



CHRIST BRIDGE
ACADEMY

Engaging, Encouraging, Empowering Christ-Like Learners

Covid-19 Guidelines

As Christ Bridge Academy continues to navigate providing a quality Christian education amidst a pandemic, the school's leadership team remains committed to prayerfully making decisions that ultimately :

- Keep the Archangel community safe and functioning.
- Take scientific data and parental feedback into account.
- Encourage personal responsibility to help maintain a healthy learning environment.
- Empower parents to make decisions they believe are in the best interest of their child(ren).
- Provide excellent opportunities for scholars to thrive spiritually, academically, and socially.

Data Analysis

According to the [American Academy of Pediatrics](#) (AAP), "at this time, it still appears that severe illness due to COVID-19 is rare among children" in the U.S. — an outcome [other countries](#) are experiencing as well (July 26, 2021). Cumulative nationwide data shared by the AAP has revealed that:

- 0.1%-1.9% of all child COVID-19 cases resulted in hospitalization.
- Children were 0.00%-0.26% of all COVID-19 deaths, and 8 states reported zero child deaths.
- In states reporting, 0.00%-0.03% of all child COVID-19 cases resulted in death.

Additionally, a recent [Healthline.com](#) article reported that despite the rise in cases in some areas, "*the percentage of hospitalizations is not increasing in children as a result of the delta variant, according to the most recent data available*" (July 19, 2021). Dr. Monica Gandhi, an infectious disease expert at the University of California, was quoted in this article stating that "*hospitalizations are not increasing in children as a result of the delta variant, so they still seem at low risk of COVID-19 even with this variant.*"

"[The Lord] has proven to be our solid rock during every season." –Dr. Jason Rachels

Health and Safety Protocols for 2021-22

-Please note that these protocols are subject to change as the situation at hand may change.

Face Coverings:

Christ Bridge Academy scholars and staff have the option of wearing a face covering while on campus; they will not be required. Parents who desire for their child(ren) to wear a face covering during school hours will need to have that conversation with them, as CBA staff will not be responsible for holding scholars accountable.

Proactive Measures:

Christ Bridge Academy janitorial staff as well as teachers and aides will be vigilant about disinfecting high-touch surfaces frequently throughout the school day. And although daily temperature checks will not be enforced on campus, CBA is still encouraging parents to conduct a daily health screening each morning before sending their child(ren) to school. Any scholars feeling unwell should plan to stay home until they are symptom and fever-free for 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medications.

Vaccines:

With vaccines now available to children ages 12 and up, parents are in the position to decide if that is something they want for their children. There are no COVID-19 vaccine requirements in place for Christ Bridge Academy scholars and staff.

Response to Cases:

If a CBA student or staff member tests positive for COVID-19, they should :

1. Inform CBA Administration.
2. Quarantine for a minimum of 10 days.
3. Return back to campus being fever free for the last 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medication.

Christ Bridge Academy will inform those who may have been in close contact with the individual who tested positive.

In the event scholars are absent due to a COVID or quarantine-related absence, CBA will provide scholars with the necessary tools to stay on pace with their classes while they are out of school. Our hope and prayer is that little to no scholars will need to exercise this option so they can reap all the benefits of a robust, in person education.

Marching Forward:

Christ Bridge Academy will continue to closely monitor the situation as our school community marches forward in prudence and faith to further our eternal mission of making disciples of Jesus Christ.

Yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dr. Scott Blanchard". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Dr. Scott Blanchard
Founder/ Principal