



Fayetteville Christian School Re-opening Plan 2020-2021

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Re-Opening Options

The following plan will be enacted for the 2020-2021 school year. School will start August 13, 2020. This plan should ensure a seamless start to the new year. This document will first describe the back to school options for our FCS parents in brief and will go into more detail in the pages that follow. Students are assumed to be returning under Option A, so if a parent decides that Option B, C or D is a better fit for their child's return to school, please contact the front office as soon as possible so that we can help with this transition. This plan remains flexible as we will adjust as needed.

Option A: Return to campus for in-person instruction under the "Healthy Only" framework described in detail starting on Page 2. Students will remain at school under in-person instruction as described unless mandated by the governor to shut down as occurred in the spring of 2020. The **Option A contingency plan** for temporary home-based learning during the school year will be briefly described starting on page 2, and in more depth if the need arises. **This option is available for All Grades.**

Option B: Return to school under a hybrid model, where the student remains at home to learn via distance learning. Learning will be facilitated by their classroom teacher in order to stay within the class pace using the school curriculum and assignments. Some live Zoom instructional meetings will be arranged to help the student remain connected to his/her teachers and classmates and some recorded lessons will be available to the student. Students would be able to seamlessly return to in-person class whenever the family is ready in coordination with the Principal. See page 7 for a more in-depth description of the hybrid model. **This option is available for All Grades.**

Option C: FCS Online Academy, fully online, homeschool curriculum for grades 3-12, a class spot reserved for the student. See page 7 for a more in-depth description. **This option is ONLY available for Grades 3-12.**

Option D: FCS Online Academy, fully online, homeschool curriculum for grades 3-12, with NO reserved class spot. Students will still be allowed to return to FCS in-person on a space-available basis. See page 7 for a more in-depth description. **This option is ONLY available for Grades 3-12.**

Option A: On Campus Learning

Option A: Return to FCS campus for in-person instruction

The re-opening of FCS campus for in-person instruction with a return to as much normalcy as possible is based on a “Healthy Only” framework. This requires parents and employees to ensure that **only healthy individuals enter the campus**. A “Healthy Only” framework provides the greatest level of “normalcy” but depends on students and employees to strictly follow the sick policies detailed below. Violators may lose their privilege to return to campus for the duration of the pandemic. To support and enforce this approach, parents will be required to sign and have notarized a legally-binding waiver of liability and health screening agreement, showing their understanding of and agreement with the policy.*

PLAN ITEM	PROTOCOLS
Minimizing Exposure	<p>Morning Drop Off / Dismissal</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Morning BAC begins at 6:30 AM at designated areas. ● After 7:45 students will report directly to the classroom. ● Students checking in after 8:15 AM are to be dropped off at the door to the Main Office Entrance. Parents of students in PreK-2nd grade may accompany their child into the office. Parents may assist older students in grades 3-12 through the main door but they may not enter the building. ● Afternoon Dismissal <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ PreK-1st dismissed at 2:30. ○ 2nd-5th dismissed at 2:45- JH/HS at 3:00. ○ Sibling pick-up in front of the gym at 3:00. ○ Masks are needed for afternoon pickup for students in 2nd-12th grades because of crowd size during this time. ○ Parents and siblings are not allowed to congregate on the playground before or after school. <p>Mid-day Check Out:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Parents will call the Main Office to request their child to check out. ● The child will be released when the parent is visible outside. ● Younger students will be assisted by school staff to exit the building. <p>Classroom:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Upon entering the classroom students will sanitize their hands. ● Students will be instructed not to share items with their classmates. ● Recess schedules will be modified to only allow one grade at a time on the playground. <p>P.E. & Recess:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Contact sports will not be permitted during Physical Education classes or Recess times. ● Recreational and sports equipment will be regularly cleaned and sanitized. <p>Facilities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Reminders will be displayed throughout the school (classrooms, hallways, bathrooms, welcome center, administrative offices) for

