

## **Country Christian School Reopening Plan for 2020-2021**

Amidst the COVID-19 pandemic, Country Christian School is preparing for on-campus education for the 2020-2021 school year. We are opening with the safety and precautions in mind of all our staff, students and families while we following the guidelines set forth by the CDC and the Kern County Public Health Department. There will be changes on campus and they are as follows:

### **Labor Organization: Staff members of a private school**

**Consultation:** We have full enthusiasm from all our staff members to resume school operation in person beginning October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Our staff is currently teaching out of their classrooms during distance learning. All staff members have met with administration and would like to resume in class instruction.

### **Parent and Community Organizations:**

**Consultation:** Many parents have been in communication with us in regards to opening. They are eager and wanting their children back on campus. We had some parents who were apprehensive, and they will continue to do distance learning during this time. Listed below are some of the parents that we have consulted.

Parent: Tiffany Nord parent of a kindergartener and 3<sup>rd</sup> grader

Parent: Charity Brock parent of a 3<sup>rd</sup> grader

Parent: Brittany Munoz parent of a kindergartener and 2<sup>nd</sup> grader

Parent: Ashely Horner parent of a kindergartener

**Cleaning and disinfection:** Cleaning will take place daily. We will be sanitizing restrooms and tables regularly. Teachers will use disinfectants to sanitize desks. Teachers will also sanitize door handles, light switches, and other common high traffic areas. We have a “fogger” sanitation device that can be sprayed on playground/larger surface areas. All hall rails will be sanitized throughout the day and a cleaning schedule will be put into place. All major high traffic areas as well as play equipment (balls, jump ropes, outside toys) will be cleaned on a regular basis. All drinking fountains will be available and cleaned on a routine basis; however, we highly encourage and recommend that students bring a labeled water bottle from home. We are also asking that parents sanitize their child/children lunch pails and back packs. If a positive test is identified on our campus we will sanitize and fog the area where there is potential for spreading.

**Cohorting:** Students will be in their own classroom for all activities including lunch. Each classroom will consist of approximately 14 children. We will be doing on campus and distance learning. The classes will be split. We will have Group A and Group B. Group A will come on campus Monday through Wednesday while Group B is at home distance learning. Thursday through Friday Group B will be on campus while Group A is at home distance learning. The following week the groups will switch. This rotation would happen each week. There will be assigned seating for each student in their classroom. They will be with their teacher and aide at all times. Recess will be outdoors at one time using different play areas. Staff will be using two-way radios to communicate so we can avoid more than two students in the restroom at one time. We will have students’ social distance.

## **Entrance, egress, and movement within the school:**

### **Morning Schedule:**

There will be one entrance and one exit for the campus for drop off. **ALL STUDENTS WILL HAVE THEIR TEMPERATURE CHECKED BEFORE COMING ONTO CAMPUS.** Parents are not allowed to enter the campus or the children's classrooms. Three parents will be allowed to enter in the office area at a time with a mask to obtain information for their student. Drop off will be 8:00am-8:30am. Parents can walk child/children to the temperature check-in table. If parents chose to do this they are required to wear a mask and practice social distancing by standing on the markers that are placed on the ground 6 feet apart. If parents plan on doing a drive-by drop-off, parents are not allowed to drive away until child/children temperature is taken. Again, if parents chose to walk child/children to the temperature check-in table they will be required to wear a mask and practice social distancing. The playgrounds will be open during morning drop off with assigned play areas for each grade level and with designated teachers who will be monitoring that students are 6 feet apart as recommended by the CDC and Kern Public Health.

### **Afternoon Schedule:**

Pick up will now be staggered for all grade levels. A separate gate near our back wing building will be used for pick up for 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade students. Parents will be required to wear a mask and practice social distancing while they pick up their child from the gate. They will not be allowed on campus or in the classroom during pick up. With staggered pick up times and

smaller class sizes this will help limit the amount of parents coming for pick up.

K	1st	2nd	3 <sup>rd</sup> /4 <sup>th</sup> /5 <sup>th</sup>
2:15-2:25	2:25-2:35	2:35-2:45	2:55-3:05

\*Kindergarten, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> will do pick up and exit through the same gate as morning drop off.

\*3<sup>rd</sup>- 5<sup>th</sup> grade will pick-up and exit through the gate by the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade classroom **ONLY**.

**Face Covers and Other Essential Protective Gear:** As required by the CDPH guidelines, students in grades kindergarten through 2nd will have the option to wear a face covering. Students grades kindergarten through 2nd may wear a face shield in lieu of a face covering if the face covering cannot be worn correctly or does not have a seal to the child's face. If a student is unable to wear a face mask due to medical reasons, they can wear a face shield and we will have those students follow social distancing guidelines. Grades 3rd-5th will be required to wear a face mask. If medically necessary or a child cannot wear a mask that has a perfect and proper seal, a student will be allowed to wear a face shield. While wearing a face shield they will maintain 6 feet of physical distancing. Student health cards will be updated to include this information. All staff will be required to wear a mask. Staff will also be allowed to wear a face shield if medically necessary and will always maintain 6 feet of physical distancing. Country Christian school currently has a supply of 1,200 disposable face masks in various sizes and

40 face shields in various sizes in case a student or staff member arrives without the proper PPE.

