

# Ross Corners Christian Academy

## COVID PREVENTION & MITIGATION PLANS for 2021-2022

*"God's mercies are new every day. Looking back with thankfulness to what God did last school year has served to strengthen and renew our faith. We see how meditating on what God has done is such a wonderful source of encouragement as we begin this new school year! I thank God for the amazing ways He has led and directed our steps. He has proven to be our solid rock during every season!"*  
– Mrs. Jeni Chase, RCCA School Administrator

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As Ross Corners Christian Academy (RCCA) continues to navigate providing a quality "In Person" Christian education amidst a pandemic, the School Board of Directors and Administrator remain committed to prayerfully making decisions that are guided by supporting the overall health and well-being of all students, teachers, staff and families.

This desire is driven by a love for our students, school families, teachers and staff. When Jesus was asked what the greatest commandment in the Law was, he answered in Matthew 22:37-39, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with your entire mind. This is the greatest and first commandment, and the second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'" Loving our neighbors during a "global pandemic" means we may have to continue to do things differently, while maintaining the provision of a quality Christian education.

While keeping the RCCA community safe during "In Person" learning, we also desire to provide excellent opportunities for students to thrive spiritually, academically and socially.

### **HEALTH & SAFETY PROTOCOLS:**

**Cleaning:** RCCA's custodial staff and teachers will continue to remain vigilant about disinfecting high-touch surface areas frequently throughout the school day.

**Daily Health Screening:** RCCA requests for parents to conduct the RCCA Renweb Daily Health Screening each morning before sending their child(ren) to school. If a student exhibits any symptoms of illness, families are to contact their healthcare provider for further support and direction. As always, any students feeling ill should plan to stay home until they are symptom and fever-free for at least 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medication.

**Face Coverings:** In compliance with the *Commissioner's Determination issued pursuant to 10 NYCRR 2.60*, students, teachers, staff, volunteers and visitors will be required to wear a face covering while in the school building. Students may take "mask breaks" while seated behind a Plexiglas shield/barrier at their desks/tables. Disposable masks will be available for student, teacher, staff and visitor use. Face coverings are not required outdoors. *People with medical or developmental conditions that prevent them from wearing a mask may be exempted from mask requirements, as documented by a medical doctor.*

**Desks/Tables:** Wherever possible, student seating has been arranged to provide a minimum of approximately 3 feet between students. Plexiglas barriers/shields will be used for "mask breaks" and when student seating cannot be approximately 3 feet apart.

**Arrival:** Student temp check, hand sanitizer

**Hand Washing:** Before homeroom, before snack time, before lunch; After recess and after PE

**Hand Sanitizer Stations:** Wall mounted in all classrooms, gym and hallways

**Air Quality:** Air purifiers in each classroom and weather permitting, classroom windows will remain open

**Lunch:** Hot lunches are pre-order and payment online via Renweb and served as a meal & drink. Pre-K and Kindergarten lunch will be in classrooms and 1<sup>st</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> lunch will be in the gymnasium. When weather permits, lunch seating will be available outside.

**Playground/Recess:** Assigned playground times for PreK-6<sup>th</sup> classes

**Lockers:** Spaced out between students and assigned locker times

**Water Refill Stations:** Water fountains will be closed; There are three (3) Refill Stations

**Bathrooms/Locker Rooms:** Limiting number of students in bathrooms and locker rooms

**Visitors into the Building:** Limiting nonessential visitors

**Parent Volunteers:** Parents are welcome to volunteer!

### **COVID EXPOSURE**

If a student, teacher or staff member tests positive for COVID, they will be asked to quarantine for a minimum of 10 days, and may return back to school after they are fever free for the last 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medication. Local health departments will contact individuals who test positive for COVID and collaborate with RCCA for any close contact tracing.

### **QUARANTINE**

Any student, faculty, or staff who is not fully vaccinated and who comes into close contact with someone with COVID will need to quarantine, per local health mandates, for a minimum of 10 days. Those in quarantine can return after the quarantine period has ended and provided they are symptom free. Any who are fully vaccinated do NOT need to quarantine after exposure to COVID unless they have symptoms.

### **REMOTE LEARNING PLAN**

If an entire class or grade is quarantined, RCCA will follow the same Remote Learning Plan as we did in 2020-2021.

**\*\* RCCA School Board of Directors and Administration will closely monitor the situation as our school marches forward in prudence and faith to further our mission of educating minds and transforming hearts for Christ.**

**\*\* Any of these protocols may be adjusted to align with any new information about the pandemic. RCCA will refine our approaches if specific protocols are not working. We will use local discretion as we plan or change any protocols.**

*Now to him to is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen!  
Ephesians 3:20-21*