



2021-22 COVID-19 Authorization and Release

The following protocol applies to all students of Central Arkansas Christian Schools (CAC). This protocol will be continually evaluated based on the developing nature of the COVID-19 pandemic and may be revised without prior notice. CAC has taken proactive steps to protect its students and employees in the event of an infectious disease outbreak. It is the goal of CAC during the current time period to strive to operate effectively and ensure that all essential services are continuously provided, and that students and employees are safe while at school and work.

We encourage all families to regularly consult the CDC website to stay informed of changes in health guidance. CAC's administration will make every effort to update our policies and procedures as this situation evolves.

In addition to school implemented mitigation strategies, the most critical strategies implemented by families that reduce the spread of COVID-19 are:

- Following AHD and CDC Behaviors that Reduce Spread Outside of School Hours
- Staying Home when Appropriate
 - Students who are sick or who have recently had close contact (<6 feet for >15 minutes) with a person with COVID-19 should stay home per CDC recommendations. Absences are excused and will not impact a student's academic or extracurricular activities. Students may immediately transition to Remote Learning.
 - Students should stay home if they or someone who they have recently had close contact (<6 feet for >15 minutes) is showing COVID-19 symptoms per CDC recommendations.
- Following Hand Hygiene and Respiratory Etiquette
- Using Cloth Face Coverings
 - Face coverings are meant to protect other people in case the wearer is unknowingly infected but does not have symptoms.
 - Face coverings should be worn by students (particularly older students) as feasible and are most essential in times when physical distancing is difficult.

The school will continue to monitor and disseminate information regarding COVID-19, schools and children. If you would like more information, access the CDC or ADH websites. You may also call ADH (Arkansas Department of Health Call Center: 1-800-803-7847 or 501-661-2136)

If you have further questions, please contact your principal or Dr. Lambert.

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1. My child and I are not exhibiting any symptoms related to COVID-19, e.g., fever, fatigue, chills, cough, shortness of breath and sore throat, new loss of smell or taste, muscle aches, or gastrointestinal problems.
2. My child and I have not had person-to-person contact with someone who has exhibited COVID-19 symptoms in the last 14 days.
3. My child and I have not had a fever in excess of 100.4 degrees for at least 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medication.
4. My child and I measured our temperature within at least one (1) hour prior to the start of the school day.

Families acknowledge that CAC will be relying upon their compliance with all required social distancing measures to help protect staff, students, and themselves from the spread of COVID-19. Failure to comply with these protocols may result in suspension or dismissal from school.

Families understand that CAC has taken measures to reduce the risk of infection, yet it is presently impossible to completely avoid the transmission of COVID-19. Accordingly, CAC families understand that by entering CAC facilities and/or interacting with parents or visitors, you may be exposed to COVID-19. In the case of the situation where COVID-19 may have entered CAC's campuses, the following procedures will apply.

Employee or Student with Positive COVID-19 Test

When notified that an employee or student has tested positive for COVID-19 (hereinafter referred to as "COVID Positive Employee/Student"), CAC will immediately take the following steps:

- The COVID Positive Employee/Student will be notified that he/she is not allowed to return to work or school until the following are met:
 - 10 days out from the start of the symptoms, AND
 - Fever free for 24 hours without fever reducing medication, AND
 - Symptoms have improved.
- Effective immediately, the classroom, office, or other area(s) at which the COVID Positive Employee/Student worked or attended will be closed for disinfection and cleaning.

- The COVID Positive Employee/Student will be consulted to determine, which employees/students were within six (6) feet of the COVID Positive Employee for at least fifteen (15) minutes starting from two (2) days before illness onset (or, for asymptomatic individuals, two (2) days prior to positive specimen collection) until the time the COVID Positive Employee/Student is isolated (hereinafter referred to as “Close Contacts”)
- **Exception:** In the K–12 indoor classroom setting, the close contact definition excludes students who were within 3 to 6 feet of an infected student (laboratory-confirmed or a clinically compatible illness) if both the infected student and the exposed student(s) correctly and consistently wore well-fitting masks the entire time.

This exception does not apply to teachers, staff, or other adults in the indoor classroom setting.

