



## The Pentecostal Christian Academy

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### PCA's BACK-TO-SCHOOL PLAN AND RESPONSE TO COVID-19

The Pentecostal Christian Academy values the safety and wellbeing of students, staff, and families. Therefore, the PCA has developed a plan for a safe return to school after consulting with its stakeholders and community stakeholders to better understand their concerns and to take precautions and follow the CDC guidelines. The plan will be reviewed and revised as necessary.

School will begin August 9<sup>th</sup> in a Blended learning model. The Blended model will include daily face-to-face instruction and online (virtual) instruction when necessary. Students will receive back-to-school orientation the first day of school to ensure they understand how to keep themselves and others safe. Students will receive updated information as needed.

Students will attend school Monday-Friday. Students will arrive between 7:30 a.m.—8:00 a.m., and school will dismiss at 3:00 p.m. (Monday-Thursday) and 12:00 p.m. on Fridays. Deep cleaning of all areas and classrooms will take place after school Wednesdays and on Saturdays. If the PCA closes due to COVID-19, teachers will be on campus offering virtual learning and communicating with families.

The PCA will adhere to guidelines set forth by the CDC and MDE. Additional daily cleaning will be done by all custodial staff and teachers. Temperature checks will be done daily when students and staff enter the building. All bus and van riders will be checked upon bus or van entrance. The PCA encourages parents to check their child(ren)'s temperature before leaving home. Students will also be subject to security scans when entering the school each day. All students and staff are expected to wear a mask throughout the day when social distancing is not possible. Hand sanitizer is available in every classroom and in hallways, and hand washing will be done multiple times a day.

All students will have a technology device available for them, and daily sanitation of the technology will occur. All virtual learning platforms can be accessed using student login information. Additional technology will be purchased. School supply lists are available at registration, and supplies will be available in classrooms. Students will continue to adhere to the PCA's uniform policy and dress code for the entire school year. Parents who have concerns should contact the school administrator.

All students must wear masks on the bus and vans. If a student does not have a mask, the bus driver will give the student a mask before he or she enters the bus/van. Students who live in the same

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households are allowed to sit together on bus and van seats. Buses and vans will be sanitized daily and between drop-off and pick-up routes. Buses and vans will load from the front, and students will proceed all the way to the back of the bus or van to assist with social distancing and decrease student interaction.

All tables will be wiped down/disinfected before and after each meal. Students will wash or sanitize hands before eating. Social distancing guidelines will be enforced while students eat breakfast and lunch in the dining area. Students who bring lunches must bring them in disposable bags or containers. If school closes and operates virtually, a plan for feeding students may be released.

If PCA has outbreaks and has to close, all students will receive online instruction. If anyone would like to visit the PCA for any reason, he/she must call the front office. Temperature screening will be done on all visitors, and all visitors will be required to wear face masks. Parents must call the office before checking their child in or out of school. If parents must enter the building for any reason, they must have their temperature taken and wear a mask.

Classrooms will be designed to achieve social distancing recommendations, including wearing masks inside classrooms and in hallways. Student lockers will not be used. Students' belongings will remain in their backpacks unless being used.