



COVID PLAN 2021-2022

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Serving Together in Love

“Let your light shine before others.” These words from Matthew 5:16 are part of our theme for this school year – *Knights Shine Bright!* We live in a world clouded by the darkness of sin, but God has revealed his light and life to us and opened our eyes to faith, hope, and salvation. Through our words, actions, and attitudes, we daily reflect the light of God’s precious gospel message to one another and to our community. As we respond to the trials of a sinful world, even COVID, let us be bright lights reflecting the love of our Savior.

Members of our school family will have differing views regarding COVID protocols established for our school year; however, we ask all families to walk together – strong and courageous in faith, and lights in a sin darkened world, in a loving desire to protect children, families, and staff. Together, we can model Christian love, as well as respect for those in authority, as we give children the blessing of a Christian education while seeking to reduce COVID risks.

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Introduction

The COVID pandemic continues to present a unique and challenging set of circumstances for all. We are thankful for the input and support our school family has provided as our School Board, faculty, and staff have worked to address present challenges. We continue to believe that the best way to provide a Christian education is to have students on campus in the presence of Christian teachers and mentors. We cannot eliminate all risks from COVID; however, we can seek to reduce risks as we go about our daily school activities and routines.

The following policies will continue to be reviewed and revised in relation to changing circumstances, knowledge, and governmental regulations. Parents and caregivers will be advised of revisions to COVID policies should they occur.

COVID Communication Spokesperson

Calvary Lutheran School has designated Mrs. Amanda Walker RN as the initial contact person for concerns and questions. She can be reached at admissions@calvarydallas.org or at 214-343-7457, option 2.

PPE Mask Guidance

Masks are optional but encouraged for all students and for all unvaccinated individuals while in our school facilities. Students and adults may request a PPE mask at the school office.

Acceptable PPE masks:

- may contain school appropriate patterns but are not to include any text
- must be secured with ear loops, ties, or elastic that allow the individual to remain hands-free

Unacceptable PPE masks:

- gaiters and bandanas
- any mask that is disruptive to the learning environment

Parents are responsible for their children's choice of wearing or not wearing PPE masks and ensuring their children abide by their decisions during the school day. Teachers and staff will not enforce the wearing of PPE masks for individual students during the school day but will respond to parent inquiries about their children.

Symptoms of COVID

People with COVID have had a wide range of symptoms reported – ranging from mild symptoms to severe illness. Symptoms may appear 2-14 days after exposure to the virus. Anyone can have mild to severe symptoms. People with these symptoms may have COVID:

- Fever or chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficult breathing



- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

Direct Contact & Case Procedures

Parents, students, and staff are to self-monitor for COVID symptoms and are not to attend school or school activities if they are experiencing COVID symptoms without an alternative diagnosis. COVID testing, including self-testing at home, may be recommended prior to a return to school. The latest CDC guidelines regarding quarantine and follow-up masking will be followed in cases of positive COVID cases.

Any student, parent, or faculty/staff member with a positive COVID test is to report the test result to our school administrative staff as soon as possible for reporting to the Health Department.

Parents of students who have been potentially exposed to a positive COVID case at school or a school activity will be notified; however, in such cases, students will **not** be excluded from school attendance or school activities unless they test positive for COVID or are experiencing COVID symptoms without an alternative diagnosis. In such cases, parents may also make the decision to have their students quarantined after exposure.

Students and faculty/staff members will be excluded from school attendance and activities with recommended quarantine if they:

- test positive for COVID.
- are experiencing COVID-like symptoms without an alternate diagnosis.
- have a household member, living at home, who tests positive for COVID.

COVID - Return to School Procedures

An individual with a confirmed COVID case or who has COVID-like symptoms without an alternate diagnosis can return to school when the following 3 criteria are met:

1. 72 hours have passed since resolution of fever without the use of fever reducing medicine
2. The individual has had improvement in symptoms
3. 5 days have passed since symptoms first appeared and the individual will mask at school for another 5 days OR 10 days have passed since symptoms first appeared and the individual may return to class without masking



Temperatures over 100.0

Any student who experiences a fever over 100.0 will be removed from the student population. The student will be kept under the supervision of a member of Calvary's faculty and staff or a Calvary teaching assistant. The school office will notify the emergency contacts on record. Students with a temperature over 100.0 are to be picked up within 30 minutes.

Any member of our Calvary faculty or staff who experiences a fever over 100.0 will be removed from the student population and asked to return home as soon as possible.

Immunizations

Calvary Lutheran School requires proof of immunization or a Notarized State Exemption Form for all vaccines required by the state of Texas. Copies of COVID vaccination documents can be turned in to the school office, but COVID vaccinations are not required by the State of Texas.

Student Absences

Student absences will be monitored in FACTS. Every effort will be given to document a reason for absence.

Sick children will follow policies regarding return to school after illness.

Parents and guardians are to notify the school office by 8:00 AM each morning if their child will be absent from school, and parents and guardians will be asked to share the reasons for absence as well as symptoms a child is experiencing due to illness.

Parents and guardians are also to notify the school office as soon as possible if any member of the household has been diagnosed with COVID. If a household member tests positive for COVID, students will not be excluded from school attendance and school activities unless they are experiencing COVID symptoms, have a positive COVID test, or the parent chooses for the student to quarantine.

Online Classes and Support

In the event a student is not able to attend school due to COVID policies, Calvary will offer the following online support:

- Students will be able to login and watch lessons in real time as they are delivered by the teacher.
- Students will benefit by hearing the lesson, as well as discussion and questions that take place in the classroom.

Student Training

All students will be trained in proper handwashing and sanitizing procedures during the first three days of school. Appropriate instructional signage will be placed in restrooms and classrooms, and training will be reviewed with students as needed.



Each classroom will break as necessary for proper hand washing and hand sanitation during the school day. Hand sanitizer will be readily available at the school entry, school office, and in each classroom.

School Cleaning

A member of the school administrative team will clean all high touch hallway, restroom, and entrance areas with approved disinfectant over the student lunch periods and at the end of each school day.

Teachers will oversee the sanitizing of eating surfaces and high-touch classroom surfaces before lunch and at the end of each school day.

Restrooms and hallways will be cleaned and sanitized daily following the school day, and classrooms will be fully cleaned and sanitized on Tuesdays and Fridays.

