**CHESSIE COVID-19 POLICY**

Our goal is to protect the safety and health of all students, teachers, and staff at CHESSIE. The following steps are recommended by the Center for Disease Control (CDC) and guidelines of the Virginia Governor’s Office. All of our policies will adhere to these recommendations. Also included are suggestions from Dr. Gene Godbold, microbiologist with a specialty in contagious diseases. Dr. Godbold walked through our classroom areas at Calvary Chapel with our administrative team and gave his suggestions for safety precautions in each room.

* Parents are required to take their child’s temperature prior to coming to CHESSIE. If you forget, there will be a non-contact thermometer in the first aid box that can be used.
* Children should be fever-free for 24 hours prior to attending CHESSIE.
* Asses your child’s health and if they have any of the following symptoms, they should not attend CHESSIE that day.

*Chills, cough, muscle or body aches, nausea or vomiting, diarrhea, shortness of breath, fever greater than 99.9 degrees F.*

* Children should wash their hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds prior to attending CHESSIE.
* Handwashing stations will be set up outside to encourage students to regularly wash hands. This will also keep traffic down inside the church to the bathrooms. Students will wash hands when moving from one area to another--before and after science class and also during sports.
* Hand sanitizer will be available on the porch near the front door of the church and also at the door to the fellowship hall.
* CHESSIE teachers will hold classes outside as much as possible. Masks are not required when students are outside. Social distancing of 3 feet will be encouraged. Parents should instruct their child concerning the social distancing policy that their individual family has. Our staff will encourage distancing, but it is impossible to guarantee it.
* Masks and social distancing as much as possible are required inside the church building. More tables will be set up to allow for social distancing during class. The pastor of Calvary Chapel has asked our group to wear masks inside the church building. Teachers, helpers, and students will need to wear masks while inside.
* Parents are asked to stay outside and not enter the church unless there is an urgent reason. If entering the church building, please wear a mask. Two parents are permitted to be on the porch at the sign-in table at one time. Parents should distance 3 feet from eachother or wear a mask on the porch area. Please line up on the sidewalk to go up to the sign-in tables.
* A gloved staff person will be cleaning surfaces at the start of the CHESSIE day—door knobs, tables, faucets, etc. This will be done hourly throughout the CHESSIE day. The facility will be thoroughly disinfected at the end of each class day.
* Students eating lunch at CHESSIE will be outside under the roofed pavilion behind the church.
* Students will be outside for sports time.
* For the fall semester, if it rains, parents should plan to bring their child to science, but not have them stay for sports. If all the students stay for sports, it would increase risk having students too close together on the porch or under the pavilion. Weather updates will be posted on the CHESSIE facebook page and the CHESSIE website.
* Teachers will not have experiments that involve eating in the classroom. This can be reassessed if such strict CDC guidelines are lifted.
* Guest instructors will be limited to keep the number of extra people at CHESSIE to a minimum.
* A supply of masks will be kept in the first aid box in the fellowship hall. If a child is not feeling well or running a fever, the child and the adult caring for the child may need to wear masks.
* Parents should send a supply of tissues and hand sanitizer with their child.
* Mandatory 14-day quarantine after traveling internationally for any student or staff member before they return to CHESSIE.
* CHESSIE members are encouraged to check the CDC travel advisory webpage prior to any domestic travel.
* Mandatory 14-day quarantine for any CHESSIE member who share a household with someone that tests positive for COVID-19
* If a CHESSIE member tests positive with COVID-19, and they were contagious at CHESSIE, the CHESSIE community will be notified by Kathy Pierson when confirmation of a positive diagnosis is received for the CHESSIE member. The CHESSIE member can return to class after 10 days if fever and symptoms have subsided.