



Faith Academy 2020-2021

Confidence in our Community

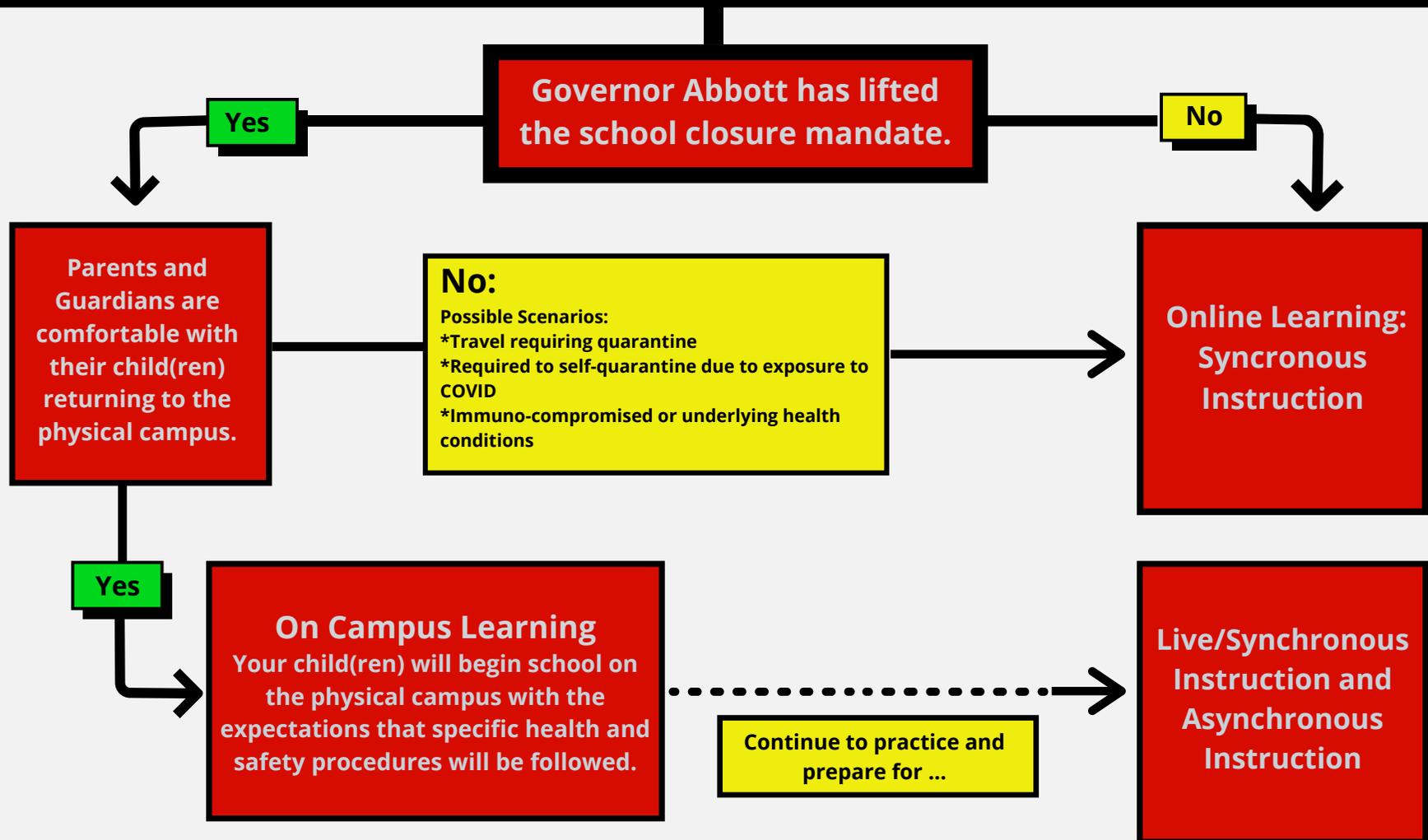
Throughout the past few months, our constant prayer for all of us has been that "the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus." As we have wrestled with what's happening in our world and what our response to the pandemic should be, we have certainly been in need of God's peace. Faith Academy's mission and purpose remain stronger than ever during these challenging times.