Public Health Recommendations:

Except in certain circumstances, people who have been in close contact with someone who has COVID-19 should quarantine. However, the following people with recent exposure may NOT need to quarantine:

- People who have been fully vaccinated
- People who were previously diagnosed with COVID-19 within the last three months

- The following will apply to Close Contacts:
 - CAC will notify Close Contacts. The name of the COVID Positive Employee/Student will not be disclosed by CAC without consent of the employee/student. The content of CAC communication to Close Contacts will be as follows:
 - “An employee/student in the CAC _____ campus has tested positive for COVID-19. It has been determined that you had close contact with the employee/student who tested positive. Accordingly, you must self-quarantine for a period of fourteen (14) days unless you choose to utilize the options available to shorten quarantine. During this period of self-quarantine, you will not be allowed to be present at any CAC campus. Additionally, you should follow CDC and Arkansas Department of Health recommendations regarding self-quarantine following exposure to a COVID-19 patient. At the conclusion of the fourteen (14) day period, you will be allowed to return to work/school on campus if you have not experienced any symptoms of COVID-19. If, during the period of self-quarantine, you experience COVID-19 symptoms, you must contact your health care provider to obtain a COVID-19 test. You must notify your campus principal if you develop symptoms or test positive for COVID-19. You will likely be contacted by the Arkansas Department of Health and should receive similar instructions from that agency. The safety of our employees and students remains our top priority. Please contact CAC administration if you have any questions concerning this process.”

- Close Contacts will be required to self-quarantine per CDC guidelines for a period of fourteen (14) days. [Options to shorten quarantine may be found here.](#)
- During this period of self-quarantine, Close Contacts will not be allowed to be present in any CAC location.
- At the conclusion of the fourteen (14) day period, a Close Contact will be allowed to return to campus if he/she has not experienced any COVID-19 symptoms.
- If, during the period of self-quarantine, the Close Contact experiences COVID-19 symptoms, he/she must contact their health care provider to obtain testing and notify CAC management.
- If a Close Contact tests positive for COVID-19, the COVID Positive Employee/Student protocol above will then apply.
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Employee/Student in Self-Quarantine While Awaiting a COVID-19 Test Result

When notified that an employee/student has been required to self-quarantine while awaiting a COVID-19 test result (hereinafter referred to as “Waiting Employee/Student”), the following will apply:

- The Waiting Employee/Student may not be present in any CAC facility during the fourteen (14) day period of self-quarantine.
- The Waiting Employee/Student will not be allowed to return to work until he/she has completed the required period of self-quarantine or received a negative COVID-19 test.
- If, during the period of self-quarantine, the Waiting Employee/Student experiences COVID-19 symptoms, he/she must contact his/her health care provider to obtain testing and notify CAC management.
- If the Waiting Employee/Student tests positive for COVID-19, the COVID Positive Employee/Student protocol above will then apply.

Employee or Student Who is Self-Quarantined Due to Government Order, Recommendation from Health Care Provider, or Exposure to COVID-19 Positive Individual

When notified that an employee/student has been required to self-quarantine due to a government order, recommendation from a health care provider, or exposure to an individual who has tested positive for COVID-19 (hereinafter referred to as “Isolated Employee/Student”), the following will apply:

- The Isolated Employee/Student may not be present in any CAC facility during the required period of self-quarantine.
- At the conclusion of the period of self-quarantine, the Isolated Employee/Student will be allowed to return to work if he/she has not experienced any COVID-19 symptoms, a member of Isolated Employee/Student’s household who previously tested positive for COVID-19 receives a negative COVID test, and no member of the Isolated Employee/Student’s household is awaiting results of

a COVID-19 test. A return to school under circumstances related to household members will be addressed on a case by case basis.

- If, during the period of self-quarantine, the Isolated Employee/Student experiences COVID-19 symptoms, he/she must contact his/her health care provider to obtain testing and notify CAC management.
- If the Isolated Employee/Student tests positive for COVID-19, the COVID Positive Employee/Student protocol above will then apply.

By signing below, I acknowledge that my child(ren) and I assume such risk whenever we enter the campus, facility, or visit with parents or other visitors of CAC. I also acknowledge that CAC accepts no additional duty or burden beyond those already required by applicable law.

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2021-2022 Wellness Pledge and Consent Form

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