

Safety Procedures for Campus Reopening Fall 2021-2022

Guiding Principles

The overall aim is to provide students a well- balanced Christian education in a safe environment when returning to in person instruction within the classroom setting. In cooperation with the Washington Conference of Seventh Day Adventists, Washington State Health Department, and the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction, we are focusing on limiting the spread of COVID-19 while still maintaining our unique focus on educating children spiritually, academically, physically, and emotionally.

Health Education

- Frequent handwashing with soap and water
- Use of hand sanitizer – each classroom will have sanitizer that students should be using periodically during the day.
- Reminders to keep hands from touching the face.
- Face Coverings - direct instruction of mask etiquette, and importance of face coverings. Mask free breaks outside during recess and PE.
- Personal hygiene – direct instruction on the importance of personal cleanliness and how this can relate to the pandemic.

Social Distancing

- We will be providing guidance to students throughout the day to promote social distancing through transitions and within the classroom.
- NCS is minimizing transitions throughout the day to establish classroom cohorts that do not intersect with other classrooms as much as possible.
- Classrooms will be staggered for recess and lunch will take place in the classrooms.
- Opportunities for students to get outside will be used as much as possible.
- PE will be held outside (weather depending).
- Field trips will be suspended until deemed safe to resume.
- The NCS lunch program will resume starting September 13.

Face Coverings

The WA State Health Department has required that all students and staff wear protective face coverings. This may be in the form of a cloth face mask or a face shield with a strong recommendation favoring cloth face coverings. Shields will be an appropriate accommodation for students and staff members that are not able to use the cloth option.

Student Drop Off and Pick Up

Student drop-off times for Monday-Friday: 8:15-8:30 AM.

Parents will use the front drop off area. Please remain in your car until a NCS staff member checks your child's temperature.

Morning Drop Off Preschool/PreK & Kindergarten: Families with children in PS/PK & Kindergarten will drive to the back of the school dropping off at the rear drop site. For families who have children in these grades, as well as a child(ren) in grades 1-8, the rear drop site is still your designated site. Remember, all PS/PK students need to be signed into the program after their temperature check. If you arrive after 8:30 AM, you will sign your child in at the office and a staff member will walk your child to the classroom. Student pick-up will also take place at the rear entry door in order for you to sign your child out of the program between 3:15-3:30 PM.

Afternoon Pick Up Grades K-8: Families will pick up their children at the same location in the afternoon that they dropped off their children in the morning. PS/PK parents will need to take time to sign their children out of the ECE program. All students will remain in their classrooms. When the student's ride arrives, an NCS staffer will call them to their designated exit point.

Pick up times: Monday – Thursday 3:15-3:30 PM; Friday - 1:00-1:15 PM

Daily Temperature Checks

Each day students will have their temperature scanned before getting out of their vehicle. If a student has a fever of 100.4 or above they will need to return home and follow the health protocols outlined below.

Visitation Policy

Until further notice, due to the rising COVID numbers and the new mandates placed upon us by the State of Washington, we are asking that any parent wanting to enter the building beyond the lobby clear their visit with school administration prior to their arrival. NCS is keeping in place our COVID level cleaning and sanitizing practices, practicing social distancing per state guidelines, and asking that parents attempt to conduct school business with us remotely as much as possible. If you are doing business at the welcome center, all guests will be required to comply with our state's mask mandate.

Parent Health Attestations

Parents will attest that their children have not had any of the following symptoms in the last 24 hours:

- Coughing
- Shortness of Breath
- Sore throat
- Fever of 100.4 or higher
- Chills
- Loss of Taste or Smell
- Muscle or Body Aches
- Nausea/Vomiting/Diarrhea
- Congestion/Runny Nose- (not allergies)
- Unusual Fatigue
- Does anyone in your household have any of the above symptoms?
- Has your child been in close contact with anyone with suspected or confirmed Covid-19?
- Has your student had any medication to reduce a fever before coming to school?

Sickness

- Visitors, teachers, staff, or students will not be allowed into the building if they are showing symptoms of COVID or have been in contact with someone who has a confirmed or suspected case of COVID.
- If a student/staff becomes ill during the day with a temperature above 100.4 F, they will be required to quarantine in the health room and a parent/guardian will need to come pick up their child. Children will not be able to return to the classroom until they are fever/symptom free for 24 hours without medication. We are asking parents to please have emergency contacts ready if you are not able to pick up a sick child in a timely manner.
- If a student/staff has a confirmed case of COVID-19, the local Pierce County Health Department will be notified. In this event, the school will be forced to implement community protocols as provided by the state.

Returning to School after illness and symptoms of Covid

- A staff member or student who has displayed symptoms of COVID but have not been in close contact with someone with COVID or have a negative test can return if the following is true:
 - At least 24 hours have passed since full recovery – defined as no fever without the use of medications and improvement in respiratory signs like cough and shortness of breath.
- If a person believes they have had close contact to someone with COVID, but they are not sick, they should watch their health for signs of fever, cough, shortness of breath, and other COVID-19 symptoms during the 14 days. They should not go to work, child care, school, or public places in those 14 days. (WDOH)
- Fully vaccinated (defined as 2 weeks after final shot) students and staff who have been in close contact with someone with COVID do not have to quarantine unless they have symptoms.
- If a student or staff member tests positive for COVID, they will be required to quarantine for at least 14 days after close contact with a COVID case, AND/OR 10 days after symptoms start.

Cleaning

- Our building will continue to be cleaned daily including classrooms.
- All high touch surfaces will be disinfected multiple times per day.
- Each space will be disinfected daily using the Vector Fogging Machine
- Each classroom will have an air purifying system
- Drinking fountains will be closed, students will be encouraged to have a water bottle during the day to stay hydrated.
- Students will also have personal supplies rather than community supplies within the classroom.

Meals

We will begin the year eating in classrooms or outside. If conditions improve, we may move to a staggered lunch time in the cafeteria. Cleaning and disinfecting will take place between groups.

Recess/PE

Students will have time outside during recess and PE. We will work with each classroom to have individual sports equipment – balls, jump ropes, sidewalk chalk etc. Facial coverings will be allowed to be taken off while students are outdoors.

Remote Learning Alternative

In the event that NCS is closed by the state for any reason, we will move to our remote learning platforms. This will require students to connect with teachers daily through our remote learning platforms. Your child will be adept at using these platforms as NCS teachers will be facilitating instruction through these programs starting the first week of school.

I have read and understand that we need to follow these guidelines in order for our child to participate in school for the 2021-22 year.

Parent Signature

Parent Printed Name

Date