



Back to School 2021-2022 Health and Safety Protocols

What We Are Doing to Keep Your Child Safe

Voluntary Face Coverings

- Face coverings will be required for any student or staff member while on campus through September 30, 2021. Thereafter, the mask policy will be reevaluated depending on COVID conditions.

Quarantines

- Exposed students may return to school on day 7 with a negative PCR test result and no symptoms (test must occur on day 5 or later).
- Exposed students may return to school on day 10 without testing and no symptoms.
- Individuals who have been fully vaccinated will not need to quarantine per the CDC but a test is recommended on day 3-5.
- Keep student at home if sick. Call the school nurse and communicate the symptoms. Once the nurse evaluates the case, she will notify the parents when the student is cleared to return to school.
- Hybrid Learning will not be available for the 2021-2022 school year. Instead, quarantine students will be able to zoom into their class for in-class instructions.
- Review the updated COVID-19 Chart for more details.

◆ CDC continues to endorse quarantine for 14 days and recognizes that any quarantine shorter than 14 days balances reduced burden against a small possibility of spreading the virus. CDC will continue to evaluate new information and update recommendations as needed.

Physical Distancing

- Physical distancing of 3 feet will be observed.

Parents on campus

- In 2021-2022 school year, K2-5 grade parents will be permitted on campus **only during the afternoon dismissal time**. Any parent wishing to visit the office during the day will need to make an appointment with the school office at 305.274.3380.

- In order to minimize the number of people who come into the buildings, we are allowing only students, teachers and staff to come inside. **Parents are not permitted inside the school buildings without an appointment.**
- We recommend communicating with teachers either by phone or by email. Appointments will be granted between 9:00AM and 2:00PM based on teacher availability.
- Parents must call the office at least 24 hours in advance to schedule the appointment.

Morning Drop-Off

- Parents will be asked to self-screen their children before bringing them to school. **Children who have a fever of 100.4 or above or show any signs or symptoms of sickness will not be permitted to attend on-campus classes.**
- **K2-Grade1** will enter campus through Gate 3. Parents will park and walk their children to their individual classrooms using the exterior glass doors of the classroom.
- **Grades 2-5** will enter campus through Gate 4. Students will exit their vehicle at the designated drop-off area (same as check point last year). Students may be dropped off beginning at 7:30AM and will report directly to their classrooms.
- **Middle and High School:**
 - ✓ **Grades 6-8** will enter campus through Gate 4. Students will exit their vehicle at the designated drop-off area (same as check point last year). Students may be dropped off beginning at 7:20AM and will **report directly to the pavilion by the gym.**
 - ✓ **Grades 9-12** will enter campus through Gate 4. Students will exit their vehicle at the designated drop-off area (same area as check point last year). Students may be dropped off beginning at 7:20AM and will **report directly to the mezzanine.**
- Parents must remain in their vehicles during morning drop-off unless they have a scheduled appointment.

Afternoon Dismissal

- **Grade K2-1:** Students will be picked up through the outside glass doors of their classroom.
- **Grades 2-5:** Students will be picked up through the **drive up pick-up line.**
- **Grades 6-12:** Parents will pick up their children **through the car line .**
- Parents must remain in their vehicles while in the car line.
- Parents who have children participating in after school activities may park in the available spots by the baseball field and observe their children in their after school activity. If the activity is within a classroom, parents must remain in their vehicle and must not enter the school building.

School Clinic Procedure

- Teachers will notify our school nurse when students in the classroom are displaying symptoms or verbalize they are not feeling well.
- Upon notification, the school nurse will go to the classroom and escort the student to the school health clinic.
- Upon arrival to the clinic, the school nurse will check the student's vital signs and notify the parents and, if necessary, health authorities, to insure optimum student health and safety.
- The school nurse will complete a **COVID-19 Return to School Timeline Form**. This form will be provided to the student at the time of departure. Parents will receive a follow up email.
- In order for the child to be admitted back to school, parents must provide the school nurse with the COVID-19 test and or medical clearance to return to school. Please email the school nurse, Kristina Diaz-Rivas.

Enhanced Cleanliness

- Westwood Christian School will continue to encourage good **hand hygiene**, reminding students and staff to wash their hands after using the restroom, before meals, etc. The school will continue to provide access to hand sanitizer throughout the day.
- **Touch-points**. (i.e. doorknobs, light switches, stair railings, etc.) will continue to be disinfected throughout all buildings on a daily basis.
- All **classrooms will be thoroughly cleaned** each evening after school is dismissed by SFM Company.
- Teachers and staff will continue to have access to **disinfectant supplies** to clean regularly high touch areas such as students' desks throughout the day.

Lunch

School lunch will resume in the cafeteria for the 2021-2022 school year.

- Students will have the option to bring lunch from home or pre-order lunch from Wholesome Food Service. [Lunches delivered to school using a meal delivery service \(i.e. Uber Eats, Door Dash, etc.\) WILL NOT BE PERMITTED.](#)
- Physical distance is observed while dining.

After Care

- Preschool aftercare will be located on the preschool playground beginning at 3:25PM.
- Grades K5-12 aftercare will be located in the dismissal pavilion until 4:00PM. From 4:00-6:30PM, aftercare will be in the elementary library.

Athletics and Activities

- Athletic and after school activities will resume as normal for the 2021-2022 school year.

Thank you for your ongoing patience and partnership as we have navigated through this COVID-19 pandemic. We are looking forward to providing our students and staff safe and healthy school year.

Sincerely,

Westwood Christian School Administration