According to TEA, "Research from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), among others, has found that while children do get infected by COVID-19 and some severe outcomes have been reported in children, relatively few children with COVID-19 are hospitalized or have severe symptoms. Furthermore, the American Academy of Pediatrics notes that COVID-19 risks must be balanced with the need for children to attend school in person, given that lack of physical access to school leads to a number of negative consequences."

We appreciate your patience and understanding as we continue to be thoughtful and comprehensive in our approach to welcoming everyone back to campus. Over the past few months, our Executive Leadership Team and Academic Team have developed and continue to refine not only our return to campus for the 2020-2021 school year, but also both safety and learning continuity for our students and staff.

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Faith Academy's re-entry process is guided by careful consideration of our School Board, NAUMS, ACSI, TEA, TAPPS, Governor Abbott and our local officials.
Faith Academy is able to adhere to required protocol and make necessary modifications needed to support students safely returning to campus.



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Life on Campus

Expect the Same

Faith Academy partners with parents using the University Model® of education to lead students to **KNOW** Jesus as their personal savior, **GROW** in both faith and academic excellence, and **GO** into the world as lifetime disciples of Christ.



Faith



Family



Excellence



Discipleship



Community

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FAMF Re-entry: Guided by Governor Abbott/Burnet County

Level of Community Spread (as determined by state and local health officials)

Low/No Spread RECOMMENDATIONS

SCHOOL CONSIDERATIONS:

- Teach and reinforce good hygiene measures such as hand washing, covering coughs, and the optional use of face coverings
- Provide hand soap and/or hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol, paper towels, and no-touch trash cans in all bathrooms and classrooms
- Post signage to communicate COVID-19 symptoms, preventative measures (including staying home when sick), good hygiene, and school specific protocols
- Clean/disinfect frequently touched surfaces at least daily and shared objects after each use
- Allow students and staff to bring hand sanitizer and face masks/coverings to use
- Face covering requirements will be determined as per current law
- Turn off fountains and allow students and staff to bring water bottles from home
- Ensure ventilation systems operate properly and increase circulation of outdoor air as much as possible, as long as this does not pose a safety or health risk to students or staff
- Conduct deep cleaning of schools prior to students/staff returning; schedule periodic cleanings during weekends or school holidays/breaks (to the extent practicable)

CDC Guidance:

- [Reopening Guidance for Cleaning and Disinfecting Schools](#)

Practicing Prevention



Moderate Spread RECOMMENDATIONS

SCHOOL CONSIDERATIONS:

- Teach and reinforce good hygiene measures such as hand washing, covering coughs, and the optional use of face coverings
- Provide hand soap and/or hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol, paper towels, and no-touch trash cans in all bathrooms, classrooms, and frequently trafficked areas
- Post signage to communicate COVID-19 symptoms, preventative measures (including staying home when sick), good hygiene, and school specific protocols.
- Clean/disinfect frequently touched surfaces at least daily and shared objects after each use
- Face covering requirements will be determined as per current law
- Provide masks and other appropriate PPE to staff
- Ask students and staff to bring hand sanitizer and face masks/coverings for possible use
- Take steps to ensure all water systems and features are safe
- Turn off water fountains and allow students and staff to bring water bottles from home
- Ensure ventilation systems operate properly and increase circulation of outdoor air as much as possible, as long as this does not pose a safety or health risk to students or staff
- Conduct deep cleaning of schools prior to students/staff returning; schedule additional cleanings during weekends or school holidays/breaks.

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Substantial Spread RECOMMENDATIONS

SCHOOL CONSIDERATIONS DURING CAMPUS CLOSURE:

- Use social media and other communications to inform parents, students, and staff about COVID-19 symptoms, preventative measures, good hygiene, and school specific protocols
- Encourage COVID-19 testing

CDC Guidance:

- [How to Protect Yourself and Others](#)
- [COVID-19 Symptoms](#)
- [COVID-19 and Children](#)
- [Communication Tools](#)

[CDC COVID-19 Self-Checker](#)

Texas's COVID-19 Hotline

- Call 2-1-1

Crisis Contacts:

- Call: 800-985-5590

[Texas Mental Health Hotline](#)

- Call: 800-841-1255

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Life On Campus



SCHOOL CONSIDERATIONS:

