



FIRST BAPTIST SCHOOL OF CHARLESTON

COVID PLAN

2021-2022



COMMITTED TO A SAFE RETURN & REMAINING IN THE CLASSROOM

First Baptist School is committed to the safe return of students and staff this fall, and we place health and safety as a top priority following recommendations from local, state, and national health experts. We will remain flexible and as health and medical conditions or state and federal mandates change, we will adjust accordingly.

We will closely monitor numbers and trends in our community. One of the most effective measures against the transmission of any virus is to stay home if you are sick or if there has been a potential exposure.

Please contact your campus nurse if you have any questions or concerns.

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FBS COVID PLAN

In the event of a positive COVID-19 case, we will follow current DHEC guidelines to determine close contacts and quarantine times. Per the current guidelines, if an individual is fully vaccinated (2 weeks post second dose) then he/she is not required to quarantine if asymptomatic. Proof of vaccination will be required and need to be given to the appropriate campus school nurse.

QUARANTINE

DHEC Guidelines

Quarantine if you have been in close contact with someone who has COVID-19, unless you have been fully vaccinated. People who are fully vaccinated do NOT need to quarantine after contact with someone who had COVID-19 unless they have symptoms.

What to do:

- Stay home for 14 days after your last contact with a person who has COVID-19.
- Watch for fever (100.4°F), cough, shortness of breath, or other symptoms of COVID-19.
- If possible, stay away from people you live with, especially people who are at higher risk for getting very sick from COVID-19.

After quarantine:

- Watch for symptoms until 14 days after exposure.
- If you have symptoms, immediately self-isolate and contact your local public health authority or healthcare provider.

You may be able to shorten your quarantine through regular communication with a school nurse

- After day 10 without testing
- After day 7 after receiving a negative test result (test must occur on day 5 or later)

MASKS

When Charleston Area COVID-19 Impact is “Moderate” or “Minimal” for 7 consecutive days, we do not anticipate requiring masks for students on campus. We *strongly encourage* all unvaccinated students to wear a mask while inside school buildings. Employees (including athletic coaches and personnel) who do not provide proof of vaccination are required to wear masks while indoors. Employees who wish to not wear masks indoors will present evidence of vaccination to one of the school nurses and/or Human Resources for quarantine record purposes.

CLEANING

- Cleaning of the facilities will be conducted on a daily basis, and a thorough clean each night will be done before the next school day. Frequently touched surfaces will be wiped down numerous times throughout the day.
 - Teachers will be wiping classrooms down throughout the day with a disinfectant called Pure. This disinfectant kills viruses within seconds if not on contact. We also provide a diluted bleach solution. Both of these products are sprayed and allowed to dry.
 - Maintenance will be making rounds through the day to spray any empty classrooms.
 - Bathrooms will be disinfected on a rotating schedule throughout the day.
 - Bathroom usage will be monitored to limit the number of people in at any given time.
 - Disinfecting wipes will be placed around campus for usage.
 - Handrails will be wiped down daily.
- A HEPA-H13 medical grade filter air purifier will be placed in each classroom and office to combat the airborne factor of Covid-19 and will run nightly and throughout the day.
- Maintenance will spray the classrooms with a product called IsoKlean which is an EPA registered, hospital grade disinfectant that can sterilize our facility to a Sterility Assurance Level of 10^{-6} . The IsoKlean product will be applied with an electrostatic sprayer which allows the product to cling to both horizontal and vertical surfaces (it also allows it to go to the under part of the edges as well). Beyond the ability to spot sterilize contact surfaces, the IsoKlean chemical has residual effects that leaves surfaces sterile and sanitary for 7 days after the spray application. Please visit www.isokleancarolinas.com for more information on this product. We will be spraying this disinfectant weekly every Monday morning before students and faculty arrive on campus. This will also be used if we have a classroom that has had a positive case of Covid-19.
- Frequent changing of air filters
- Hand Washing will be encouraged over just hand sanitizing.
- Hand Sanitizing stations will be located at all entrances to the buildings and classrooms.
- All EPA approved disinfectant cleaners will be used.
- Water fountains will not be utilized but students should bring water bottles to fill up.

VIRTUAL LEARNING

Virtual learning will be approved and coordinated by the division principal and available only to students who have been quarantined due to COVID-19 exposure or who have tested positive for COVID-19.

VISITORS

While we are experiencing the continued prevalence of COVID-19, we are limiting visitors to those pre-approved by division principals. Approved visitors must wear masks while indoors regardless of vaccination status.

INTERIM MASK POLICY

Currently the Charleston Area COVID-19 Impact is “Severe” according to data from the MUSC COVID-19 Epidemiology Intelligence Project as of August 5. First Baptist School will begin the 2021-2022 School year on an interim basis requiring masks for all students (K5 and above) and faculty. This policy is based upon South Carolina Department of Health standards and the recommendation of MUSC’s Division Chief for Pediatric Infectious Diseases, Dr. Allison Eckard.

Per DHEC standards, in the rare case that wearing a mask through the school day is harmful to a child’s health, parents may request a waiver for an exception to wearing a mask in the classroom. Masks will be required on buses and in assemblies. Masks will not be required in outdoor spaces, while eating or drinking, or when alone in an office or classroom.

This is an interim policy which we hope will expire in a short time, once the infection rates in Charleston decrease to safer levels.