



Whitefish Christian Academy

2021-2022 COVID Guidelines & Protocols

In the recent 2020-2021 academic year we set aggressive protocols, and in so doing, successfully kept our classrooms open the entire year. From that experience we have learned a lot about COVID, and how to control it. Nonetheless, COVID continues to be a significant issue in the Flathead Valley. Thankfully, kids continue to be at low risk for serious illness, but can still pass disease to those at higher risk of becoming critically ill with COVID. In assessment of that factor and the many others at hand, the Board and School Administration have enacted the following protocols.

- Masks
 - Encourage parents to wear masks when in building.
 - Recommend students/faculty to wear masks when feasible.
- Maintain physical distance between students and teachers as logistically reasonable.
- Promote air circulation with active use of HEPA air purifiers, open windows, and fans.
- Space classroom desks apart as much as logistically possible.
 - Weather permitting, consider outdoor teaching when feasible.
- Continue smaller group chapel cycles.
- Sickesses
 - Fevers (Temp >100.4 degrees), minimum five calendar days at home or negative COVID test.
 - If anyone tests positive for COVID, remain home for five school days from the start of symptoms. Before returning to school fevers must be resolved without the use of fever reducing medications.
 - Parents or emergency contact need to pick up children with fever within one hour.
- COVID outbreak
 - Temporary classroom(s) or school closure for COVID outbreak will be at the discretion of the board and administration.
- Updates to guidelines
 - As the school year progresses, guidelines may need to be modified to reflect new situations and conditions.
- Waiver
 - All families will be required to sign the 2021-22 COVID waiver before attending 1st day of school.

Like last year, a communal approach to disease mitigation will be essential. Our community is important to us all, so as we look out for one another, let us pray for a safe, healthy and successful school year.

Sincerely,

The WCA Board & Administration