



# MESSIAH

## LUTHERAN SCHOOL

### COVID-19 Back to School FAQ

*These answers are subject to change as new regulations and information become available.*

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#### **What about health screening?**

Parents/guardians must temperature and self-screen their student(s) in the morning before coming to school. Faculty/Staff will do the same. Anyone who displays symptoms, must stay home and contact a healthcare provider. Temperature checks will be taken upon arrival before entering the building.

#### **Will parents be able enter the building to walk their children to class in the mornings for drop off?**

To minimize exposure to potentially sick individuals, we will be limiting visits to our building. Visitors and parents will not be brought into the building unless it is an emergency. Any visitor will be screened, including temperature check, and required to wear a mask.

#### **What about when someone is sick?**

Anyone who feels sick should stay at home. If an adult feels sick during the day, he/she will be sent home immediately. Students who feel sick during the day will be isolated until they can be 'picked up' by a parent/guardian.

#### **What about face masks/coverings?**

Staff and students in grades 3-8 will be required to wear a face mask/covering at all times. Exceptions are while eating and when properly socially-distanced. Parents are asked to provide masks, but a limited supply will be available if needed.

#### **What about social-distancing?**

We will endorse/enforce appropriate social distancing measures to the greatest extent possible.

#### **What about cleaning and disinfection?**

Our building has been thoroughly cleaned and sanitized. We have purchased significant supplies in accordance with CDC and local health guidelines to clean the building regularly and efficiently. There will be a full nightly cleaning as well as additional disinfecting in the morning. High use areas will be cleaned on a more regular basis.

#### **What about hand sanitizer?**

We have purchased 10 hand sanitizing stations which will be strategically placed throughout the building.. Everyone will be encouraged to get into the habit of regularly using these throughout the day. In addition, students are allowed to bring hand sanitizer to be used at their desks. The student hand sanitizer should not be shared with any other student.

**Will students have recess?**

Yes, recess will still occur.

**What about lunch?**

Lunches will still be served and students still have the choice to bring a lunch or purchase one. The food items for purchase will be individually packaged. Students will be socially-distanced and some may eat outside or in classrooms.

**What about restrooms and drinking fountains?**

The number of students in restrooms and around drinking fountains will be limited and these areas will be frequently cleaned. Drinking fountains will not be in use, but water filling stations will remain accessible in order to fill individual water bottles.

**What about chapel and assemblies?**

Chapel will continue, but not with everyone in the churchnasium since we want to avoid large group assemblies as much as possible.

**What about before and after school care?**

Yes, extended care will be available. Students will be socially distanced to the greatest extent possible. Students will be separated into smaller cohorts and will stay in designated areas.

**What about switching from in-school to distance learning?**

Our school community needs to be prepared for the use of remote education days in the event of substantial spread/risk of COVID-19 in the area. It is not our intention to close, but we must plan for this option to be forced upon us either by regulation or by the number of cases in the community and/or school.

**What about athletics and/or extracurricular activities?**

At this time, that has not been determined.

**Will there be home visits?**

Instead of the traditional home visit, each family will have a scheduled time to meet with their child's teacher during the back to school night.

**Will there be a back to school night?**

Yes, though this will look different from years' past. The format will resemble parent/teacher conferences which will allow each student the opportunity to drop off their supplies. More information will be shared soon.

**What if my child forgets their lunch at home?**

At this time, lunches and forgotten items can be dropped at the front door. Please ring the buzzer and someone will pick up and deliver it to your child.

God's Got This! We can do this! While it is challenging, and even scary, we trust our Lord to care for us. We rest in the peace and assurance that God is with us in Christ. His ultimate gift to us is Christ Himself. We can rely on HIS strength, and know that **God's Got This!** *"So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand."* ~ Isaiah 41:10

Thank you for trusting us with your children.

In Christ,  
Joanie Smith  
Principal