

# Plaza Heights Christian Academy

## Return Plan

### Updated: 08/16/2021

PHCA Families,

The PHCA School Board has recommended the following, concerning masks and the start of the 2021-2022 school year.

The wearing of a mask will not be mandated by PHCA based on the religious exemption in the Jackson County Health Order. PHCA will allow parents to decide what is best for their student and families. We understand that we have families that prefer to have their students wear a mask. We 100% support that decision and will do all that we can to help keep your student masked while at school. If you would like your student to have a plexiglass shield on their desk, please contact the school office and we will make sure one is placed on their desk as soon as possible.

**Please complete and return the waiver on the last page of this document if your desire is to not have your child wear a mask during school hours.**

Our desire is to create a safe and sensible return to school with the greatest level of “normalcy” as possible for our students, teachers, staff, and families. While we are beginning the year with a no mask requirement, we are still seeking for an environment that depends on students, teachers, and staff to remain at home if they display any flu-like symptoms or have been in contact with others who are symptomatic.

#### ***What to do if you have been exposed to COVID-19:***

- Determine if you have been exposed by answering these questions:
- Do you have symptoms?
- Have you taken a COVID-19 test.
  - If you receive a positive result, you must quarantine for 14 days from the last date of exposure.

#### ***To Return to School:***

- It must be at least 10 days AND be symptom free for 24 hours with no fever-reducing medication.
- If you have received a negative COVID-19 test, you do not need to quarantine, and you can return to school.

The school will not take a position on the vaccination and will leave that to the guidance of parents.

To support the students, teachers, and staff, we will work to minimize the disruption to typical classroom routines as much as possible. The school will continue the elevated levels of cleaning and sanitizing throughout the day. We will be continuing hand sanitizing procedures in classrooms with teachers, as well as additional cleaning and sanitizing of workspaces between classes.

The school has several different types of cleaning and sanitizing devices that will be use. The fogger will continue to be used and a UVC cleaning system was donated to school and will be used for cleaning.

**DISCLAIMER: The following plan is subject to change at any time due to new guidelines, mandates, and information provided by the federal, state, or local governments.**

## **Athletics:**

- All athletic equipment including balls will be cleaned after each use and prior to the next workout/game.
- Teams will not share water bottles. Each athlete must always provide their own labeled water bottle.
- Attendance for athletic events may be limited per guidelines and mandates depending on the venue that PHCA is renting or using.

## **Classrooms and Facilities:**

- All classrooms will be equipped with hand sanitizer, disinfectant spray, wipes, and paper towels.

## **Health Screening:**

- If a student, teacher, or staff member tests positive for COVID-19, the school will notify families who have had close contact with the infected person. Due to specific health/HIPPA guidelines, specific information regarding the infected student, teacher, or staff member will not be released. The purpose of the notification is to look for symptoms over the next 10-14 days. Additional cleaning measures will be put into place to clean and sanitize all areas that the student, teacher, or staff member have used prior to their positive COVID-19 test.

## **Lost and Found:**

- It is extremely important that all items (including jackets, sweatshirts, water bottles, book bags, athletic bags, PE clothing) be labeled with the student's first and last name.

## **Morning Drop-Off/Afternoon Pick-up:**

- **Morning Care**
  - Students will be greeted at the PHCA main entrance by the morning care teacher.
- **Drop Off**
  - **Kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Students:**
    - Students in grades K-5 will enter the building through the main school entrance.
    - Students will then be asked to go directly to class.
  - **6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grade Students:**
    - Students in grades 6-8 will enter the building through the main school entrance.
    - Students will be allowed to briefly stop at their locker and then go straight to their first hour class.
  - **9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grade Students:**
    - Students in 9-12 grade will enter the building through the GYM entrance next to where the school busses are parked.
    - Students will be allowed to briefly stop at their locker and then go straight to their first hour class.

- **Pick Up**
  - Students in grades K-5 will exit the building through the carline.
  - Students in grades 6-8 will exit the building through the far west entrance doors.
  - Students in grades 9-12 will exit the building through the gym entrance door on the west side of the building.
- **Check Out**
  - Parents must check in at the PHCA school office to request their child be checked out.
- **Check In**
  - Upon entering the building, the student must stop at the PHCA office to sign into school.

### **Recess and PE:**

- Recreational and sports equipment will be regularly cleaned and sanitized.

### **Facilities:**

- We will have reminders displayed throughout the building (classrooms, hallways, restrooms, main school office):
  - Proper and frequent handwashing
  - How to stop the spread of germs

### **Safety Drills:**

- Tornado, fire, and lockdown drills will still be practiced and completed but will be modified to maintain social distancing and other guidelines.

### **Transportation:**

- The school vans and bus will be disinfected after each use whether it is used for a field trip or athletic event.



## Plaza Heights Christian Academy

### Waiver of Liability

Plaza Heights Christian Academy is hereby providing notice to me that it intends to reopen school on Thursday, August 19, 2021, with the intent that masks will not be mandated for students, teachers, and staff under the religious exemption in the Jackson County Health Order. I/we understand that Plaza Heights Christian Academy cannot protect my child/student and/or myself and family from the risks of Covid-19 or other illnesses, which may be encountered because of my child attending the school and/or participating in any school sponsored programs.

I understand that if my child/student does not wear a mask and tests positive for or is exposed to Covid-19 that I will be required to follow the protocols in place by the school listed in the Return Plan 08-16-2021.

I hereby state that on behalf of my child/student and myself, am an adult, over the age of 18, and legally competent to sign this form.

The following students will not be wearing at mask at this time:

Student  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_ grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Student  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_ grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Student  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_ grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Student  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_ grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Parents Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Printed Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