**Health Screenings for Students and Staff:** As stated above, each child's temperature will be taken and recorded when parents drop them off to our campus. Anyone who has a temperature of 100.4 or above will not be allowed on campus and will be asked to stay home for 48 hours to monitor any COVID 19 symptoms. If the temperature or other signs of illness do not subside within 24 hours we would ask that the person/child be seen by their Dr. and/or tested before returning to school. If a student falls ill during the day such as a fever, flushed cheeks or general feeling of being unwell, they will be isolated in a designated room monitored by administration until they can be picked up. The symptomatic student will be provided a face mask to replace their face covering while waiting to be picked up. If more than 1 child becomes sick, our isolation room can hold multiple students while still maintaining 6 feet of social distancing. If the designated room must be used, it will remain closed for a minimum of 24 hours and then sanitized before being used again. All staff will take their temperature before coming to work. Again, if a staff member's temperature or other signs of illness does not resolve within 24 hours they will be asked to stay home and be seen by a Dr. and/or tested before returning to work. If a teacher has to stay home, arrangements will be made to cover their class. If multiple students/staff fall ill with COVID 19 symptoms or test positive it will be reported to the Kern Country Health Services Department.

**Healthy Hygiene Practices:** We will have hand sanitizers in each classroom and campus wide. Our students will also wash their hands before snack and lunch recesses. Each classroom is equipped with a sink, antibacterial hand

soap and touch less paper towel dispenser. Students will be monitored during hand washing time to make sure it is being done properly. Our students will also be taught/reminded to cover their coughs and sneezes with their elbow and to keep their hands away from their eyes, nose and face. Staff will also be reminded to hand wash regularly throughout the day.

**Identification and Tracing Contacts:** Contact is defined as anyone within 6 feet of another person for longer than 15 minutes. As required by the recommendations of the CDC and Public Health, a staff member or student is not allowed to return to campus until they have met the criteria to discontinue home isolation, including at least 24 hours with no fever and 10 days since symptoms appeared. If a parent or other family member has tested positive with COVID-19 within the household they will need to notify administration and stay in quarantine for the 14 days as required by the Public Health Administrator and CDC. For the safety of staff and students, if symptoms occur within the household please email Kristin Garcia at [kgarcia@cc-school.net](mailto:kgarcia@cc-school.net). If Mrs. Garcia is notified by a family, an email will be sent out to the specific classroom that may have had exposure through our communication portal, Gradelink. We will refer to the chart below.



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*What measures should be taken when a student, teacher or staff member has symptoms, is a contact of someone infected, or is diagnosed with COVID-19?*

Student or Staff with:	Action	Communication
1. COVID-19 Symptoms (e.g., fever, cough, loss of taste or smell, difficulty breathing)  Symptom Screening: Per CA <a href="#">School Sector Specific Guidelines</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Send home</li> <li>Recommend testing (If positive, see #3, if negative, see #4)</li> <li>School/classroom remain open</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No Action needed</li> </ul>
2. Close contact (†) with a confirmed COVID-19 case	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Send home</li> <li>Quarantine for 14 days from last exposure</li> <li>Recommend testing (but will not shorten 14-day quarantine)</li> <li>School/classroom remain open</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Consider school community notification of a known contact</li> </ul>
3. Confirmed COVID-19 case infection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Notify the local public health department</li> <li>Isolate case and exclude from school for 10 days from symptom onset or test date</li> <li>Identify contacts (†), quarantine &amp; exclude exposed contacts (likely entire cohort (††)) for 14 days after the last date the case was present at school while infectious</li> <li>Recommend testing of contacts, prioritize symptomatic contacts (but will not shorten 14-day quarantine)</li> <li>Disinfection and cleaning of classroom and primary spaces where case spent significant time</li> <li>School remains open</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>School community notification of a known case</li> </ul>
4. Tests negative after symptoms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>May return to school 3 days after symptoms resolve</li> <li>School/classroom remain open</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Consider school community notification if prior awareness of testing</li> </ul>

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**Physical Distancing:** Students will be reminded of social distancing rules.

Students will be at their own desk which will be spaced out to be 6 feet apart from each other. The class size will remain small to help with social distancing guidelines.

**Staff Training and Family Education:** All staff has been informed and instructed to follow CDC and Public Health guidelines. They know they are required to follow social distancing guidelines, wear their mask or face shield, stay in their classroom, eat in their classrooms and use their two-way radio or personal classroom phone to communicate with administration or other staff. Posters and notices about COVID-19 will be posted throughout the facility. Parents and staff have been sent protocol per the CDC website

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/how-to-wear-cloth-face-coverings.html>

on how to properly put on, store, wash and discard face coverings. Social distancing markers will be placed throughout the facility as well. Parents will be made aware of the schools protocols via email. Parents and students will know that they are to arrive with their mask on and to keep it on while near campus. These protocols and guidelines that we have put into place will hopefully help stop the spread of COVID-19 and keep our staff, students and families healthy and safe.

**Testing of Students and Staff:** Temperature checks will be done before students/staff enter the campus. If the student has had exposure or displaying any COVID-19 symptoms they will be instructed to contact their physician immediately. If a staff member has had exposure or displaying COVID-19 symptoms they will be instructed to go to their doctor or designated testing site. Teachers will be tested quarterly by their primary care provider or by referring teachers to the Good Samaritan Hospital which is a free county provided testing site. For our student and employee population, everyone lives within the Kern County zip codes of 93301, 93304, 93306, 93308, 93309, 93311, 93312 and 93314.

**Triggers for switching to Distance Learning:** Country Christian will switch to fully distance learning if there is one positive case from the teacher or student in that given classroom. For example, if a first grade student tests positive the class would quarantine two weeks and do distance learning. If no new cases are reported during that two week period that class would return for on campus learning. If there are more than 8 cases among the staff or students, we would close the school and go to distance learning for 2 weeks

**Communication Plan:** If Country Christian has a positive COVID-19 case on campus we will notify parents via email to come and pick up their student as quickly as possible. Parents will be given instructions for monitoring their child at home for COVID-19 symptoms and distance learning will now take place. If a positive COVID-19 case is reported we will contact the Public Health Services Department and follow their provided instructions.

Thank you for your consideration,

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