



BHCA POSITION REGARDING COVID-19

Bible Holiness Christian Academy ("BHCA") will comply with all local and state regulatory agency policies that have jurisdiction over BHCA.

BHCA reserves the right to make decisions about moving between protocols independent of government entities that do not have jurisdiction over non-public schools in Virginia.

STEPS TO REDUCE THE SPREAD OF COVID-19

These are standard measures taken.

- Hand washing for at least 20 seconds and sanitizing
- Feasible physical distancing
- Use of face coverings
- Elimination of large gatherings that do not provide adequate physical distancing
- Health monitoring measures (temperature and symptoms)
- Revised attendance policies for students and employees
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Staggered lunch and break times to limit group gatherings
- Designated entrances and exits for the lunchroom
- Enhanced cleaning protocols

COVID-19 ATTENDANCE POLICY*

Administration and staff will actively educate and enforce stay-at-home policies and return-to-school policies.

- BHCA will provide leave to employees who experience extended COVID-19 absences due to required self-isolation or contraction of COVID-19 until such time as extended absences are no longer necessary.
- BHCA will implement robust remote educational services to students who experience extended absences due to self-isolation/quarantine of students sick with or exposed to COVID-19.

If the student or employee thinks they have or do have COVID-19 symptoms, they can return to school only after:

- 3 days with no fever AND
- Symptoms improve AND
- 10 days since symptoms first appeared
- If the student or employee has tested positive (with or without symptoms) they can return to school only after:
- 10 days have passed since the test OR

If a student or employee believes or knows they have been exposed to someone with COVID-19, they can return to school after:

- 14 days at home (from the date of exposure)
- If symptoms develop or if they test positive, see guidelines above.

***Attendance policy is subject to change.**

Face Coverings

- Students will use face coverings when at least six feet of physical distancing cannot be maintained, as is medically and developmentally appropriate.
- Staff will use face coverings when at least six feet of physical distancing cannot be maintained, as is medically appropriate.
- During meetings or gatherings or in narrow hallways or other settings where physical distancing may not be easy to maintain, a face covering will be required.

Arrival Screenings

- Parents should complete the “Daily Home Screening” Checklist before students arrive at school. Employees and students with a temperature of 100.4 or higher will be sent home.
- Staff, parents, students, and visitors will be asked about symptoms: fever, shortness of breath, or cough since yesterday.
- Personnel will ask about signs of potential illness in the child, parent, visitor, or employee such as flushed cheeks, rapid breathing or difficulty breathing (without recent exertion), fatigue, or extreme fussiness (in children).
- Parents or caregivers are strongly encouraged to monitor their children for signs of infectious illness every day.

Creating a Healthy Environment

If COVID-19 symptoms present themselves in a person while attending school, any space and surfaces used by that person should be off-limits until it can be disinfected. When feasible, staff should wait 24 hours before cleaning or as close to 24 hours as is possible.

- If an individual answers YES to any of the screening questions **before** arriving at school, they should stay home and not enter the building.
- If a student or employee experiences symptoms of COVID-19 while at school, move the individual out of the classroom or group setting, isolate in a predetermined location.
- Call the parent or family member of the student/employee to pick up and take home, refer to a healthcare provider for evaluation and 10 days of isolation before returning to work or school.
- If there is a confirmed case of COVID-19 at BHCA, school administrators will work closely with the local health department to determine a course of action.