

Naples Christian Academy Health and Safety Reopening Plan

We have consulted numerous experts in the formation of this reopening plan, and we have asked God at every turn to guide us with His wisdom, knowledge and understanding. We are confident that when the doors of Naples Christian Academy open to greet our families that God will be there with us in our midst to guide, support, provide for, and protect the Academy and the families it serves.

A Collaborative Approach

Naples Christian Academy has diligently worked to create a comprehensive school reopening plan. We have engaged the guidance of outside professionals in the area of sanitization, education, mental and physical health, as well as parents, board members, the health department, the CDC, ACSI, and other professional organizations that have vested interest in safely and successfully reopening schools. There is no perfect, one-size-fits-all plan, but be assured that our reopening plan has been guided by wisdom from a variety of legitimate resources, and the health and education of our families is at the forefront of all of our decision making. This reopening plan has many elements to it that are specifically in place due to COVID19. As the COVID19 situation changes, our response plan will adapt to meet those changes while keeping the well-being and education of our students and the safety of our students, families, and staff paramount. NCA is an independent, private school and parents should look for information on any changes or announcements directly from NCA and not Collier or Lee County Public Schools.

Partnership Between School and Home

- All families and staff will agree to their commitment and obligation to adhere to health and safety procedures designed to keep our school community safe.
- Communication regarding signs and symptoms of any illness will be given promptly, including self-reporting of exposure to COVID19, even if symptoms are not present.
- Staff and students will receive training regarding hand washing procedures and frequency.
- Staff and students will receive training in regard to practical and feasible social distancing and other protective measures (including mask use) as appropriate for the various developmental ages of children.
- Events such as Open House, Curriculum Night, etc. will be a mix of staggered, in-person times and virtual alternatives.
- There will be instructional continuity plans in place in the event that at any point students are not necessarily ill but need to temporarily proceed with their learning from home.



Arrival / Dismissal

- Families need to conduct their own health checks each morning before coming to school. Families agree to keep their child who is showing any signs of illness at home.
- Student temperatures (grades PK-8) will be taken with a touch-free thermometer at the drop-off car line prior to students being allowed to enter the building. (Student temperatures will be re-checked again mid-day.) Any student with a temperature of 100.4° or higher will require a student to be sent home and monitored (see “Responding to Illness or Symptoms of Illness”).
- During brief periods of higher cross-interaction where social distancing is challenging, such as arrival, dismissal, and sometimes while transitioning to other locations on campus, all adults and students grades 2-8 are expected to wear masks for the purpose of mitigating the possibility of cross-contamination.
- Students in the EE Building (Pre-school to Grade 1) are not required to wear masks at any time. Pre-school parents will need to park and walk their child directly to the pre-school entrance. Any parents accompanying a child to the building need to wear a mask at this time.
- After entering the building, students will proceed first to a hand-washing station and then directly to their homeroom or first period class to await the start of school. (In the EE Building, hand-washing will happen in the classroom.)
- Parents and other visitors are asked to remain in their cars and not enter the buildings during peak arrival and dismissal times. Adult visitors on-campus will be discouraged during the school day unless by appointment. Visitors must also wear a mask upon entering the building and prior to having their temperature taken. Masks will be optional after an acceptable temperature is read if social distancing is possible. Masks are required if social distancing is not possible.
- In the afternoon at dismissal, grades 2-8 students will be released from the Gaynor Building to the pick-up area one class at a time using two different exit points to the pick-up area to avoid crowding in the stairwells. As this will be a time of cross-interaction between classes, masks will be required. In the EE Building, parents will park and walk directly to the outside exit of their child’s classroom to pick up their child.



Instructional Day

- A few extra minutes have been added to each class period and to the lunch periods to ensure that the additional time being devoted to safety and sanitization practices during the day does not take away from valuable instructional time. Classes still begin at 8:00 a.m. and dismissal will now be at 3:20 p.m.
- Student seating in all classrooms has been maximized for additional space between students.
- In indoor spaces, classes will primarily cohort to minimize crossover among other children and adults within the building.
- Grades 6-8 class schedules have been adjusted to reduce the number of times they switch classes. Middle school students will still have a locker, but they will only be able to access the locker room on a staggered schedule.
- Established safety and sanitization procedures will be implemented before and after any class transitions to any new location on campus.
- Grades 2-8 and all staff should arrive at school in a clean mask daily. Once in their classroom, the mask can be kept in a paper bag or **open** plastic bag labeled with the child's name for use as needed throughout the day and at dismissal. A small, breathable cloth bag can also be used.
- To reduce the use of shared supplies, student supply lists have been updated to aid in the creation of individual student supply boxes.
- Any shared equipment, materials, instruments, etc. used by multiple people will be sanitized between uses.
- Students and staff are to bring their own clean, reusable water bottles filled with water from home every day. New water fountain filtration systems have been added this summer, but for the time being, the water fountains will be used **only** to refill water bottles.



