



Cornerstone Community School

Covid-19 Overview

Dear Cornerstone Families:

The following represents Cornerstone's plans for re-opening in the fall. The plans, policies, and procedures were created with input from CCS administrators, board members, teachers, parents, Summit County Health Department, medical professionals, and guidance from the Governor's office, CDC, and ODE.

We recognize that individuals share vastly different views on how one ought to conduct him or herself in light of COVID. In this, we have been praying for an overwhelming spirit of Christian unity, humility, and grace among our staff and families. This is a difficult situation, and we need the Spirit of the Lord Jesus to reign in us as we navigate these waters.

As we've made these plans, we've been praying for our own hearts-- that we would love God with all our hearts, souls, minds, and strength, and that we would love our neighbor as ourselves.
- Luke 10:27

Guiding Principles

- 1) The vision of CCS, to educate children to transform their world for the glory of God, is best conducted with face-to-face instruction.
- 2) We want to take into consideration the health and well-being of our students, families, and staff.
- 3) Timing: Everything is subject to change. As the virus and the situation surrounding us changes, we will be able to revisit each procedure put in place. These are *temporary steps put in place to return us to normalcy*.
- 4) Our overarching goal is "Love of God and Love of Neighbor" (Luke 10:27).

Primary plan: In-person/Full-time

CCS students will learn in the building, five days per week. There will be no changes to the school calendar in terms of start date, end date, or breaks.

Cohort Model and Student Protocol

A cohort model will be utilized. This will entail minimizing the interactions of larger groups in order to reduce the possible spread of illness. Teachers will utilize physical distance between

students in the classroom. Students desks will be set 6 feet apart. When not fully possible, “clusters” of students will be made and kept.

Hallway procedures will be enforced for students to stay on the right side.

Frequent, proper handwashing will be required, and staff and signs will remind the students.

Lockers will be utilized in a manner that limits close contact between students.

Masks

Masks and face coverings have been a controversial topic in recent weeks. The use of face coverings is in no way intended to make a statement, infringe on rights or liberties, nor remove the role of parents in deciding what is best for their own child. As inconvenient mask-wearing may be, it is far more inconvenient for students to have to stay home! Thank you for keeping these things in mind. The state has made recommendations, but each school/district must have their own policy. Here is the policy for CCS:

- Students in grades K-5 will wear masks upon arrival, dismissal, in hallways, bathrooms, and when out of their classroom.
- Students in K-2 will not need to wear a mask within the classroom setting.
- Students in grades 3-5 may choose to wear mask or face shield during the school day when seated at their desks, 6 feet apart. If a student gets up from his/her desk, a mask must be donned. A teacher may ask a child to wear a mask or face shield if a child exhibits repetitive behaviors that expel droplets, similar to coughing.
- If a parent desires for any child to be masked at all times, we support your decision! Please work with your child through this situation.
- Teachers, when instructing, may wear a mask or face shield. A mask must be worn by teachers and other adults at all other times in the building.
- Masks must be solid color or patterned; words or images can be distracting.
- Any visitor must wear a mask.

CCS asks that you strongly consider a mask or face covering that stays “attached” to your child, whether being worn on the face or not. A gaiter style face covering may be easiest for your child. This would help keep masks from being dropped or lost, and it would prevent the sharing of masks.

The Governor’s temporary order for Summit County and the state of Ohio requiring face coverings for all individuals 10 and older when indoors does NOT apply to schools.

Cleaning

- Buildings will be cleaned nightly with non-toxic disinfectant.
- Electrostatic sprayers have been ordered to fully clean surfaces.
- Hand sanitizer is placed throughout the school.
- Parents are asked to provide personal hand sanitizer of choice for students’ desks and in their lunch bags.
- Sharing of supplies will be limited; shared supplies will be wiped down regularly.
- Common and high-contact surfaces will be cleaned regularly throughout the day.

Visitors on Campus

We love to have our parents in our building! We value the partnership, and we love having the extra help. However, visitors in our building will be greatly limited for the time being. We thank you in advance for understanding, and we hope to be able to lift this restriction soon!

Any visitor to campus must be approved by CCS administration. A temperature check will be performed, and CDC health questions will be asked concerning symptoms of the visitor. Visitors will be required to wear a mask.

Field Trips/Fantastic Friday/Group Gatherings

- Virtual field trips and local nature walks will be encouraged. At this time, no field trips that require transportation will be approved.
- Fantastic Friday will be held, but students will stay together with their class as a cohort to begin the year. For example, first graders will all take soccer while fifth graders are all doing lawn games. We will use the outdoors as much as possible!
- Large gatherings (concerts, All School Unit, etc...) will be determined for approval closer to the dates of each event.

Drop-Off/Pick-Up Procedures

- Before leaving home, please take the temperatures of each of your children. If a child has a temperature of 100 or higher, the student must stay home.
- CCS will be performing temperature checks of each child before you leave the car line. Please wait for the “thumbs up” by the drop off doors before pulling away. Temperatures will be taken with a thermal scan thermometer. A second test with a medical-grade oral thermometer can confirm the results (if desired by the parent).
- Parents of students riding the bus will need to also take their temperature before boarding the bus. They will also be checked when arriving at school. Parents using busing need to understand and follow each district's guidelines for using the bus.
- Students attending Before-Care will also need to have their temperature taken.
- Students will be called down from their classrooms for pick-up at the end of the day by family. This may take a little longer than usual, so we thank you for your patience!

