

CBS COVID PLAN 2021-2022 School Year:

- CBS will be an open campus for visitors under the normal visitor safety protocols
- We will not require masks for students, staff, or visitors but will encourage masks when social distancing is not possible
- We will not require proof of COVID vaccination, however, we will strongly encourage them. Please consult your physician and carefully weigh the vulnerability of your child and family unit
- We will be operating all year under heightened flu season-like protocols
- We will be practicing frequent hand washing/sanitizing by students and staff
- We will be checking temperatures each morning
- We will be sending students to the nurse if they appear ill
- We will be cleaning common surfaces throughout the day
- We will be fogging with disinfectant in areas where COVID cases are suspected or reported
- We will not permit sharing of food or drink
- We will still have a clearance protocol for students who become ill with COVID or are exposed outside of school before return to class is allowed
- We still expect parents to keep students with symptoms home until they contact us for guidance on when to return

It is important to note that while we are free to adopt guidelines from various organizations like the CDC or TEA, if we choose, we will follow State of Texas law, or a law enacted by our County Judge.

We will look at any and every situation and make a decision based on the following criteria:

Based on the unique information we have at that time...

1. Is there a law we must follow?
2. Does it protect, or is it best for, our students?
3. Will it protect, or is it best for the CBS staff and organization as a whole?

Screening Guidelines and Questions

It is important to remember that schools are required to exclude students with certain illnesses from school for periods of time according to state rules. Parents will be instructed not to send their child to school if they have a fever (measured temperature of 99.8°F or higher), diarrhea, or symptoms of a contagious illness.

All staff, visitors, and students (with parental assistance) should monitor for symptoms prior to campus arrival. CBS reserves the right to perform further screenings of signs and symptoms of illness and use this assessment as grounds to refuse a student admission to class on a given day.

Parents are instructed to ensure they do not send a child to school if the child has COVID symptoms or is lab-confirmed with COVID. However, these students will receive class assignments until the below conditions for re-entry are met.

Students or parents are required to report to the Front Office, or school nurse, BEFORE arriving at school, if:

1. They had close contact with an individual who has tested COVID positive, or
2. If they themselves have any symptoms of COVID

People with COVID have had a wide range of symptoms reported – ranging from no symptoms to mild symptoms to severe illness. Symptoms may appear 2-14 days after exposure to the virus.

CBS will use the following guidelines for student, staff and visitor screening purposes:

- Fever (measured temperature of 99.8°F or higher)
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Feeling feverish (chills, shaking, complains of having a fever)
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

If a student has any of the symptoms listed above, the parents are instructed to keep their child at home and to contact the school's front office or school nurse for exclusion and re-admission criteria. All CBS staff will be required to follow the above guidelines and self-screen each morning before arriving at school. A procedure is in place to continue instruction for students should a staff member need to self-quarantine.

Confirmed or Suspected COVID Cases

Parents and employees will continue to be required to report confirmed positive cases of COVID to the front office. If there is a confirmed or suspected case, CBS will immediately begin a deep cleaning protocol in all areas where the specific student or staff member has been while on campus. A decision will be made regarding the need to close a classroom, a building (elementary or secondary), or the entire campus for a period of time. This will be a decision made at that time and with the information pertaining to the specifics of the situation. Student and staff safety are the highest priority in making the decision.

Therefore, the following guidelines will also be followed:

1. If an individual who has been in a school is lab-confirmed to have COVID, CBS will notify the local health authority, in accordance with applicable federal, state and local laws and regulations, including confidentiality requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA).
2. CBS will close off areas that are heavily used by the individual with the lab-confirmed case (student, teacher, or staff) until the non-porous surfaces in those areas can be disinfected, unless more than 3 days have already passed since that person was on campus.
2. Consistent with school notification requirements for other communicable diseases, and consistent with legal confidentiality requirements, CBS will notify all teachers, staff, and families of all students in a school if a lab-confirmed COVID case is identified among students, teachers or staff who participate in any on campus activities.

Return to School

In the case of an individual who was diagnosed with COVID, such individuals may return to school when all the following criteria are met. (In the case of an individual who has symptoms that could be COVID related and who has not been evaluated by a medical professional or tested for COVID, the individual is assumed to have COVID.)

1. At least three days (72 hours) have passed since recovery (resolution of fever without the use of fever-reducing medications).
2. The individual has improvement in symptoms (for example: cough, shortness of breath).
3. At least 10 days have passed since symptoms first appeared.
4. The individual must 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 via acute infection tests at an approved COVID testing location found at <https://tdem.texas.gov/covid-19/>.

To rule out COVID in those presenting symptoms, the results from a lab-confirmed test, administered on or after the 5th day from the onset of symptoms must be received by the school. If test determines that the illness is not COVID related, the student may return to school after being fever free for at least 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medication

Final Thoughts

It is important to note once again, some details of this plan may change if CBS receives new information, or if we are duly mandated by the Governor or County Judge to follow specific guidelines. Our prayer is that guidelines become less and less restrictive, but CBS will be prepared if that does not prove to be the case.

Finally, and most importantly, we are a Christian school that believes the only Truth is God's Truth. We will bathe our year in prayer for protection on the entire CBS community and trust that God will give us health, safe-keeping, and wisdom to make correct decisions as we move our mission forward. The most important thing you can do is pray! We have no doubt that our Lord can protect us! "The horse is prepared against the day of battle: but safety is of the LORD." Proverbs 21:31