	<p>students and staff:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Stay 6' apart when possible ○ Proper and frequent handwashing ○ How to stop the spread of germs ● Fire drills, tornado drills, and lockdown drills will be modified to maintain proper physical distancing to the greatest extent possible.
Classrooms & Facilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● All classrooms will be equipped with hand sanitizer, disinfectant spray, wipes, and paper towels. ● Common areas will be cleaned & sanitized by staff throughout the day. ● All areas will be cleaned and disinfected at the end of the school day. ● Classroom doors, as well as non-fire hallway doors, will be kept open as much as possible to allow ventilation and airflow. ● Hand sanitizing stations will be placed strategically through the school.
Masks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● In PreK-5th grade, students are not required to wear a mask. However, they will need a mask to be kept in their desk. In the event of a small group activity where close contact is anticipated, they may be asked to wear the mask for that limited time. All students 2-12th will wear masks at dismissal. ● In grades 6-12th, students will have to follow the Governor mandate regarding masks. However, if masks return to being optional FCS will also return to masks optional. Students will be required to keep a mask at school with them and may be asked to wear one for small-group activities or labs, where close contact is anticipated and for afternoon pickup where social distancing is not feasible. ● Students with a medical condition deeming them ineligible to wear a mask will not be required to do so.
Sick Policy and Screening As per CDC Guidelines	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Parents and employees must complete a Waiver of Liability and Health Screening Agreement at the beginning of the school year with required signatures and notarization releasing FCS of any liability in regards to Covid-19 and agreeing to only permit non-symptomatic persons to enter the campus (see below).* ● Every individual will have their temperature screened prior to coming onto campus. Students and their siblings will not be permitted to come on campus if they have a temperature of 100.4+. If it is discovered that a student was given fever reducing medicine prior to arriving on campus as an effort for fever mitigation, students may be subject to disenrollment as per the Waiver* as this jeopardizes the health of other students and staff and threatens our ability to remain in school. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ If a temperature of 100.4+ is discovered during the school day: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Parents will be notified to immediately pick up any student that exhibits a fever of 100.4+. ■ Any employee that exhibits a fever of 100.4+ will be directed to leave campus immediately. ○ If a student/staff presents any possible COVID-19 symptoms,

	<p>even without fever, the office staff will complete a COVID-19 risk assessment and notify parents/staff.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Returning to school: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ If your student is out sick with one or more symptoms of COVID-19, they must have a doctor’s note clearing them to return to school. This is in addition to our standard policy of being 24 hour fever free without fever-reducing medicines. ○ In order for a student/staff who tested positive for COVID-19 to be allowed to return to campus they must be able to answer YES to the following questions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Has it been at least 10 days since the individual first had symptoms? ■ Has it been at least 3 days since the individual had a fever (without using fever-reducing medicine)? ■ Has it been at least 3 days since the individual’s symptoms have improved including cough and/or shortness of breath? ● We will be flexible as needed within our existing school absence policy, and as always, teachers will facilitate making up missed work.
Cafeteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● We will discontinue the use of the self-serve salad bar. Pre-made salads will be offered. ● Meals, snacks & beverages must be individually packaged and/or served directly to the student. ● Students in preK-5th grade will eat in their classrooms or outside on the picnic tables. Students may bring a non-microwavable bag lunch or they may purchase a lunch from the cafeteria, which will be delivered to the classrooms. Students will provide their own water bottles or they may purchase a drink from the cafeteria. ● Students in 6th-12th grade will be split up between our two cafeterias, picnic tables and gym to allow more spacing between students.
Guests, Parents, & Visitors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● All guests, parents, and visitors are required to complete a health screening form and temperature check upon entering the building. Most business can occur over the phone or via email so please try to avoid coming to the office. ● PreK and Kindergarten parents, wearing masks, will be permitted to accompany their child to their classroom during the first week of school (or longer as emotionally required). ● New families to FCS can walk their child in the first week of school or longer as emotionally required.
Temporary Closures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● In the event of a known COVID-19 case on campus, we are mandated to contact the Health Department to receive instruction from them. ● Our goal will be to close for the minimal number of days mandated and only the grade affected. Childcare will be provided under Option A Contingency Plan guidelines as we switch to online learning during any

