

# **COVID-19 Frequently Asked Questions and Answers**

### **Classroom Questions**

- Are the scholars required to wear a mask every day? Yes, scholars will be wearing
  masks daily until after morning health checks have been completed across the campus.
  Once all scholars and staff have been cleared, scholars will be able to remove their
  masks while in their individual classrooms. When traveling throughout the school, as
  needed, scholars will wear masks.
- Will the scholars practice social distancing during school? If so, how will the classroom look? *Yes, scholars will practice social distancing during the instructional school day. Teachers will arrange desks and seating areas to be 6 feet apart and all facing in the same direction.*
- Will each parent and scholar be taught the requirements of social distancing in the classroom? If so, when? Yes. each teacher will reiterate social distancing requirements daily. Additionally, there will be signage throughout the school that are in compliance with CDC guidelines.
- How many scholars will be in each classroom if we are practicing social distancing? *We* will be practicing social distancing and there will be no more than 15 scholars in each class at one time.
- How often will each classroom be cleaned and sanitized? *Hourly by teachers and a deep cleaning daily by custodial staff.*
- Will the scholars be eating lunch in the cafeteria? *No. Teachers will prepare for scholars* to enjoy lunch in their classroom. (Only pre-packaged boxed lunches until further notice.) Elementary scholars will dine directly after 3rd period and Middle School will dine during their 4<sup>th</sup> period class; High School scholars will dine during their 5th period class each day.
- Will the scholars have the opportunity to order lunch from a vendor? If so, what will be the standard guidelines/requirements of that vendor? Yes, scholars will have the opportunity to order a hot, pre-packaged meal from the school vendor at a small fee. Scholars will not be able to order lunch from an outside vendor for delivery. Per the CDC guidelines, no outside individuals from vendors or organizations will be allowed into the school building. This includes Uber Eats, Door Dash and any other delivery services.
- If scholars bring their lunch to school, where will it be stored until the appropriate time? Scholars will store their lunch with their personal belongings until lunchtime.

- Will the scholars be able to use the microwave to heat their lunch? *No. However, parents have the option of purchasing a pre-packaged hot lunch meal from the school's vendor.*
- Will each classroom be disinfected with Lysol, Clorox, or others between each class block? *Yes.*
- Will each teacher/classroom be stocked on a continuous basis with Lysol/Clorox wipes, hand sanitizer, gloves, and masks? *Yes.*

## Virtual Classroom Questions

- Will each school have a Plan-of-Action preplanned if the State of Georgia closes all schools for required classes? *Yes.*
- Will each school have a Plan-of-Action preplanned, if the State of Georgia closes all schools for elective classes? *Yes. Elective courses will be a part of the online learning plan.*

### **School Standard Questions**

- Will ACS provide masks and gloves, for each scholar? Each scholar will be responsible for bringing their own mask and gloves to school each day. However, ACS will have emergency materials provided to each teacher/classroom in the event that a scholar needs assistance with masks and gloves.
- Will everyone entering the building, get their temperature checked? Yes.
- How will each classroom, gym and the cafeteria practice social distancing? *In all classes,* scholars will practice social distancing during the instructional school day. Teachers will arrange desks and seating areas to be 6 feet apart and all facing in the same direction. Scholars will not be eating lunch in the cafeteria. Accordingly, the same guidelines will be followed for the gym.
- If social distancing is not being practiced by a scholar/teacher/administrator, will there be any disciplinary actions against that scholar/teacher/administrator? *Yes.*
- If in-person school is halted due to the pandemic, what is the situation and expectation for paying the monthly tuition? *The expectation is that tuition costs will continue as normal as scholars will receive instruction virtually. In the event of a school closing, each ACS scholar will receive virtual instruction and operate via their personal academic schedule.*
- Does the insurance through the FACTS Management system cover tuition in the case of a school stoppage? School will never cease. The insurance through FACTS Management System covers families who decide to withdraw before the contract ends. In such instances, parents will only have to pay 50% due for early withdrawal.
- Will a waiver of liability of the school be required by each scholar's household? Yes, a standard waiver of liability will be required by each family and will be a part of the beginning of school year paperwork to be completed on August 16, 2021.