Before- and After-Care

If you are utilizing this service, please send your child to school with their own activity supplies. We will not be able to provide shared markers, colored pencils, etc. Paper will be supplied. Balls used during before and after care will be wiped down daily. Physical distancing will be encouraged, and we will use the outdoors as frequently as possible.

Chapel/Monday Morning Meeting

Physical distancing will require the necessity of two smaller groups to be in the gym (PK-2 and 3-5). Further determinations will be necessary. Masks or shields would need to be worn by grades 3-5.

Lunch/Recess

Options for lunch are still being discussed to determine the best way to keep our kids distance while allowing them to come together in the gym. Decisions for lunch locations will be made in the coming days. Students will be required to wash their hands before eating lunch. Pizza will still be offered, and it will be plated and passed out to the kids at their tables. The students will not line up for pizza in the kitchen. During lunch, forks, spoons, and napkins would need to be brought from home.

Water bottle filling station(s) are being added to the current fountains. Children will need to bring a refillable water bottle each day.

Recess will be a great time for the kids to release energy and enjoy the fresh air! Masks will not be required, and children will be encouraged to run and play while keeping distancing in mind.

Specials

All specials will continue to be offered at CCS. Our Spanish teacher will come to the classroom to teach the children. The Maker Space will be "On the Move" this year as well. Art will be held in the art room, where we have placed desks for students to physically distance appropriately. Music will be held in the music room, where children will have the opportunity to sit on the floor on specified places. Group singing will not take place at the start of the year, so our music program will focus on instruments, rhythms, and theories.

Our library will be open for students! The children will be able to check out books and return them as usual. Adjustments will be made for the number of students allowed in the library at one time.

Student Illness

- If a student is not feeling well, please keep him or her home and monitor symptoms. If a child has a fever of 100 or higher, vomiting, diarrhea, persistent cough, or has a loss of taste or smell, he must stay home!
- If a student is diagnosed with COVID, parents are expected to notify the school and follow CDC guidelines for return (more information to follow).
- A sick room will be set up for a student that is not feeling well. Temperatures will be taken, a parent will be notified, and parents will be asked to pick up sick children as soon as possible.

- CCS will follow laws and regulations regarding notification of health officials, staff, and families of any case of COVID while maintaining appropriate confidentiality.
- Faculty and staff will follow the same guidelines as stated above.

Return to School

If a student or teacher has 1 symptom (ONLY a fever, ONLY diarrhea, etc...), they may return to school after 24 hours of being symptom free without medication.

If a student or teacher has 2 COVID symptoms (fever of 100 or higher, vomiting, diarrhea, persistent cough, or has a loss of taste or smell) but has not had a test to determine if they have COVID, they may return after these 3 things have happened:

- Either:
 - 1. At least 10 days have passed since your symptoms appeared
 - 2. AND all symptoms have improved
 - 3. AND you have had no fever (without medication) for 24 hours
- OR: You bring a doctor's note indicating that the symptoms were not COVID-related AND specifically indicating you are safe to return to campus.

If a student or teacher has tested positive for COVID, a return can occur after these 3 things have happened:

- Either:
 - 1. At least 10 days have passed since your symptoms appeared
 - 2. AND all symptoms have improved
 - 3. AND you have had no fever (without medication) for 24 hours
- OR: You bring a doctor's note indicating that you are COVID-free AND you are safe to return to campus.

Exposure to Covid

Physical distancing will be very important in the case that a student tests positive for COVID during the school year. By keeping our students 6 feet apart in their desks, we will greatly minimize the "exposure" of the disease according to the CDC.

A student that is within 6 feet of a COVID positive person for 15 minutes or more will need to be quarantined at home.

If a student or teacher has been exposed (maintaining less than 6-foot distance for more than 15 minutes) to someone with COVID but remain symptom free, they may return after 10 days as long as they remain symptom-free. OR: You bring a doctor's note specifically indicating that you are COVID-free and safe to be on campus.

Contingency Plan

Anticipating that students may be out due to COVID, CCS is working on plans that will allow for them to keep up with schoolwork while at home. Discussions and plans are on-going for specific platforms for our different grades to utilize in case of this situation. Adult help will be required! This plan is still being developed based on technology availability, research on best practices, costs, etc...

Full Shutdown (If Necessary)

In the event of a full shutdown as experienced in March 2020, we will go completely online and remote. Students will receive instruction through a combination of live and recorded videos. Course loads and expectations will be adjusted to facilitate a successful transition to remote learning.

Teachers will have specific requirements (lessons taught live or recorded for each day, a weekly plan sent out by a specified time, office hours, etc.) to make certain families are provided with direct instruction while learning remotely. Adult help will be required.

Monday Morning Meeting and Chapel would take place virtually.

Communication of Updates

The Head of School will send regular email updates to alert you of any changes or updates to the procedures and policies in this plan. Obviously, this situation is fluid and changing. As the situation changes, so will our plan!

Parents can email Kandi Shanor (kandi.shanor@cornerstonecs.org) with specific COVID-related questions. We ask that you email Mrs. Shanor rather than emailing questions to other faculty or staff members. This will keep all questions in one place and allow for answers to be sent where needed.

Thank you, and please continue to pray for us as we move through this time.

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