



2020-2021

Plan for a Safe Return to School

**Dominion Christian
Academy**

Face-to-Face Instruction

Plan Item (in alpha order)	Protocols
Athletics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Sports will proceed on an individual team basis as allowed and guided by our state athletic association, NCISAA. ● If interscholastic sports are not permitted, DCA will seek to offer alternative intramural programs. ● It is strongly recommended that student athletes, coaches, staff, and participants wear face covering when not actively engaged in physical activity or when they may be near other people (i.e., less than 6 ft.). ● Pre-Work Screening: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ All coaches and student athletes must be screened for signs/symptoms of COVID-19 prior to each workout. Screening includes a temperature check. ○ Responses to screening questions for each person must be recorded and stored so that there is a record of everyone present in case a student develops COVID-19. ○ Any person with positive symptoms reported will not be allowed to take part in workouts and must immediately contact his/her primary care provider or other appropriate health care professional. ● There must be no shared athletic equipment (towels, clothing, shoes, or sports-specific equipment) between student athletes. ● Student athletes must wear their own appropriate workout clothing (do not share clothing). ● Individual clothing/towels must be washed and cleaned after every workout/game by the student athlete. ● All athletic equipment including balls must be cleaned after each use and prior to the next workout/game by the athletic department ● Individual drills requiring the use of athletic equipment are permissible, but the equipment must be cleaned prior to use by the next individual.
Cafeteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Meals, snacks & beverages will be served directly to the student. ● All classes will eat in their classrooms to accommodate physical distancing.
Classrooms & Facilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● All classrooms will be equipped with hand sanitizer, disinfectant spray or wipes, and paper towels. ● Common areas will be cleaned & sanitized by staff throughout the day. ● Evening custodial staff will be responsible for cleaning and thoroughly disinfecting the entire facility. ● Classroom doors, as well as non-fire hallway doors, will be kept open as much as possible to allow ventilation and airflow. ● Hand sanitizing stations will be placed strategically throughout campus. ● Students may only touch or handle their own learning materials (e.g., textbooks, pens). ● Students may not touch or use another student's locker, backpack, or any other item without first disinfecting the item. ● Masks or face shields may be required in a classroom when a student or staff member is identified as "at-risk" regardless of safe distance opportunities.
Guests, Parents, & Visitors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● All guests, parents, and visitors are required to complete a health screening form. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The lobby waiting area will not be available unless there is an appointment scheduled.

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<p>Health Screening on Campus</p> <p>Sick Policy</p> <p>Waiver of Liability</p> <p>Home Health Screening Agreement</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Parents and employees must complete a Waiver of Liability and subscribe to the K-12 Daily Health Screening Agreement at the beginning of the school year with required signatures legally releasing DCA of any liability in regards to Covid-19 and agreeing to only permit non-symptomatic persons to enter the campus. ▪ Temperatures of all persons (e.g., students, employees, parents) will be checked prior to entering the campus. No one will be permitted on campus with a temperature greater than 100 (Medicines may not be used to reduce a fever before coming to school). <p>Students and their siblings will not be permitted to come on campus if they have a temperature greater than 100. If it is discovered that a student was given fever reducing medicine prior to arriving on campus as an effort for fever mitigation, students may be subject to disenrollment as per the Waiver as this jeopardizes the health of other students and staff and threatens our ability to remain in school.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ If a temperature greater than 100 is discovered during the school day: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Student will be held in an isolated sick area and parents will be notified to pick up their child immediately. ▪ Employee will be directed to leave campus immediately. ● If a student/staff presents any possible COVID-19 symptoms, even without fever, the Front Desk staff will complete a COVID-19 risk assessment and notify parents/staff of required action. ● Returning to school: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ If a student is out sick with one or more symptoms of COVID-19, they must have a doctor’s note clearing them to return to school. This is in addition to our standard policy of being 24 hour fever free without fever-reducing medicines. ○ For a student/staff who tested positive for COVID-19 to be allowed to return to campus they must be able to answer YES to the following questions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Has it been at least 10 days since the individual first had symptoms? ▪ Has it been at least 3 days since the individual had a fever (without using fever-reducing medicine)? ▪ Has it been at least 3 days since the individual’s symptoms have improved including cough and/or shortness of breath? ● We will be flexible as needed within our existing school absence policy, and as always, teachers will facilitate making up missed work. ● It is recommended that any person who has traveled out of the country or to a Covid-19 “hot spot” self-quarantine for no less than 14 days in Fayetteville with no symptoms appearing prior to returning to school.
<p>Instruction</p> <p>Temporary Closure</p>	<p>COVID 19 Closure</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● In the event of a known COVID-19 case on campus, we are mandated to contact the Health Department to receive instruction from them. ● Our goal will be to close for the minimal number of days mandated and only the grade(s) affected. ● The areas of impact will undergo deep cleaning to minimize contamination. ● Students and teachers unable to attend due to the closure will continue instruction during those days via Blended Learning arranged with the department principal. ● Students/staff who were in contact with an individual who has tested positive,

