

Black Hills Christian Academy COVID-19 Plan for 2021-2022 School Year

BHCA will begin classes on August 24, 2021. As the new school year approaches, BHCA remains committed to providing safe, in person learning for our students and staff. We believe the best way we can live out our Vision, Mission and Core Values at BHCA is through in person learning for our students. Therefore, the following will be our COVID-19 plan for the 2021-2022 school year:

BHCA will:

- Continue to perform extensive cleaning and sanitizing of all classrooms, common areas, surfaces, and school resources.
- Increase air ventilation when possible or appropriate.
- Continue to teach and provide increased opportunities to practice good hygiene including increased hand washing, limiting touching of face, covering coughs and sneezes, and limiting touching of high-touch surfaces
- Observe students while at school for signs and symptoms of COVID-19.
- Not require masks or vaccines for our staff or students. However, mask wearing will not be discouraged. Staff and students may wear a mask at any time if they feel more comfortable doing so.
- Notify students' family if their teacher or a classmate test positive for COVID. Families will then have the choice to send their child to school or keep the child home to monitor them for symptoms. Absence will be counted against student and family will be responsible for missed assignments.
- Not have class cohorts at this time.
- Defer any quarantine recommendation to family/student/staff Physician.

We ask parents and children to:

- Screen child/children prior to coming each day to school of COVID-19 symptoms.
- As always, stay at home if they are sick.
- Practice good hygiene.
- Pick up student ASAP if contacted by BHCA because student became ill during the school day.
- Have students inform teacher/staff if they become sick during the school day.
- Decide when COVID-19 testing is deemed necessary for their student per family/student Physician recommendation.
- Refer to family/child Physician for quarantine guidelines.
- Be responsible for any schoolwork missed due to illness as per our school policy.

BHCA recognizes that conditions and situations regarding COVID-19 can and will change. Please monitor communications for updates or changes to stay fully updated as we adjust as needed to keep our students and BHCA families safe. Also, remember that there are other illnesses that present with similar symptoms as COVID-19 and BHCA will ONLY notify families when there is confirmed positive COVID-19 case in your student's class. We are thankful for God's protection and provision over the last year in a half of COVID-19 and trust He will guide us in this next school year.