- Implement standard operating procedures while taking preventative measures such as:
 - ⊙ Provide hand sanitizer for students and staff
 - ⊙ Post signage to communicate COVID-19 symptoms, preventative measures (including staying home when sick), good hygiene, and school specific protocols
 - ⊙ Establish a protocol for students/staff who feel ill/experience symptoms when they come to school.
 - ⊙ Provide an isolation room for students/staff who experience symptoms.
 - ⊙ Establish a protocol for visitors

PARENTAL CONSIDERATIONS:

- Teach and reinforce proper hygiene measures such as hand washing and covering coughs, and use of face coverings
- Screen students before coming onto campus:

(See Self-Screening Symptoms Section)

- ⊙ Take temperature daily
- ⊙ Keep student at home if temperature is over 100.4 degrees. See Suspected or Confirmed Protocols Section for further requirements
- ⊙ Quarantine students for 14 days if exposed to COVID-19
- ⊙ Consider COVID-19 testing if student exhibits symptoms
- ⊙ Inform school if student is exposed and/or tests positive for COVID-19

SCHOOL CONSIDERATIONS:

- Post signage to communicate COVID-19 symptoms, preventative measures (including staying home when sick), good hygiene, and school specific protocols.
- Establish a protocol for students/staff who feel ill/experience symptoms when they come to school.
- Screen students and staff (to the extent practicable):
 - ⊙ Take temperatures ideally before first class
 - ⊙ Isolate and send home if internal temperature over 100.4 degrees (38 Celcius)
- Establish a protocol for visitors: screen, enforce social distancing, encourage use of face coverings/masks, etc.,
- Establish a protocol for student pickup/drop-off

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SCHOOL CONSIDERATIONS:

- School leaders should leverage virtual tools and platforms wherever possible to conduct essential business and keep in-person reporting to an absolute minimum *during* school closures
- Monitor email and FAMF website for updates

**Transporting
Students:
Field Trips
Sporting
Events**



SCHOOL CONSIDERATIONS:

- Implement standard operating procedures while taking preventative measures such as:
 - ⊙ Providing hand sanitizer for students and bus drivers
 - ⊙ Allowing bus drivers and students to wear face masks/coverings
 - ⊙ Limiting field trips (to areas of limited/low transmission)
 - ⊙ Cleaning and disinfecting frequently touched surfaces on the bus
 - ⊙ Airing out buses when not in use

SCHOOL CONSIDERATIONS:

- Provide hand sanitizer for students and bus drivers
- Encourage use of face masks for bus drivers; allow students to wear face masks/coverings
- Face covering requirements will be determined as per current law
- Screen students and bus drivers for symptoms of illness and utilize spaced seating
- Eliminate field trips
- Clean and disinfect after each use frequently touched surfaces on the bus

**School buildings are closed KP-12.
Follow all guidelines set forth by
TAPPS for athletics.**

SCHOOL CONSIDERATIONS:

- Implement standard operating procedures while taking preventative measures such as:
 - ⊙ Providing hand sanitizer for students and staff
 - ⊙ Allowing students and staff to wear face masks/coverings
 - ⊙ Limiting unnecessary congregation of students and staff
 - ⊙ Follow TAPPS guidelines for sporting events and practices

SCHOOL CONSIDERATIONS:

- Abide by the maximum number of people allowed to congregate as defined by the Governor's current statewide Executive Order
- Discourage congregation in parking lots and common areas
- Stagger the schedule for large group gatherings
- Identify and utilize large spaces (i.e. gymnasiums, auditoriums, outside spaces -- as weather permits) for social distancing
- Face covering requirements will be determined as per current law
- Follow TAPPS guidelines for sporting events and practices

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Supporting Learning Initiatives



SCHOOL CONSIDERATIONS:

TRADITIONAL INSTRUCTIONAL MODEL: ON CAMPUS

- Implement standard operating procedures while taking preventative measures such as:
 - ⊙ Providing hand sanitizer for students and bus drivers
 - ⊙ Conducting cleaning of classrooms and high-touch surfaces each day
 - ⊙ Limiting physical interaction through partner or group work

SCHOOL CONSIDERATIONS:

TRADITIONAL INSTRUCTIONAL MODEL: ON CAMPUS

- Use the master schedule to balance class numbers as much as possible -- remove unused desks and furniture in classrooms; maximize social distancing (to the extent practicable)
- Limit physical interaction through partner or group work
- Establish distance between the teacher's desk/board and student' desks
- Identify and utilize large spaces (i.e. gymnasiums, auditoriums, outside spaces -- as weather permits) for social distancing

