



As we enter this unique opening of the school year, Blair Christian Academy is committed to being a Christ-centered school educating children by establishing a biblical worldview, while preparing each child to flourish academically, emotionally, socially, and spiritually.

Based upon active COVID-19 cases in our community, we plan to start the 2020-2021 school year on Monday, August 31, offering traditional classroom instruction for families desiring a traditional instruction model for their child as well as a Homeschool learning model for parents who wish to delay their child's return to the building. Whether parents/guardians decide to engage in a traditional instructional model or Homeschool delivery model BCA is dedicated to:

- Protecting the health and safety of students, faculty, support staff, parents, guardians, and others.
- Ensuring the social and emotional well-being and the mental health of our students and employees.
- Communicating up-to-date, relevant information with all constituents on a regular basis.
- Seeking guidance and professional input from a wide array of representatives who have expertise in health and safety standards such as: CDC, PA Department of Education, Department of Human Services, American Pediatric Association, and others.
- Providing daily, ongoing and continual support for those engaged in the Homeschool instructional delivery model.
- Daily temperature check and Health Screening confirmation upon arrival for anyone entering the building.
- Minimizing the sharing of supplies and equipment.
- Routine cleaning and disinfecting throughout the day.
- Practicing effective hand hygiene and increasing hand washing throughout the day.
- Practicing physical distancing within the building while wearing masks or other face shields.
- Limiting non-essential visitors in the building
- Requiring and providing masks to be worn by students in accordance with health professional recommendations.
- Requiring and providing masks or face shields be worn in the building by all adults.
- Being flexible in response to shifting scenarios or phases to our opening and/or altering mitigation strategies as necessary
- Eliminating the use of water fountains and other shared items

Community Communication Protocol

- All students and staff will receive a health screening form that they will need to complete daily before coming to the BCA campus. You must be able to truthfully answer NO to ALL questions. In the event that you cannot answer NO to a question, you must first call the school to discuss the question and the reason for your answer. BCA Administration reserves the right to have the final say on if the child or staff member can attend school that day, and may consult with medical professionals in our community for their input. No one can arrive for a temperature check until this daily form has been submitted.
- Once your daily health screening has been submitted, you may come on campus for a temperature check. An initial check will be done using our touch-less thermometers. If the temperature is below 99 degrees, you will be allowed to enter the building to immediately wash your hands.
- If a temperature reads above 99 degrees, a second and third temperature will be taken using a different method. This could be a forehead scan thermometer, an in-ear thermometer, or a digital oral thermometer. In order to be allowed in the building, the temperature on this second device must read at 100 degrees or lower. Anyone with a temperature of 100.1 degrees or higher on 2 out of 3 checks will not be permitted into the building.
- If access is denied, they will not be able to return until they are fever free without any medication for at least 24 full hours.
- If someone has a temperature of 100.4 degrees or higher, and **one** additional symptom (listed at the end of this document), they may not come to school to be screened for 7 full days, unless they have a doctor's note clearing them to return. The aforementioned screening process will begin again at that point with the health screening form.
- If a student/staff member is not able to answer no to all daily COVID-19 related health screening questions prior to entering the building, the affected person(s) will be required to produce a doctor's note indicating their wellness in order to return to the building.
- **If a student/staff member is forced to LEAVE school for any COVID-19 related illness, once they had been cleared to enter, the affected person(s) will be required to provide a doctor's note before returning.**
- If a student/staff member is required to be tested for COVID-19 because they suspect they are infected, that student/staff member (and any immediate family members also attending BCA) may not return to the building until negative COVID-19 test result verification can be provided.
- If a student/staff member or immediate family member who has entered our building receives a positive test result for COVID-19 at any point, we will immediately move to Level 3 for a minimum of 14 days.
- All BCA Staff members will be required to produce a NEGATIVE Covid test result before returning to work in August and will be required to take periodic tests throughout the school year as we see fit.
- While not required, we strongly suggest that each child (or parent) take a test as well before returning to school
- As a small, close-knit school community, it is our hope that everyone sees every other child as they see their own. If you would want another parent to keep their child home for certain symptoms that you feel may pose a risk to your child, please think about those courtesies when making your own family decisions. We all have other obligations, but EVERYONE, must consider health and safety to be their first priority.

COVID-19 Symptoms: Please note, a fever of 100.4 or higher in conjunction with one other symptom listed below will require a Doctor's note to return to school.

Symptoms may appear 2-14 days after exposure to the virus. People with these symptoms may have COVID-19:

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| * Fever or chills | * Persistent Cough | * Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing |
| * Fatigue | * Muscle or body aches | * Headache |
| * New loss of taste or smell | * Sore throat | * Congestion or runny nose |
| * Nausea or vomiting | * Diarrhea | |

Look for emergency warning signs for COVID-19. If someone is showing any of these signs, seek emergency medical care immediately:

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| * Trouble breathing | * Persistent pain or pressure in the chest | * Bluish lips or face |
| * New confusion | * Inability to wake or stay awake | |