	mandated closures.
Instruction	<p>Software: In order to ensure a smooth transition at any time in the future that the school may need to shift from campus-based to home-based instruction, all teachers will be proficient in the use of the following online tools:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● LMS - Google Classroom: This Learning Management System (LMS) will be utilized for posting all assignments and communications regarding assignments. The Google Platform fosters meaningful relationships through live lecturing sessions utilizing Zoom. In addition, teachers can utilize face-to-face interaction to understand a student's thought process around their assessment answer(s). Discussion threads, breakout sessions, and open forums can be used to promote student support and connectivity. ● Powerschool: FCS uses this Student Information System (SIS) for all student reporting as well as parent communication. ● Instructional Software: There are a few schoolwide approved software applications that will be utilized by the teachers to enhance the curriculum and learning experience for the student. These will all be accessed from within the student's Google Classroom via links/assignments. <p>Computers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Schoolwide we are increasing the number of computer carts available for use by teachers, along with our usual protocol for continual surface cleaning utilizing rubbing alcohol 70% or higher and lint free cloths. ● In the case of distance learning becoming a requirement, Chromebooks will be made available to all students in need. ● Shared equipment in computer labs will be maintained with a protocol of surface cleaning between every use.
Transportation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Students will be screened and temperatures taken prior to students boarding a bus. ● Hand sanitizer will be provided and used by each student prior to boarding. ● School vehicles will be disinfected after each morning and afternoon bus routes by the bus drivers. ● Larger vehicles will be used to accommodate a larger number of students and allow for physical distancing to the greatest extent possible. ● The bus driver and coaches will be responsible to ensure all vehicles are properly disinfected after each athletic use.
Water	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Water fountains will NOT be operational. We have water bottle filling stations available in the main hallway and in both cafeterias. Students will bring their own clear, plastic water bottles labeled with their name. Gallon jugs are not allowed. ● If a student does not bring a water bottle, a disposable water bottle will be provided if needed and the student's account will be charged.

Athletics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Sports will proceed on an individual team basis as allowed and guided by our state athletic association, NCISAA. ● If interscholastic sports are not permitted, FCS will seek to offer alternative intramural programs. ● Pre-Work Screening: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ All coaches and students must be screened for signs/symptoms of COVID-19 prior to each workout. Screening includes a temperature check. ○ Responses to screening questions for each person must be recorded and stored so that there is a record of everyone present in case a student develops COVID-19. ○ Any person with positive symptoms reported will not be allowed to take part in workouts and must immediately leave campus and contact his/her primary care provider. ● There must be no shared athletic equipment (towels, clothing, shoes, or sports-specific equipment) between students. ● Students must wear their own appropriate workout clothing (do not share clothing). ● Individual clothing/towels must be washed and cleaned after every workout/game by the student. ● All athletic equipment including balls must be cleaned after each use and prior to the next workout/game. ● Individual drills requiring the use of athletic equipment are permissible, but the equipment must be cleaned prior to use by the next individual.
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Option A Contingency Plan:

If FCS must enter a mandatory home-learning period as mandated by the state, as occurred in the spring of 2020, either because the Governor has closed our school or because he has placed burdensome requirements that we cannot meet, students will immediately switch to the distance learning model that was utilized in Spring of 2020. Instruction will be centered around Google Classroom and Powerschool for our grading and reporting purposes. More specific details will be provided as needed.

Childcare for students in PreK-7th grade will be provided for parents working outside the home. Others, who do not fit this criteria, but have need for it, will be accommodated as space is available.

Students will be kept in small cohort groups and will engage in the same distance learning being provided to the rest of their classmates. They will be facilitated in completing their schoolwork by their assigned FCS staff member.

