

ADAMS CHRISTIAN SCHOOL'S COVID-19 Preparedness & Response Plan

A. Safety. Current Adams Christian School safety protocols are as follows:

1. Personal Protective Equipment

- Facial coverings must always be worn by staff except for meals. Facial coverings may be homemade or disposable level-one (basic) grade surgical masks. Any staff member who cannot medically tolerate a facial covering must not wear one. Any staff member that is incapacitated or unable to remove the facial covering without assistance, must not wear a facial covering.
 - PreK-5 and special education teachers should consider wearing clear masks.
 - Homemade facial coverings must be washed daily.
 - Disposable facial coverings must be disposed of at the end of each day.
- Facial coverings must be worn by preK-8 students, staff, and bus drivers during school transportation. Any staff or student that is unable to medically tolerate a facial covering must not wear one. Any staff or student that is incapacitated or unable to remove the facial covering without assistance, must not wear one.
- Facial coverings must always be worn in hallways and common areas by preK-8 students in the building except for during meals. Any student that is unable to medically tolerate a facial covering must not wear one. Any student that is incapacitated or unable to remove the facial covering without assistance, must not wear one.
 - Homemade facial coverings must be washed daily.
 - Disposable facing coverings must be disposed of at the end of each day.
 - Note: Students with significant disabilities preventing the use of facial coverings are referred to forthcoming guidance from MDE.
 - Facial coverings for students will be face masks, and must meet the following criteria.
 - Cloth or disposable masks are acceptable

- Masks must be worn over the nose and mouth
 - Masks must not have holes in them
 - Masks must not be made of netting type material or other material that is clearly not serving the purpose of a face mask
- Facial coverings must be worn in classrooms by all students grades K-8. Any student who cannot medically tolerate a facial covering must not wear one. Any student who is incapacitated, or unable to remove the facial covering without assistance, must not wear one.
 - Any students or staff members who cannot medically tolerate a face covering, or who are incapacitated and unable to remove a face covering without assistance, must use the school provided mask exemption signed by their health care provider, and provide it to the school administrator.

2. Hygiene

- Adams Christian School will provide adequate supplies to support healthy hygiene behaviors (including soap, hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol for safe use by staff and students, paper towels, tissues, and signs reinforcing proper handwashing techniques).
- We will teach proper handwashing with soap and water for at least 20 seconds and/or the safe use of hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.
- Educate staff and students on how to cough and sneeze into their elbows, or to cover with a tissue. Used tissues should be thrown in the trash and hands washed immediately using proper hand hygiene techniques.
- Systematically and frequently check and refill soap and hand sanitizers.
- Limit sharing of personal items and supplies such as writing utensils.
- Keep students' personal items separate and in individually labeled cubbies, containers, or lockers.
- Procure portable handwashing and/or hand sanitizing stations to set up throughout school buildings.

3. Spacing, Movement and Access

- In classrooms where large tables are utilized, space students as far apart as feasible.
- As feasible, arrange all desks facing the same direction toward the front of the classroom.

- Teachers should maintain six feet of spacing between themselves and students as much as possible.
- Family members or other guests are not allowed in the school building except under extenuating circumstances determined by district and school officials.
- Adult guests entering the building will be required to self-screen for symptoms, wear a facial covering, and wash/sanitize hands prior to entering.

4. Screening Students and Staff

- Adams Christian School will cooperate with the local public health department regarding implementing protocols for screening students and staff.
- Every school should identify and designate a quarantine area and a staff person to care for students who become ill at school.
- Staff should conduct daily self-examinations and if they have symptoms, conduct a temperature check. If they exhibit symptoms and have a temperature of 100.4 or greater, they should stay home.
- Families are encouraged to check their child's temperature at home every morning using oral, tympanic, or temporal scanners; students with a temperature of 100.4 or greater should stay home and consider coronavirus testing if symptoms of COVID-19 are present.

5. Testing Protocols for Students/Staff and Responding to Positive Cases

- Adams Christian School will cooperate with the local public health department regarding implementing protocols for testing students and staff and responding to positive cases.
- Families should be notified of the presence of any laboratory positive or clinically diagnosed cases of COVID-19 in the classroom and/or school to encourage closer observation for any symptoms at home.

6. Responding to Positive Tests Among Staff and Students

- Adams Christian School will cooperate with the local public health department if a confirmed case of COVID-19 is identified.
- Note: schools should provide staff with guidance on confidentiality laws and statutes that protect student and staff health information. Student communicable disease related information is protected health information. (Even if a family/ student acknowledges and publicly discloses a positive test, school staff and officials must not participate in discussions or acknowledge a positive test).
- Employees with a confirmed case of COVID-19 should only return to the workplace after they are no longer infectious. Local health officials will provide instruction about return to work, using the most current guidelines from the CDC for this determination.

7. Food Service, Gathering and Extracurricular Activities

- Indoor assemblies that bring together students from more than one classroom are prohibited.

8. Athletics

- Adams Christian School will comply with all guidance published by MDHHS.
- Athletes must wear a face covering (except when swimming) or consistently maintain six feet of social distance (except for occasional and fleeting moments) when training for, practicing for, or competing in an organized sport. For example, an athlete participating in a football, soccer, or volleyball game would not be able to consistently maintain six feet of distance, and therefore would need to wear a face covering. Sports organizers shall ensure that athletes comply with this section for each organized sporting event. Notwithstanding section 3(b) of this order, athletes training for, practicing for, or competing in an organized sport wear a face covering.
- Indoor spectators are allowed (limited to 2 spectators per athlete) provided that facial coverings are used by observers at all times.
- Outdoor spectators are allowed provided that facial coverings are used by observers at all times.

9. Cleaning

- Frequently touched surfaces, including light switches, doors, benches, and bathrooms, will be cleaned at least every four hours with either an EPA-approved disinfectant or diluted bleach solution.
- Student desks will be wiped down with either an EPA-approved disinfectant or diluted bleach solution after every class period.

10. Busing and Student Transportation

- Before entering the bus, hand sanitizer must be used. Hand sanitizer will be supplied on the bus.
- The bus driver, staff, and all students in grades preK-8, if medically feasible, must wear facial coverings while on the bus. Note: there may be situations where it is not safe for the bus driver to wear a facial covering. Decisions about these situations should be made on a case-by-case basis with local public health officials. Any students or driver who cannot medically tolerate a face covering, or who are incapacitated and unable to remove a face covering without assistance, must use the school provided mask exemption signed by their health care provider, and provide it to the school administrator.
- We will clean and disinfect transportation vehicles before and after every transit route while children are not present.
- We will clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces in the vehicle (e.g., surfaces in the driver's cockpit, hard seats, arm rests, door handles, seat belt buckles, light and air controls, doors and windows, and grab handles) prior to morning routes and prior to afternoon routes.
- We will clean, sanitize, and disinfect equipment including items such as car seats, wheelchairs, walkers, and adaptive equipment being transported to schools daily.
- We have created a plan for getting students home safely if they are not allowed to board the vehicle, which will be shared with staff and families outside of this Preparedness Plan.
- If a student becomes sick during the day, they cannot use group transportation to return home and must follow protocols outlined above. If a driver becomes sick during the day, they must follow protocols for sick staff outlined above and cannot return to drive students.
- Weather permitting, keep doors and windows open when cleaning the vehicle and between trips to let the vehicles thoroughly air out.

- Weather permitting, consider keeping windows open while the vehicle is in motion to help reduce spread of the virus by increasing air circulation, if appropriate and safe.

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