in addition to our current policies that deal with how we handle illness.

Attendance

- The best and first line of defense against any outbreak is our parents. The most effective action to take in prevention is to not bring your child to school if they are exhibiting symptoms of CV19 or any other virus. If your child has a fever, dry cough, lack of taste/smell, or other known CV19/other virus symptoms, you need to keep your child home until tested or symptom free for 48 hours.
- If a child shows symptoms at school, staff will take the child's temperature with a touchless thermometer. If fever or other symptoms are present, staff will immediately call the parent/guardian to pick up their child. The child will be isolated with staff supervision until the parent or guardian arrives.
- We ask parents to seek medical advice and take appropriate action if their child shows symptoms of illness like CV19 or others.
- If someone on our campus is diagnosed with COVID-19, that student or staff member will be required to stay home until symptom free for 48 hours.
- In-person instruction will continue for all students. We will not close campus or switch to online instruction for the entire student body or even for particular grades if we have a COVID diagnosis within the student body or staff. As we've always done with any student who is sick for a time, we will employ creative ways to help them continue their learning when they are able.
- Our prayer of faith is that there will be no cases within our student body. Should we deem it necessary at any time to close the school for a time we will do so as we have in the past for the flu-virus or the stomach-virus. In that case we will close and re-open as soon as possible. If we have an outbreak that requires extended closure, we will have a distance learning program ready to transition to if necessary.

Preventive Measures

As much as is possible we will do the following to minimize the exposure and spread of sickness:

- Using distancing measure when possible and appropriate

- Keeping school and preschool students separated in hallways and lunch times
- Keeping elementary and Jr. High/ High school students in different buildings
- Separate lunch times for elementary and Jr. high/High school. Will divide further if necessary
- Modified seating when possible
- Adjusting schedules to prevent crowded hallways, etc.
- No guests will be allowed to eat lunch with students. Only staff and students.
- Parents and guests will remain at office when visiting. School staff will assist with needs throughout the buildings
- We are installing a “water bottle fountain” and will ask that each student have their own water bottle. This will prevent some contact spread.
- Revise/Cancel certain activities if necessary
 - Sporting events
 - School programs
- Cleanliness
 - Encourage students to practice good hygiene (hand washing, covering coughs, sneezes, etc.)
 - Asking parents to provide hand sanitizer for students while in school. In the Jr. High/High school the students can be responsible to use when needed. In the elementary classes the teachers will control its use
 - Implementing regular sanitizing of desks. In the Jr. High/High school the desks will be cleaned more often since they are used by different students each hour. In the elementary where the students have the same desk all day, they will not need cleaning as often
 - Increased regular cleaning of high touch areas
 - Increased regular classroom sanitizing procedures
- Face Masks
 - We will not be requiring facemasks. Research has proven that face masks do not prevent the spread of the CV19 virus or other illnesses. The particle size of CV19 and other viruses are too small to be filtered

out by homemade facemasks, widely used cloth facemasks, and even N95 masks. The main transmission path for viral respiratory diseases is long-residence time aerosol particles ($< 2.5 \mu\text{m}$), which are too fine to be blocked, and the minimum-infective dose is smaller than one aerosol particle. If you desire to look at the scientific studies that lead us to this conclusion you can read these articles by clicking on the following links: **1.** <https://www.technocracy.news/masks-are-neither-effective-nor-safe-a-summary-of-the-science/> **2.** <https://www.rcreader.com/commentary/masks-dont-work-covid-a-review-of-science-relevant-to-covide-19-social-policy> . These are just two for reference. There are links in these articles to multiple studies and research.

- If you desire that your child wear a mask, then we support that decision 100%. We believe in individual liberty and we will respect your choice if you believe your child should wear a mask. If you desire your child to mask, you will need to provide their masks and they are to have it with them at school. It will also be their responsibility to keep up with the mask.