



Fall Reopening Plans

This COVID-19 Operational Response Plan is our best effort to institute best health practices to help protect against potential exposure and mitigate the impact of COVID-19 on our students and staff. There is no way to completely mitigate against the potential of COVID-19, no matter how many precautions are in place. Therefore, it is also not our philosophy to completely tear apart best educational practices and child development needs in the name of health and safety precautions alone. This plan reflects our best attempt to integrate and maintain practices which best promote student learning and social, emotional, and spiritual development in the safest manner we can determine and realistically implement, given the current situation.

This document is being provided based on the public health situation as we understand it today. Changes to the public health situation over the course of the duration of the summer and into the school year may necessitate changes to this guidance, including additional restrictions to school operations.

The virus that causes COVID-19 can infect people of all ages, and Faith Lutheran High School is doing everything possible to keep students safe. While it is not possible to eliminate any risk of furthering the spread of COVID-19, the current science suggests that there are many steps schools can take to reduce the risks to students, teachers, staff, and their families significantly. This plan contains information on four sets of practices that minimize the likelihood of viral spread:

- Notice: reminders and requirements for families
- Prevent: practices that prevent the virus from entering the school
- Respond: practices that respond to a lab-confirmed case in school
- Mitigate: practices that mitigate the likelihood of spread inside school

NOTICE

Attendance

- Students must attend 90% of a course, per Texas Education Code (TEC) 25.092 and FLHS Student Handbook, page 5, in order to be awarded credit for the course. (No more than 9 absences per semester.)
- Student attendance may be earned through in person or synchronous virtual instruction.

Communication

- Families are asked to be in constant and good communication with the Administration at FLHS.
- Faith Lutheran High School will inform families of any changes to this policy or any development surrounding the COVID-19 practices and how they might affect each family.

Waiver of Liability

- Faith Lutheran High School is not responsible for any individual contracting the COVID-19 virus while on campus. FLHS is doing everything possible to help ensure our students, teachers, staff, and families remain safe and healthy.

PREVENT

Arrival

- Each teacher and staff member must self-screen for COVID-19 symptoms before coming onto campus each day. This should include the teacher or staff member taking their own temperature and also determining if they are presenting symptoms of COVID-19 or have had close contact with an individual who is lab-confirmed with COVID-19.
- All students will be screened each day prior to entry into FLHS. A staff member will take each student's temperature, and also determine if they are presenting symptoms of COVID-19 or have had close contact with an individual who is lab-confirmed with COVID-19.
- Visitors will be prohibited from entry onto campus without an explicit invitation. Any visitor welcomed onto campus will be screened using the same process above.
- Everyone entering campus must apply hand sanitizer upon arrival.
- * Parents are encouraged to check each student's temperature before arriving on campus each day.
- * Parents are asked to remain in the drop off line until students have been screened and admitted into school for the day. Parents are asked to remain in their vehicles and not bring students into school.
- Symptoms of COVID-19 include:
 - Fever of 100.4 or higher
 - Loss of taste or smell
 - Cough
 - Difficult breathing
 - Headache
 - Chills
 - Sore throat
 - Shaking or exaggerated shaking
 - Significant muscle pain or ache
 - Diarrhea

Temperatures

- 98.6 or lower - student admitted for class
- 98.7 to 100.3 - student is admitted to school, but temperature will be rechecked every hour
- 100.4 or above - student will be sent home

COVID-19: Suspected, Confirmed or Possible Exposure

- Any individual, who themselves either are lab-confirmed or experience the symptoms of COVID-19, must stay home throughout the infection period and can't return to campus until the following criteria are ALL met:
 1. At least three days (72 hours) have passed since recovery (resolution of fever without medication),
 2. The individual has improvement in symptoms (e.g. cough, shortness of breath); and
 3. At least 10 days have passed since symptoms first appeared.
- Any individual who has symptoms that could be COVID-19 and who is not evaluated by a medical professional or tested for COVID-19 is still assumed to have COVID-19. This individual must not return to campus until the individual has completed the same three-step process listed above.
- Any individual who has symptoms that could be COVID-19 but wants to return to school before completing the above criteria must either

- Obtain a medical professional's note clearing the individual for return based on an alternative diagnosis, or
- Receive two separate confirmations at least 24 hours apart that they are free of COVID-19.
- Any individual who has had close contact with someone who is lab-confirmed to have COVID-19 should stay at home throughout the 14-day incubation period, and should not be allowed on campus. Individuals are presumed infectious at least two days prior to symptom onset. Close contact is defined as:
 - Being directly exposed to infectious secretions (e.g. being coughed on while not wearing a mask) or
 - Being within 6 feet for a cumulative duration of 15 minutes, while not wearing a face mask.
- Any individual, while at home, is able to attend online classes.