If you know you will need childcare under the Contingency Plan, please contact the school office ASAP so we can plan for numbers. Additional details about what students will be provided during the day will be provided at that time.

Option B Return to school under Hybrid Model:

Return to school under a hybrid model where the student remains at home, but distance learning is facilitated by their classroom teacher within the class pace using the school curriculum.

Instruction Time:

This option provides that most of the classroom work is done independently at home. Some live Zoom instructional meetings will be arranged to help the student remain connected to his/her teachers and classmates. Some courses will provide recorded lessons from time to time. Students will be able to seamlessly return to in-person class whenever the family is ready in coordination with the school principal.

Assignments and Grading: All assignments will be posted for the students opting for Option B via Powerschool. All reporting of grades and assignments will be available to students and parents via PowerSchool. The Friday prior to the upcoming week, Parents/Students may be required to pick up assignments and drop off all completed assignments/tests that were given for that current week. Parents will proctor all tests/quizzes.

Option C FCS Online Academy, class space reserved:

FCS Online is a fully online, homeschool curriculum for grades 3-12. A class spot will be reserved for the student. This option is available to those families who are not ready to have the student(s) back inside the traditional classroom setting, and want the option to transition back into the classroom as soon as they feel comfortable. The benefit of this option to the family is utilizing our homeschool curriculum, which limits the amount of assistance that the parent will need to provide to the student (especially for those in middle school/high school). The courses are designed for the student to work independently with minimal support from an instructor. The online curriculum is such that it contains the same material, however, may be covered at different times throughout the courses. Please visit <https://www.fayettevillechristian.com/fcs-online> for more information about our online program.

Option D FCS Online Academy, no class space reserved:

FCS Online Academy, fully online homeschool curriculum for grades 3-12, a class spot will not be reserved for the student. This option costs less than Option C since we are not holding a class spot for your child and the child will not be attending school activities or sports. It is available to those families who are not ready to have the student(s) back inside the traditional classroom setting. This option is designed for the entire school year. FCS Online is fully accredited. Students can return to our traditional setting on a case by case basis depending on space available in their respective classrooms. Please visit <https://www.fayettevillechristian.com/fcs-online> for more information about our online program.

WAIVER OF LIABILITY AND HEALTH SCREENING AGREEMENT

Fayetteville Christian School is hereby providing notice to me that it intends to reopen its school program on Thursday, August 13, 2020. I/we understand that FCS cannot protect my child/student and/or me from risks, which may be encountered as a result of my child attending the school and/or participating in any school-sponsored program. I/we realize there are natural, mechanical, and environmental conditions and hazards which independently or in combination with any activities engaged in while participating in this program may result in the exposure to certain risks including exposure to coronavirus (COVID-19), or other biological agents, virus or similar bacteriological agent, and the risk of being quarantined, or illness that may result in medical care, hospitalization or death.

I hereby state that I, on behalf of my child/student and myself, am an adult, over the age of 18, and legally competent to sign this form. I understand these inherent risks and dangers involved with participation in the school providing their services and acknowledge the existence of risks which are not obvious or predictable, and hereby intend this release to extend to injury or loss which results from both obvious or predictable risks, as well as risks that are unpredictable and not obvious and to extend to myself and my child/student, as applicable.

I hereby agree not to enter the campus of FCS nor permit my child/student to enter the campus of FCS if I/they have exhibited or been in contact with another person who has exhibited any of the symptoms currently listed by the Center for Disease Control and Prevention as [Symptoms of Coronavirus](#) within the previous 14 days. I have read the FCS sick policy and agree to follow the school's policies.

In consideration of myself and my child/student, I/we, and any legal representatives, heirs and assigns, hereby release, waive, and discharge Fayetteville Christian School, its officers, directors, employees, agents, and representatives from all liability for any loss or damage, and any claim or damages resulting therefrom, on account of any injury, illness or exposure to and/or contracting the coronavirus (COVID-19) or other biological agents, virus or similar bacteriological agent by me or my child/student attendance at FCS and/or participation in the before and/or afterschool programs, including any medical expenses, injury and/or death.