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CONSIDERATIONS:

- Implement a Virtual Learning Plan with synchronous and asynchronous models

Catering/ Lunchroom Guidelines



SCHOOL CONSIDERATIONS:

- Implement standard operating procedures while taking preventative measures such as:
 - ⊙ Providing hand sanitizer for students and staff
 - ⊙ Allowing students and staff to wear face masks/coverings while in large group gatherings
 - ⊙ Conducting cleaning of the Student Center and high-touch surfaces throughout the school day
 - ⊙ Increase the number of tables and chairs

SCHOOL CONSIDERATIONS:

- Allow student hand washing before and after meal service
- Provide hand sanitizer for students and staff
- Designate entrances and exit flow paths
- Conduct cleaning of high-touch surfaces throughout the school day

Alternative Serving Models:

- Serving/Eating meals in classroom
- Serving/Eating meals in Student Center with:
 - ⊙ Spaced seating (utilize outdoor space as practicable and appropriate)
 - ⊙ Avoid sharing of food, drinks and utensils

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**Transitioning
While on
Campus**



SCHOOL CONSIDERATIONS:

- **Implement standard operating procedures while taking preventative measures such as:**
 - ⊙ **Allowing students and staff to wear face masks/coverings while in large group gatherings**
 - ⊙ **Conducting cleaning of hallways and high-touch surfaces throughout the school day**

SCHOOL CONSIDERATIONS:

- **Limit mixing between groups (to the extent practical)**
- **For class changes and other transitions throughout the school day:**
 - ⊙ **Designate areas as flow paths to keep students separated to minimize congregation of students**
 - ⊙ **Encourage social distancing as much as feasible**
 - ⊙ **Face covering requirements will be determined as per current law**
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Self-screening Symptoms



COVID-19 SYMPTOMS:

- In evaluating whether an individual has symptoms consistent with COVID-19, consider the following questions

Have they recently begun experiencing any of the following in a way that is not normal for them?

- Feeling feverish or a measured temperature greater than or equal to 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit
- Loss of taste or smell
- Cough
- Difficulty breathing
- Shortness of breath
- Headache
- Chills
- Sore throat
- Shaking or exaggerated shivering
- Significant muscle pain or ache
- Diarrhea
- Report to the school system if they themselves have COVID-19 symptoms or are lab-confirmed with COVID-19
- Report to the school if they have had close contact with an individual who is lab-confirmed with COVID-19 as defined to the right
- Remain off campus until they meet the criteria for re-entry listed to the right

SUSPECTED OR CONFIRMED COVID-19 PROTOCOLS

- Any individual who themselves either are lab-confirmed or experience symptoms must stay at home throughout the infection period and cannot return to campus until the school system screens the individual to determine any of the below conditions for campus re-entry have been met:
 - At least three days (72 hours) have passed since recovery (resolution of fever without the use of fever-reducing medication);
 - the individual has improvement in symptoms; and
 - at least ten days have passed since symptoms first appear.
- In the case of an individual who has symptoms that could be COVID-19 and who is not evaluated by a medical professional or tested for COVID-19, such individual is assumed to have COVID-19, and the individual may not return to campus until the individual has completed the same three-step set of criteria listed above.
- If the individual has symptoms that could be COVID-19 and wants to return to school before completing the above stay at home period, the individual must either (a) obtain a medical professional's note clearing the individual for return based on an alternative diagnosis or (b) receive two separate confirmations at least 24 hours apart that they are free of COVID-19 via acute infection tests at an approved COVID-19 testing location found at <https://tdem.texas.gov/covid-19/>

CLOSE CONTACT:

- Close contact is defined as follows:
 - being directly exposed to infectious secretions (e.g., being coughed on while not wearing a mask or face shield); or
 - being within 6 feet for a cumulative duration of 15 minutes, while not wearing a mask or face shield;
 - if either occurred at any time in the last 14 days at the same time the infected individual was infectious.
- Individuals are presumed infectious at least two days prior to symptom onset or, in the case of asymptomatic individuals who are lab-confirmed with COVID-19, two days prior to the confirming lab test.

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Marble Falls

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