Lunch / Recess / PE

- We utilize an outdoor eating area for all our lunch periods for grades K-8. In the case of inclement weather, students will eat in their classrooms. There are three lunch groups: K-1, 2-4, and 5-8 with ample outdoor seating for all groups.
- Recess and physical education activities will continue based on recommendations from the American Academy of Pediatrics that reducing classmate interactions / play in

elementary school-aged children may not provide enough COVID-19 risk reduction to justify potential harms.

- Increased hand washing requirements are in place throughout the day.
- Students and staff are to bring their own utensils from home. There will be no sharing of snacks, lunches, or utensils. Parents of young children need to work with their child at home to be sure that the child can open what is in their lunchbox without adult assistance if possible.



Cleaning Procedures

- NCA will be implementing frequent, systemic sanitizing practices of all hard and high-traffic areas throughout the day, primarily using highly effective, approved, chemical-free electrolyzed water.
- This water is a proven technology-enhanced water that is electrolyzed and oxidized to create a powerful cleaning solution without toxins or harmful chemicals, making it both effective and safe to use. Electrolyzed water (Hypochlorous Acid) is commonly used in medical facilities, food processing, and other commercial applications for cleaning, sanitizing and disinfecting. It is on the EPA's list of Disinfectants for Use Against SARS-CoV-2, the cause of COVID-19.
- Hand-sanitizing stations are also located in every room and in common areas.
- Signage about hygiene and best health practices will be posted throughout the building (entrances, front desk, offices, mailroom, classrooms, bathrooms, sinks, water fountains).
- Transportable Plexiglas partitions will be installed in high-traffic areas.
- Outdoor eating areas will also be cleaned between group uses.



Responding to Illness or Symptoms of Illness

- It will be critically important to understand that response plans may need to be revised or adapted depending on the level of viral transmission in the school and throughout the community and will always be done with close communication with local public health authorities in conjunction with internal and external expert guidance.
- Parents will agree to and be supportive of keeping their child at home if they are showing any symptoms of illness. No parent is to give a child any type of medication to "mask" symptoms in order to bring them to school.
- Children should not be sent to school with any symptom of illness: fever or chills, **persistent** coughing or sneezing, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue,

muscle or body aches, loss of taste or smell, sore throat, body rash, nausea or vomiting, diarrhea, head lice, etc. Staff members will also need to stay home if they are exhibiting any of the above symptoms.

- Should a student exhibit any signs of illness once at school, he or she will be isolated and safely monitored until it can be arranged for him or her to go home. The school has a fully equipped “sick room” in both the Gaynor Building and EE Building. The parent or an authorized emergency contact will be notified and asked to pick up the child within one hour of being called.
- Any students or staff sent home with symptoms of illness will need to be monitored and all parties agree to follow up with medical professionals for further evaluation if deemed necessary prior to returning to school. **At a minimum**, children and staff may not return to school unless they have been free of all symptoms (unmedicated) for 48 hours. Parents will be responsible for keeping the school updated.
- **For symptoms lasting more than three days, a physician’s note will be required before the student will be allowed back to school.**
- If a student or staff member has a known exposure to COVID-19 or in the event that a student or staff member is presumed or confirmed positive for COVID-19, we will refer to the most updated county health department and medical resources regarding quarantining and testing measures for the individual, classroom group, or larger school community.
- During any time of temporary closure, NCA will utilize its instructional continuity plan to ensure that student learning continues with the least disruption possible until students and staff are able to return to campus.
- We strongly urge parents to have a childcare plan in place ahead of time in the event that remote continuity of learning is necessary.



NCA Athletic Program

- NCA is planning to resume interscholastic sports this coming fall following current guidelines to allow for increased health and safety measures while still acknowledging the physical, mental, emotional benefits created through athletic conditioning and competition. NCA participates in the Sunshine Athletic Conference and we will follow their guidelines moving forward.



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Community Resources

<https://www.colliercountyfl.gov/your-government/divisions-a-e/communication-customer-relations-division/collier-county-covid-19-information>

- Collier County COVID-19 information and resources
- DOH-Collier COVID-19 testing sites and information
- Resources for individuals and families:
 - CareerSource SWFL
 - Goodwill of Southwest FL
 - Harry Chapin Food Bank
 - Salvation Army of Collier County
 - Community Foundation of Collier County
 - Food Finder
 - Collier County Public Schools Meals for Students
 - COVID Hotline
 - Rent & Mortgage Assistance

<http://collier.floridahealth.gov/>

- COVID-19 Call Center Information
- COVID-19 Resource Toolkit

<https://floridahealthcovid19.gov/>

- Florida COVID-19 Response Updates

<http://www.floridaleagueofcities.com/research-resources/coronavirus-resources>

- COVID-19 publication to keep you informed of resources and ideas