

Faith Lutheran School – Covid-19 Policies

In preparation for the 2021-2022 school year, Faith Lutheran School recognizes that Covid 19 is still present and active in our community. We have implemented strategies since the beginning of the pandemic focused on safety, prevention, and continued in-person education. We were successful at maintaining in-person learning throughout the 2020 summer program, 2020-2021 school year, and most recently our 2021 summer program because of our policies and procedures. The school board and administration is constantly reviewing and revising our policies and procedures which includes aspects of screening, masking, quarantine, and sanitation. As we monitor our community and school environment as it relates to Covid 19 and CDC recommendations for early childhood and elementary in-person learning, our Covid-related policies and procedures may change. Parents will be notified of any changes. Please reach out to Marty Archer, School Director, if you have any questions.

2021-2022 Modified Sick Policy

All Faith Lutheran School students, parents, and staff must work together to ensure the health of all and prevent the spread of Covid-19 and other infectious diseases.

No school students or staff should come to Faith Lutheran School sick.

Do not come to FLS if you have had any of the following symptoms in the past 24hrs

Fever (100.4 or higher), chills, muscle pain, or new onset loss of taste or smell

Cough, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, chest pain or pressure

Vomiting or diarrhea

Undiagnosed rash or sore throat

Upper respiratory symptoms consistent with viral or bacterial illness including cough, runny nose, sore throat

Symptoms may appear 2-14 days after exposure to Covid-19 or other virus.

No student or staff may come to Faith Lutheran School if they or a member of their household is sick with Covid-19. Please see the Covid-19 isolation and quarantine policy.

When to return to FLS:

Students, and staff who have been sick WITHOUT a fever (100.4 or higher) and have no known Covid-19 exposure or other at risk factors (see below) may return to FLS after 24hrs AND symptoms are improving. Exception: vomiting and diarrhea, student must be 24hrs symptom free.

*Students, and staff who have been sick WITH a fever (100.4F or higher) may return to FLS after being fever free for at least 24hrs AND have a negative Covid-19 test OR 72hrs fever free without a Covid-19 test.

*Students, and staff who have a household member who has been sick WITH a fever (100.4 or higher) may return to FLS, if they are symptom free and the sick household member has been fever free for at least 24hrs and tested negative for Covid-19 OR 72hrs fever free without a Covid-19 test.

*Additional things to consider when returning to school:

Has the sick student, staff or household member had a known exposure to Covid-19, participated in high-risk activities prone to Covid-19 transmission (large group activities, less than 3ft apart and unmasked) or been contacted by local authorities to get tested (ex. Contact tracing efforts)? IF NO, the person may be at lower risk and therefore may return to school after consulting their healthcare provider and following local/state recommendations. Please communicate with FLS administration if you have any questions about your child returning to school after experiencing an illness.

Entry Screening

All students, staff and parents must enter through the narthex and be screened upon entry to FLS. Screening will include:

Symptom check-must be symptom free or adhering to “return to school” protocol above

If child presents with any symptoms of illness, a temperature will be checked. Child may not enter if fever (100.4 or higher) is present.

(normal high temps of 99.0 – 100.3 will be checked with an oral thermometer to verify accuracy)

Travel – Students, parents, or staff who have returned home from international travel should quarantine for 7 days prior to returning to FLS unless fully vaccinated. Case density reports are available online.

Masking Procedures for K – 8th:

Your child will need to have a clean mask available for use at school on an AS NEEDED basis. Please include this in their school supplies. Masking is not required for preschool children or fully vaccinated students. Per CDC guidelines, when students are able to social distance at 3ft apart or more, masks are NOT required. When social distancing 3ft apart or more is not possible, all unvaccinated students and staff OR any student with visible symptoms of viral illness will be required to wear a mask. Activities when masks are not required include seated classroom instruction, outdoor activities, and any other activities where social distancing is possible. Activities that will require sick or unvaccinated students and staff to wear masks include small or large group activities such as chapel, small group project work, or any other activities where social distancing is not possible.

If your child is fully vaccinated they do not have to wear a mask at any time, however you are more than welcome to send a mask and let their teacher know if you would like them to wear it. For the purposes of not masking, proof of vaccination will be required. You may submit this information to the school office along with all other school required immunization records. Covid-19 vaccination is encouraged but not required for students or staff.

I have read and understand, and agree to abide by the above FLS COVID-19 Modified Sick Policy. I have explained this policy to my child(ren). I will not bring my child(ren) to FLS if they or a member of the household is ill as described above.

Name _____ Signature _____ Date _____

Student Name(s) _____