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2021-2022 COVID-19 Procedures

Reformation Lutheran School Board of Education has established COVID protocols for:

- Mitigating the spread of COVID-19 utilizing layered strategies
- Prioritizing the continuity of in-person, academic, and social-emotional learning for all students five days a week
- Minimizing social disruption for students, families, and staff

Flexibility within recommended protocols may be needed to achieve these goals. The Reformation Board of Education and administration will work closely with public health officials to address any increased transmission of the COVID-19 virus on our campus.

We pray that God will bless our year as he did last year without COVID having a dramatic impact on our campus.

Reformation Lutheran School will follow these guidelines for the 2021-2022 school year:

- **Illness Screening:** Parents/guardians are responsible for assessing the health of their children each day BEFORE bringing them to school. If your child has a fever or otherwise shows symptoms consistent with COVID, please keep them at home until those symptoms subside.
- **Handwashing:** Washing and/or sanitizing hands is essential throughout the day. Frequent handwashing will be practice especially before and after eating, after sneezing or coughing, and after using the bathroom.
- **Cleaning:** Commonly used areas (desks, counters, etc.) will be cleaned and disinfected at the end of each school day.
- **Masking:** As of August 25, 2021, K-12 students are required to mask indoors, with exemptions per [CDPH face mask guidance](#). Adults in K-12 school settings are required to mask when sharing indoor spaces with students. This will hopefully be for a limited time only, but it will depend on the availability of vaccines to children under the age of 12 and the level of the virus in our community. The Reformation Lutheran School Board of Education will evaluate mask requirements and make masking decisions based on the guidance from public health officials. Factors include, but are not limited to, CDC guidelines, State of California and County of San Diego mandates, and community spread along with the health and safety of our school, congregation, and community. Personal medical exemptions will be taken on a case-by-case basis if accompanied by a recommendation from a physician. [CDPH K-12 COVID 2021-2022 Guidance and Requirement for Universal Masking Indoors at K-12 Schools](#).
- **Parents/guardians on the school campus:** Parents/guardians are welcome on campus. We ask that they limit their time on campus. We invite parents/guardians to park (in the front lot) when walking onto campus to meet with a teacher or pick up their child. Please send your child with their lunch for the day so that staff and teachers do not unnecessarily handle your child's food.
- **Drop off and Pick up:** For safety and efficiency, students will be dropped off and pick up through the designated car lines at the beginning and end of the school days. Preschool parents/guardians are required to park in the front lot and walk onto campus to pick up their preschooler. Any grade school parents/guardians who are picking up a preschool student may pick up their grade school student at the

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same time. For any further questions, please follow the drop off and pick up directions given to you at orientation.

- **Physical Distancing/Classroom cohorting:** A conscious effort will be made to not unnecessarily group students closely while indoors and intermixing classrooms will be monitored and/or limited. There may be mixing of classrooms for weekly chapel or singing practice.
- **Birthday Treats:** Students are allowed to bring birthday treats. Please bring store-bought items that are in a sealed container for safety. (Teachers will notify about any allergies in the classroom.)
- **Water fountains:** Water bottles are strongly encouraged to limit the touching of coming areas by the drinking fountain.
- **Field Trips:** Classrooms will be allowed to take field trips as long as transportation is available. All children/staff/parents/guardians will be expected to follow the rules and procedures set forth by the destination's protocols. Information regarding this will be shared by the teacher.
- **Lunch:** Sharing of food is prohibited. Every effort will be made to eat outside. Some classrooms may eat inside if there is not space outside. Students will be allowed to use classroom microwaves, one at a time.
- **Staff:** Per the [August 11, 2021 CDPH Public Health Order](#), Reformation Lutheran School will verify vaccination status of staff and any unvaccinated staff will get tested weekly for COVID-19.

Many of the normal school activities will be resuming this year. Of course, this may change as the year goes along and as the Reformation Board of Education and Church Council decide. These activities may include:

- Outdoor recess times with other classrooms
- Weekly chapel service held in the sanctuary
- Classroom singing in Reformation worship services
- Extra-curriculars
- Reformation outreach events
- Children's Christmas services

COVID Symptoms/Close Contact Scenarios

If a student/faculty/staff has **symptoms** associated with COVID:

- [CDC COVID Symptoms](#)
- We encourage the person to get tested. If the test is negative, the person should stay home until symptoms have improved and there have been 24 hours without fever and no use of fever-reducing medicine. Please provide evidence to Reformation of the negative test.
- If the person does not get tested or if there is a positive COVID test, they should stay home for at least 10 days after the onset of the symptoms. To return to school after day 10, the symptoms should have improved, and the person has been fever-free for 24 hours and no use of fever-reducing medicine.

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If a student/faculty/staff is identified as a **close contact** (within 6 feet of someone for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period):

- If the person has symptoms, please follow the above guidelines.
- If both parties (the close contacts) were wearing a mask indoors, as required, they may continue to attend school for in-person instruction if:
 - They are asymptomatic,
 - continue to wear a mask, as required
 - And obtain a negative test

When the classroom has a teacher or student test positive for COVID, and that person was on campus while infectious:

- The students and teacher in that class will be treated as **close contacts**.
- In this situation, please follow the guidelines above for close contact.

The Board of Education may decide that a school closure may be appropriate when there are multiple positive cases in multiple classrooms.

Reformation Lutheran School will not be offering distance learning options during the 2021-2022 school year. In the event that students and/or classrooms are needing to quarantine, the teachers will provide students and families with learning enrichment opportunities that may take the form of take-home packets, asynchronous learning, and/or videos sent to the email of the parents. Our goal is to have our students and staff focused on remaining healthy while not burdening parents/guardians with needing to help their children get online for synchronous learning or trying to complete regular curriculum during the quarantine time.

This plan will continually be review by the Reformation Board of Education as we review our own mitigation strategies and any increased transmission of the COVID-19 virus in our classrooms and programs.

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