RESPOND

Identifying Possible COVID-19 Cases on Campus

- Any student who reports to feel feverish will be given a temperature check immediately.
- FLHS will immediately separate any student who shows COVID-19 symptoms, until they can be picked up by a parent or guardian.
- All areas that a student has had contact with throughout their day will be closed off for student use until the area can be properly sanitized and disinfected.

Actions for a Lab-Confirmed Individual on Campus

- If an individual on campus is lab-confirmed to have COVID-19, FLHS will notify the local health department, in accordance with federal, state, and local laws, including confidentiality requirements.
- All areas that individual had contact with will be closed off for use until the area can be properly sanitized and disinfected, unless more than 3 days have passed since that person was on campus.
- FLHS will notify all teachers, staff, and families of all students if a lab-confirmed case is identified among students, teachers, or staff who were present for on-campus learning.
- FLHS may deem that all students and teachers had close-contact with the lab-confirmed COVID-19 individual, and, in the best interest of all students, teachers, staff, and families, may temporarily suspend on-campus learning for 2 weeks. Transition to online learning would occur immediately for all students.

MITIGATE

Hygiene Education

- Students will be informed of all the material in this COVID-19 Response Plan on the first day of school.
- Students will be instructed on safe hygiene practices, including how to properly wash their hands for 20 seconds.
- Instruction will be on-going and reviewed regularly.
- Teachers and staff will be trained on the protocols outlined in this plan.

Face Masks

- Masks can include non-medical grade disposable face masks or cloth face coverings as long as both the mouth and nose are covered, or full face shields to protect the eyes, nose and mouth.

- Any person on campus will be expected to wear a face mask at all times while on campus, with the following exceptions:
 - While seated in the lunchroom and eating lunch.
 - While seated in the classroom, during the class period.
 - While seated in the sanctuary, during chapel services.

Health and Hygiene Practices

- Each entrance and classroom will be equipped with hand sanitizer. All individuals on campus will be encouraged to use it frequently. All individuals will be required to use it before admittance onto campus.
- Individuals will be encouraged to cover coughs and sneeze in a tissue or their elbow. Used tissues should be thrown into the trash immediately and hand sanitizer should be used.
- Individuals will be expected to wash their hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds after each trip to the restroom.
- Restrooms will be sprayed with disinfectant 4 times a day - after 2nd hour, after lunch, after 6th hour, and at the end of the school day.
- Common touch surfaces will also be disinfected 4 times a day, based on the schedule in the previous note.
- Student desks/seats in the classroom will be spaced at a minimum of 6 feet apart. Students will be assigned a seat in each classroom. Seats and desks will be disinfected at the conclusion of each period before new students arrive in the classroom.
- A thorough disinfecting of each classroom will be done at the end of the school day.
- Individuals are asked to bring a clear water bottle to school. Water fountains are only available for filling up bottles, but not for drinking from the fountain.
- Students will be encouraged to use their shoulder to enter the classroom, and not touch the doorknobs.
- Teachers will open the classroom door at the conclusion of each period to dismiss students.
- Chapel will still occur each Wednesday. Students will be spaced at least 6 feet apart from each other while in the sanctuary, with assigned seats. Offering will be collected at the door, and not collected during the service.

Lunch Practices

- Students are expected to bring their own lunch to school each day.
- Students must wash hands and/or use hand sanitizer before entering the lunchroom.
- Students will be spaced at least 6 ft apart while seated during lunch, with only two seats per table.
- Students will have access to the microwaves and refrigerator. Students will be encouraged to use hand sanitizer before touching the microwaves and refrigerator to ensure they stay clean. The microwaves and refrigerator will also be disinfected periodically during the lunch period.

Online Learning

- Individuals who have COVID-19, have come in close contact with someone who is lab-confirmed for COVID-19, or is suspected of having COVID-19 may continue their education at home until safely able to return to campus.
- Online learning courses will happen synchronously with in-person courses. Students will be expected to join each class via Zoom during the normal class time, and complete work as assigned. Basically, there will be no difference between in person and online instruction, as online instruction is viewed as a temporary situation.