



## SCHOOL RE-ENTRY: FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What are the plans for Christ Lutheran campus starting August 25, 2020 ?

Christ Lutheran students will have three learning options - on campus for a full day of learning all five days of the week, distance learning, or experience a blend (on campus and distance). *If we experience a mandate for distance learning, we assure you our focus will remain consistent, lessons will be delivered, accountable learning will take place, teachers will be present and available throughout the school day (8-3), and we will return to campus as soon as the mandate is lifted.*

How can Christ Lutheran address COVID-19 differently than other schools, particularly public schools?

Christ Lutheran complies with national, state, and local orders and is in accordance with the California Department of Public Health Guidelines. We follow procedures and implement according to our community. Christ Lutheran has the privilege of maintaining a full-time schedule with smaller class sizes and adequate space in large classrooms and outdoor learning spaces for social distancing. Teachers are trained and ready to transition to distance learning immediately without delay and are attentive to student learning for the entire school day (8-3). Students are coached to be successful with independence in self-directed learning whether they are on campus or at a distance. Christ Lutheran has a Distance Learning Facilitator to mediate distance learning with the student and family

How will Christ Lutheran achieve physical distancing in classrooms?

Christ Lutheran has many options for achieving physical distancing, such as flexible learning furniture, reducing non-essential furniture in classrooms, using clear barrier shields, and outdoor learning spaces. Christ Lutheran students will practice social distancing as much as possible, when practical.

### Does Christ Lutheran plan to use outdoor learning spaces?

Christ Lutheran has outdoor areas that are designed for teaching and learning spaces along the hallway for Kindergarten through 4<sup>th</sup> grade. The middle school classrooms also have outdoor seating for learning in the upstairs hallway. Using outdoor learning spaces promotes students to spread out and optimize the fresh air.

### Will parents be allowed to walk their children to class?

The campus is limited to essential staff and students. Parents will drop off students at the parking lot crosswalk to student ambassadors who will escort them to class. If parents are dropping their child before school hours to School Age Care, they will walk them to the plaza Welcome Center for check in.

### What is the best way for parents to drop off and pick up their children from Christ Lutheran?

The drop off and pick up procedure for students is via our main parking lot drive-thru process. Parents will be assigned a 15-minute drop-off window to stagger the screening process in the morning. Pick-up is zoned for Kindergarten to 2<sup>nd</sup> grade along the grass field and 3<sup>rd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> in the center lane of the parking lot. It is good practice for all parents to check their children for symptoms of sickness in the morning at home before leaving for school. Parents are to keep their children at home if they are showing any signs and symptoms of sickness, especially COVID-19, which includes fever, chills, cough, difficulty breathing, uncharacteristic fatigue, sore throat, muscle or body aches, loss of taste or smell, runny nose, nasal congestion, nausea or vomiting, abdominal pain, diarrhea, rash, or headache. Children who exhibit any of these symptoms while at school will be sent home immediately (emergency contact is to arrive within 30 minutes of call).

### Will volunteers be able to help on campus during the 2020-2021 school year?

Currently, volunteers are considered nonessential and will not participate in campus activities. This may change throughout the upcoming school year depending on the health of our surrounding community. *"Limit any nonessential visitors, volunteers, and activities involving external groups or organizations as much as possible – especially with individuals who are not from the local geographic area (e.g., community, town, city, county)," (CDC Considerations for Schools).*

Will Morning Gathering, Chapel, and large multiple grade gatherings take place?

We will limit or eliminate large multiple group gatherings and will provide creative video streaming participation for classrooms.

Will Cater Tots lunch still be offered?

Yes, Cater Tots has a high level of controls built into their food preparation process to prevent pathogen exposure or contamination of any sort. Due to COVID-19, they have added additional monitoring and safety precautions to deliver healthy lunch options.

Will Pizza Lunch be in operation?

No, the special Thursday Pizza Lunch program will not be available during COVID-19.

Will after-school sports be in operation?

Lutheran Orange County Athletic League has not determined the starting date for sports and the order of sports for boys and girls. The start of the sport season will be in accordance with CDPH Guidelines. More information to come.

Will Christ Lutheran require students to wear face coverings/masks at school?

Christ Lutheran staff and students will wear masks in accordance with California Department of Public Health (CDPH) Guidelines.

How will Christ Lutheran manage illness on campus?

Current Orange County Health Care Agency (OCHCA) guidelines require that the following people stay home from school:

- A student or staff member who tests positive but is asymptomatic.
- A student or staff member who develops symptoms of COVID-19 while on campus.
- A student or staff member who has been in close contact (close contact defined as greater than or equal to 15 minutes without a face covering and less than 6 feet away) from a person who tested positive for COVID-19.

Such a person will be safely isolated, and arrangements will be made for immediate pick-up (within 30 minutes). OCHCA will be contacted for the appropriate actions to

be taken and spaces used by the individual would be closed and thoroughly sanitized before re-entry. Notification of the school community would also happen in accordance with OCHCA guidelines and as appropriate to student privacy law. Christ Lutheran has alternate classrooms/learning spaces available to provide for the continuous instruction of students in case of an unplanned room closure and sanitizing.

Is Christ Lutheran planning to offer different tuition rates if remote instruction is required?

Christ Lutheran is planning to maintain our traditional tuition structure for all students. Tuition assistance is provided based on financial need. Tuition payments provide Christ Lutheran the financial resources to continue student learning and offer a robust and exceptional learning experience.

What on campus learning can a distance learner attend in the blended model?

Students and families that opt for the distance blend model of learning will meet with the principal and classroom teacher to determine the best plan for joining their class on campus according to the academic and social development of the individual.

How will we encourage our Christ Lutheran community to develop safe practices outside the school day?

Christ Lutheran will provide literature and guidelines to protect staff, students, and families. As we pull together and educate, we can all do our part to minimize the risks and the spread of the disease.

How will Christ Lutheran handle ... (fill in your question)?

Christ Lutheran school is a ministry guided and supported by Christ Lutheran Church that can act quickly as needed to situations that may arise. Please know that we want the best for all Christ Lutheran students, families, and staff. We recognize that each family has different perspectives and circumstances to consider. We thank you for your continued patience, trust, and partnership in this process.

*Returning to school involves moving forward in faith and acknowledging that there is some risk as soon as we leave the safety of our homes. No place of business, worship or education can guarantee 100% protection from COVID-19. But we can all do our part to minimize those risks and the spread of the disease.*