- Will there be town hall meeting(s), and/or open house(s) for the pandemic questions/answers to be addressed? If so, when are the dates? *Yes. Future dates will be announced*.
- Will there be hand sanitizer made available throughout the halls and classrooms, gym, and offices of the school? *Yes*.
- Will air filters be changed throughout the building and how often? *Typically, air filters* are changed every three months. However, due to COVID-19, the ACS building staff will be changing air filters as often as recommended by the CDC.
- Will field trips be taken during the pandemic? If so, will additional language to the permission slip be added with the language of a waiver of liability to the school and the establishment? Also, will language state or confirm that "the child is or hasn't had a temperature within 24hrs and 'waiver' on getting sick" be added? *Per the CDC guidelines, teachers will not plan any field trips or mass group assemblies during the first semester.*
- If a field trip is taken, can a parent opt out of allowing their scholar to go on the field trip? *Per the CDC guidelines, teachers will not plan any field trips or mass group assemblies during the first semester.*

### **Medical Questions**

- Will each scholar's, teacher's and administrator's temperature be taken? If so, when, and how often? Temperature checks for scholars, teachers, staff, and administration will take place three times a day: 1) at home by the parents, 2) before entering the school building, and 3) upon entering the instructional classroom.
- If a scholar does have a temperature, what will be the protocol? There should be an understanding that just because a scholar has a fever, it does not necessarily mean that it is related to COVID-19. Additionally, any scholar that presents a fever should be treated by normal standards. Per the CDC and Georgia Department of Public Health, a fever almost always indicates some form of infection. The average normal body temperature can range from approximately 97°F to 99°F. A temperature over 100.4°F most often means the individual has a fever caused by an infection or illness. In order to provide the best healthy school environment, no individuals, scholars, teachers, staff, nor administration, will be allowed into the school building if their temperature is over 100.4°F.
- What will be the normal procedures for ill scholars? *In order to provide the best healthy school environment, we are asking all ill individuals, scholars, teachers, staff, and administration to please stay home.*
- What happens when/if a scholar has tested positive for COVID-19? According to CDC guidelines, depending upon the level of interaction, if a scholar tests positive for COVID-19, the entire class will be quarantined and unable to return to the school campus for 14 full calendar days. If the scholar has come into contact with multiple classrooms and

fellow scholars, the entire school building will be quarantined, and online school will begin for 14 full calendar days.

### **Curriculum Questions**

- Will all scholars have access to computer/laptop technology for the school year? Yes. There is currently a collaboration underway with an Eagle parent regarding a grant through Microsoft. Additionally, more Chromebooks will be purchased through our designated Cares Act Funds.
- Will scholars have access to the Internet for the school year? *In the event that a virtual plan for instruction is implemented, all parents are responsible for Internet for their scholar.*
- What will be the curriculum used for each school for the 2021-2022 school year? *Bob Jones University Christian Curriculum.*
- Will there be instruction standards used for each school/grade? Yes.
- Will the teachers be trained on in-class and virtual standards and expectations? *Yes. Teachers will undergo an extensive professional development training for instructional expectations and COVID-19 prior to the scholars returning on August 16th.*

#### **Sports and Recreation Questions**

- How will the different sports be handled if in-school participation happens throughout the year? Will any be played? How will social distancing be promoted during the pandemic? If standards are set, who will determine them? Sports and sporting events will be handled via the guidelines of the CDC and the Georgia High School Association. 1) Staff and athletes will be screened for proper health prior to conditioning, practice, or a sporting event. 2) No groups of more than 20, including coaches, for conditioning, practice, or a sporting event. 3) There will be no use of locker rooms or shower facilities. 4) Athletes should report to the facility dressed to condition/participate in sporting events. 5) Athletes will be expected to shower at home after conditioning, practice, or a sporting event. 6) Weight equipment will be cleaned prior to each conditioning session and sanitized between each athlete. 7) Hand sanitizer will be plentiful and readily available. 8) Each athlete should have their own personal water bottle as no water stations will be set up or provided. 9) No visitors allowed during conditioning. 10) The school principal, athletic director, and coaches will remain in constant communication to be sure to adhere to the CDC quidelines as it pertains to sports in schools and school settings.
- Will the Elementary scholars be utilizing the playground area this year? If so, how often will the area be sanitized? *No. Per the CDC guidelines, the playground will be closed during the fall semester. To compensate for recess time, physical education sessions will be extended to ensure safe and sanitized free time.*
- How often will the gym be cleaned after class and sporting event(s)? *Daily, in between classes, and sporting events.*
- Will the bleachers be marked for attendees to sit to ensure social distancing? Yes.

- Will the equipment used during an event be disinfected? How often? *Daily, in between classes.*
- Will the temperature of players, coaches, and referees be checked before playing a game? *Yes.*