

A Reopening Reminder

What a fabulous, fun, and informative night we had at the *Annual Back to School Night BBQ* on Monday, August 30. A special thanks to our hosts, the *Parent Volunteer Network*, and servers, faculty, and staff.

We may have set a record with over 400 burgers served and more than 500 in attendance! We appreciate everyone's participation as we officially kick off a new school year as *Sound Christian Academy*.

With all the reconnecting and excitement of being back together, we want to remind everyone that we are still operating in a manner to remain continuously open for in person learning while navigating the coronavirus.

On Tuesday, 08/31, we were informed that we a staff member who has been in contact with student athletes tested positive for COVID-19. Those in close contact have been informed and the staff member is following the appropriate COVID-19 quarantine protocols.

As we begin this new year, if your student is experiencing any flu-like symptoms, we request that you keep them home for their wellness and the health of others.

- The symptoms of COVID-19 include but are not limited to fever, cough, headache, body aches, diarrhea, nausea, and vomiting. Some people have no symptoms at all, or the symptoms are so mild that they are not noticed. Some experience serious illnesses.
- If symptoms develop, the average time after exposure is about 5 days, but symptoms can appear anywhere between 2 and 14 days after exposure (the incubation period).
- If you or your child develop any of the symptoms above, please contact your healthcare provider for further instruction.

We will be following the current [COVID-19 protocols](#):

- 3 feet of social distancing in classrooms. Permitting us to be fully open as we grow.
- Face coverings need to be worn when indoors only. Providing ample time for unmasking outside, and during lunches and recesses, etc.
- We will rely on parental prudence regarding the wellness of your child and commonsense assessment by our faculty and administration about health and safety in the case of illness.
- The positive case identification, contact tracing, communication, and protocols – including individual quarantine and classes or divisions quarantining (if necessary) and transitioning to our robust remote learning (primary) and online education (secondary) platforms – will all remain in effect.

Please note: [K-12 Schools Requirements 2021-2022 \(wa.gov\)](#)

- All students 5 years of age and older are required to wear a face covering while indoors. Students may wear a face shield in place of a cloth face mask. There is no need for a

doctor's note for them to wear the shield in place of the face mask. The shield must cover the whole face (below the chin, to ears, no gaps on forehead).

- Exemptions from wearing a mask or face shield are provided for medical conditions, mental health conditions, developmental or cognitive conditions, or disability that prevents them from wearing a face covering. Parents must provide a written explanation signed and dated with verification. These will be held in the school office and noted in FACTS.

Regarding the [COVID-19 Vaccination Requirement for K-12 Employees](#):

- As a faith-based educational, nonprofit business we intend to operate within the guidelines while honoring a person's individual religious beliefs. We believe this represents the culture of our community as citizens with individual religious rights.
- We acknowledge there are faculty/staff and families/students who operate from a basis of tolerance, grace and love for each other, including diverse points of view.
- Our desire is to ensure all families we serve are welcomed, embraced, and supported in the same way we operate as an organization and afforded the same courtesy.
- **Please note:** This applies to on campus volunteers – in particular teachers assistants, coaches and those with prolonged or extended time indoors and with students.

God blessed our school community last year as we were able to remain continuously open with in-person instruction. We are grateful for a staunchly committed faculty and staff and strong partnership with our families to help see us through.