	<p>must either quarantine for 14 days or present evidence of negative testing for COVID-19 prior to returning to the campus. Instruction will be continued via Blended Learning arranged with the department principal.</p>
Lost and Found	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● This year, it will be very important for all school items, including jackets and other items of clothing, to be labeled with the first and last name of the student. ● All lost items will be secured at the Front Desk where the items will be sanitized and held for only one week. ● After one week, items will be donated to a local charity.
Masks	<p>We acknowledge the benefits of utilizing masks and face shields to prevent the spread of disease, and any family/student is welcomed to maximize this safety precaution if they desire to do so. Requiring them at all times, however, would limit the social-emotional impact of being physically at school.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Students in preschool, kindergarten, 1st grade, and 2nd grade are not required to wear a mask or face shield. ● Students in 3rd-12th grade and all employees are required to wear masks or face shields during times of transition from one location to another when physical distancing is not able to be maintained (e.g., arrival to the campus, moving from classroom to classroom, and dismissal). ● Physical distancing will be set up in all classrooms allowing for the wearing of masks or face shields by students to be optional. ● However, all students will be required to have a mask or face shield in the event of a small group activity where close contact is anticipated. The school will have masks on hand for students who forget theirs; family accounts will be charged if this need arises. ● Students with a medical condition deeming them ineligible to wear a mask will not be required to do so at any time but must abide strictly by social distancing practices. Please communicate this need with the department principal. ● Our desire is to be an environment where all can truly be part of this community, embraced through the love of Christ, regardless of outer appearance.
Minimizing Exposure	<p>Drop Off – Dismissal – Designated Entrances</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Masks or face shields must be worn during drop-off and dismissal times when physical distancing is not possible. ● Early care begins at 6:00 AM <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Preschool reports (no additional fees). ○ Elementary and Upper School (additional fees apply). ● Early drop-off for elementary and upper school begins at 7:30 (no additional fees apply). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ ● Final Health screenings for students is at 7:50 AM ● Students will report directly to the classroom once cleared through temperature checks. ● Students checking in after 8:00 AM are to be dropped off at the Main School Entrance and check in at the Front Desk. ● Preschool students will be released from their classrooms. ● Elementary – 8th grade students must report to after care by 3:05. Charges will apply. <p>Early Release</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Parents are encouraged to call the Front Desk if an early release is absolutely necessary. Please do everything possible to minimize these necessities. The hours of 2:00-3:00 are strongly discouraged for early release as it impacts the completion of the day in elementary and a vital class period for upper school. <p>Classroom</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Upon entering the classroom students will be encouraged to sanitize their hands. ● Students will be instructed not to share items with their classmates. <p>Physical Education (PE) & Recess</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Contact sports will not be permitted during PE classes or Recess times. ● Recess schedules will be modified to limit the number of classes at a time on the playground. ● Recreational and sports equipment will be regularly cleaned and sanitized. <p>Facilities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Reminders will be displayed throughout the school (classrooms, hallways, bathrooms, welcome center, and administrative offices) for students and staff. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Maintain appropriate physical distancing whenever possible. ○ Proper and frequent handwashing/sanitizing. ○ How to stop the spread of germs. ● Fire drills, tornado drills, and lockdown drills will be modified to maintain proper physical distancing to the greatest extent possible. ● Chapel services will continue to be conducted with physical distancing to the greatest extent possible. ● Chapel seating will be sanitized between each chapel group.
Personal Items	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● All personal items brought to the school by a student or employee must be disinfected by the parent or employee daily prior to being introduced to the campus. ● No personal items may be shared (e.g., backpacks, clothing). ● Learning materials may be shared only once disinfected (e.g., textbooks, tablets). ● All personal items (including textbooks) must be labeled with the student's name (e.g., water bottles, notebooks, backpacks).
Water	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Students will bring their own water bottles labeled with their name. Gallon jugs are not permitted.

K-12 DAILY HEALTH SCREENING

The following information will need to be reviewed daily by parent/guardian prior to dropping children off for school. This is not a document needed for daily submission to the school. Thank you for helping keep our DCA Family safe during these unprecedented times.