I agree to indemnify Fayetteville Christian School, its officers, directors, employees, agents, and representatives from any loss, liability, damage, or cost that may be incurred due to my child/student participation in the aforementioned program, whether caused by the negligence of FCS or otherwise. I fully understand, on my behalf, and behalf of my child/student the risks associated with the aforementioned participation and assume any risk associated therewith.

This notice, release and indemnity agreement contains the entire agreement between and among the parties hereto, and the terms of this release are contractual and not a mere recital.

The parties to this agreement hereby agree that the interpretation and enforceability of this Release shall be governed by the laws of the State of North Carolina.

I expressly agree that this release, waiver, and indemnity agreement is intended to be as broad and inclusive as permitted by applicable laws and that if any portion thereof is held invalid, it is agreed that the balance shall, notwithstanding, continue in full legal force and effect.

I understand that by signing this agreement, I am giving up on behalf of my child/student and myself certain legal rights and remedies including the right for my child/student and/or myself to recover damages in the event of death, personal and/or bodily injury of any kind, property loss or damage, expenses of any nature whatsoever including attorney's fees, and other losses that my student(s) or that I may sustain in association with my child's participation in the program.

I HAVE CAREFULLY READ THE FOREGOING RELEASE AND KNOW AND UNDERSTAND THE CONTENTS THEREOF. I SIGN THIS RELEASE VOLUNTARILY AS MY FREE ACT WITH FULL KNOWLEDGE OF ITS SIGNIFICANCE, INTENDING TO BE LEGALLY BOUND THEREBY.

[A copy of the above Release will need to be signed, notarized, and returned to FCS prior to the student starting classes.]

I agree to follow the FCS Healthy Only policies detailed above and not send my child to school as per guidelines established by the CDC and specified on the School Screening forms.

Child's Name _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

Parents Name Printed _____

Notary _____ Date _____

**Pre/K-12 DAILY HEALTH SCREENING:
Family Attestation**

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Child's Name: _____	Temperature: _____	Face Mask Yes No
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Child's Name: _____	Temperature: _____	Face Mask Yes No

1. Has your child had close contact (within 6 feet for at least 15 minutes) in the last 14 days with someone diagnosed with COVID-19, or has any health department or health care provider been in contact with you and advised you to quarantine?

- Yes** > The child should not be at school. The child can return 14 days after the last time he or she had close contact with someone with COVID-19, or as listed below.
- No** > The child can be at school if the child is not experiencing symptoms.

2. Does your child have any of these symptoms? (If a child has any of these symptoms, they should stay home, stay away from other people, and you should call the child's health care provider.)

- Fever
- Chills
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- New cough
- New loss of taste or smell

3. Since they were last at school, has your child been diagnosed with COVID-19? (If a child is diagnosed with COVID-19 based on a test, their symptoms, or does not get a COVID-19 test but has had symptoms, they should not be at school and should stay at home until they meet the criteria below.)

- Yes**
- No**

A child can return to school when a family member can ensure that they can answer YES to ALL three questions:

- Has it been at least 10 days since the child first had symptoms?
- Has it been at least 24 hours since the child had a fever (without using fever reducing medicine)?
- Has there been symptom improvement, including cough and shortness of breath?

If a child has had a negative COVID-19 test, they can return to school once there is no fever without the use of fever-reducing medicines and they have felt well for 24 hours.

If a child has been diagnosed with COVID-19 but does not have symptoms, they should remain out of school until 10 days have passed since the date of their first positive COVID-19 diagnostic test, assuming they have not subsequently developed symptoms since their positive test.

If a child has been determined to have been in close contact with someone diagnosed with COVID-19, they should remain out of school for 14 days since the last known contact, unless they test positive. In which case, criteria above would apply. They must complete the full 14 days of quarantine even if they test negative.

I attest that the following information is true to the best of my knowledge as of:

_____/_____/_____, _____: _____ AM PM **Signature:** _____