1. **Does your child have a facemask (grades 3-12 only)?** *(These may be needed for afternoon pick up, for small group activities, or any time physical distancing cannot be maintained.)*
 - Yes
 - No
2. **Has your child had close contact in the last 14 days with someone diagnosed with COVID-19, or has any health department or health care provider been in contact with you and advised you to quarantine?**
 - Yes > The child should not be at school. The child can return 14 days after the last time he or she had close contact with someone with COVID-19, or as listed below.
 - No > The child can be at school if the child is not experiencing symptoms.
3. **Does your child have any of these symptoms?** *(If a child has any of these symptoms, they should stay home, stay away from other people, and you should call the child's health care provider.)*
 - Fever
 - Chills
 - Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
 - New cough
 - New loss of taste or smell
4. **Since they were last at school, has your child been diagnosed with COVID-19?** *(If a child is diagnosed with COVID-19 based on a test, their symptoms, or does not get a COVID-19 test but has had symptoms, they should not be at school and should stay at home until they meet the criteria below.)*
 - Yes
 - No

A child can return to school when a family member can ensure that they can answer YES to ALL three questions:

- Has it been at least 10 days since the child first had symptoms?
- Has it been at least 3 days since the child had a fever (without using fever reducing medicine)?
- Has it been at least 3 days since the child's symptoms have improved, including cough and shortness of breath?

If a child has had a negative COVID-19 test, they can return to school once there is no fever without the use of fever-reducing medicines and they have felt well for 24 hours.

If a child has been diagnosed with COVID-19 but does not have symptoms, they should remain out of school until 10 days have passed since the date of their first positive COVID-19 diagnostic test, assuming they have not subsequently developed symptoms since their positive test.

If a child has been determined to have been in close contact with someone diagnosed with COVID-19, they should remain out of school for 14 days since the last known contact, unless they test positive. In which case, criteria above would apply. They must complete the full 14 days of quarantine even if they test negative.

WAIVER OF LIABILITY AND HEALTH SCREENING AGREEMENT

Dominion Christian Academy is hereby providing notice to me that it intends to reopen its school program on Tuesday, September 8, 2020. I/we understand that DCA cannot protect my child/student and/or me from risks, which may be encountered as a result of my child attending the school and/or participating in any school-sponsored program. I/we realize there are natural, mechanical, and environmental conditions and hazards which independently or in combination with any activities engaged in while participating in this program may result in the exposure to certain risks including exposure to coronavirus (COVID-19), or other biological agents, virus or similar bacteriological agent, and the risk of being quarantined, or illness that may result in medical care, hospitalization or other outcome.

I hereby state that I, on behalf of my child/student and myself, am an adult, over the age of 18, and legally competent to sign this form. I understand these inherent risks and dangers involved with participation in the school providing their services and acknowledge the existence of risks which are not obvious or predictable, and hereby intend this release to extend to injury or loss which results from both obvious or predictable risks, as well as risks that are unpredictable and not obvious and to extend to myself and my child/student, as applicable.

I hereby agree not to enter the campus of DCA nor permit my child/student to enter the campus of DCA if I/they have exhibited or been in contact with another person who has exhibited any of the symptoms currently listed by the Center for Disease Control and Prevention as Symptoms of Coronavirus within the previous 14 days. I have read the DCA sick policy and agree to follow the school's policies.

In consideration of myself and my child/student, I/we, and any legal representatives, heirs and assigns, hereby release, waive, and discharge Dominion Christian Academy, its officers, directors, employees, agents, and representatives from all liability for any loss or damage, and any claim or damages resulting therefrom, on account of any injury, illness or exposure to and/or contracting the coronavirus (COVID-19) or other biological agents, virus or similar bacteriological agent by me or my child/student attendance at and participation in the preschool, school, and/or afterschool program, including any medical expenses.

I agree to indemnify Dominion Christian Academy, its officers, directors, employees, agents, and representatives from any loss, liability, damage, or cost that may be incurred due to my child/student participation in the aforementioned program. I fully understand, on my behalf, and behalf of my child/student the risks associated with the aforementioned participation and assume any risk associated therewith.

The parties to this agreement hereby agree that the interpretation and enforceability of this Release shall be governed by the laws of the State of North Carolina.

I expressly agree that this release, waiver, and indemnity agreement is intended to be as broad and inclusive as permitted by applicable laws and that if any portion thereof is held invalid, it is agreed that the balance shall, notwithstanding, continue in full legal force and effect.

I HAVE CAREFULLY READ THE FOREGOING RELEASE AND KNOW AND UNDERSTAND THE CONTENTS THEREOF. I SIGN THIS RELEASE VOLUNTARILY AS MY FREE ACT WITH FULL KNOWLEDGE OF ITS SIGNIFICANCE, INTENDING TO BE LEGALLY BOUND THEREBY.

I agree to follow the DCA Healthy Only policies detailed above and not send my child to school as per guidelines established by the CDC and specified on the School Screening forms.

Student(s) _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____