

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We are approaching the start of the 2021-2022 school year, and we are excited about returning to in-person learning. I want to start off by thanking you for all of your support and partnership throughout the pandemic. As you know, we have had to make many adjustments to our school program due to the pandemic. Despite these changes, we have remained committed to educating your children and providing them with the best possible learning experience.

The health and safety of our students, staff, and overall community is of the utmost importance to Frederick K.C. Price III Christian Schools. It is important for each of us to take steps to protect ourselves from contracting and spreading COVID-19.

What to Expect for the 2021-2022 School Year

Frederick K.C. Price III Christian Schools plans to offer **in-person instruction five days per week for all students K-12** during the 2021-22 school year. Monday, August 30, 2021 is the scheduled first day of school. Our schedule and program will closely resemble the pre-pandemic "normal" as much as we can safely do, using the health and safety protocols. We also plan to offer a virtual/asynchronous instruction option for families who are not ready for their children to return to in person learning.

Key points:





MASK REQUIREMENTS

- FKCP will enforce mask wearing both indoors <u>and</u> outdoors. Face coverings must cover both nose and mouth for K-12 students, faculty, and staff, as well as any approved visitors, regardless of vaccination status. Wearing a well-fitting multi-layer mask is an important prevention strategy and reduces the transmission of Covid-19.
- During breaks and recess, teachers will give students an opportunity to take a very brief, socially distant mask break in order to allow students to breath in fresh air.
- As per the California Department of Public Health, masks are one of the most effective and simplest safety mitigation layers to prevent in-school transmission of COVID-19 infections and to support full time in-person instruction in K-12 schools. SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19, is transmitted primarily by aerosols (airborne transmission), and less frequently by droplets. Physical distancing is generally used to reduce only droplet transmission, whereas masks are one of the most effective measures for source control of both aerosols and droplets. Therefore, masks promote safety with in-person learning by reducing the need for physical distancing. Additionally, under the new guidance from the CDC, universal masking also permits modified quarantine practices under certain conditions in K-12 settings, further promoting more instructional time for students.
- Universal masking indoors in K-12 schools is recommended by the American Academy of Pediatrics and by the CDC in their Guidance for COVID-19 Prevention in K-12 schools (updated July 27, 2021). FKCP students are required to wear mask both indoors and outdoors.

VACCINATION



Vaccination for all eligible students and employees is available in the state
of California; however, no vaccine is approved yet for children under 12,
and FKCP currently has not made it a requirement for students to attend
school.

MANDATORY WEEKLY TESTING



- With the recent increase of positive Covid-19 cases due to the Delta variant, FKCP will conduct and require mandatory PCR COVID-19 testing for K-12 students and all staff members, free of charge
- The testing will be on campus weekly using the mobile unit "Exchange City Health". This is a requirement for all.
- We will reexamine the policy once we have testing data to evaluate conditions on campus and in our community. Parents will receive additional information regarding on site testing.
- Parents who would like to opt out of mandatory weekly testing can choose the option of remote virtual instruction from FKCP (You will receive a link to inform the school of your decision to participate in the virtual program).

PHYSICAL DISTANCING



• Three feet of physical distancing is part of the FKCP protocols. Students are expected to socially distance themselves at all times, and as much as possible. Signs, markers, and staff will remind students of this requirement.





Layers of protection









• The school will utilize multiple layers of transmission mitigation such as mask wearing, social distancing, handwashing stations, sanitizing stations, air purifiers, and sneeze guards in the classrooms and offices of the school.

Cleaning and Sanitizing

- Classrooms will be cleaned and sanitized daily.
- Middle and High School classes that change periods will be sanitized after the dismissal of each class,
- Students will also have assigned seats which is an additional safety precaution.
- K-12 students are not allowed to exchange material. All students are expected to bring and use their own material from home (paper, pens, pencils, sharpeners, etc.).
 - All student material should be marked with his/her name.
- Water fountains will be discontinued until further notice for safety reasons.
 - Students may bring a clear bottle of water.

Health and Safety Modifications for In-Person Learning

Frederick K.C. Price III Christian Schools' is confident that our COVID-19 policies provide a strong plan to help protect our families, faculty, and staff. The policies and procedures were crafted taking into consideration the Los Angeles County Health Department health and safety guidance by the CDC, the state and county of California, Please note that in addition to following many of the CDC

guidelines, Frederick K.C. Price III Christian Schools has more mandatory guidelines than those of the CDC website. The pandemic is an evolving situation and we will continue to adhere to the ongoing changes as necessary.

Additional resources regarding COVID-19 can be found on the following websites:

Los Angeles County Department of Public Health

California Department of Public Health

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

2021-2022 COVID-19 school modifications include:

- Face coverings indoors and outdoors
- Physical distancing
- Health screening for all employees, visitors, and students
- Mandatory weekly COVID-19 Testing for employees and students on campus
- Enhanced campus cleaning and sanitizing
- Alen Clean Air system in every classroom on campus, as well as the Business and Main Offices.
- Plexiglass /barriers in some common areas
- Sneeze guards in most classrooms
- Hand sanitizer stations throughout campus
- Portable handwashing station on campus
- Limiting campus visitors
- Staff and student training on safety policies and procedures

Daily Home Screening before students leave for school

It is imperative that FKCP <u>students stay home when sick</u>. This practice will reduce the spread of COVID-19 and potential school outbreaks.

Listed below are questions you should answer daily before taking your child to school.

Has your child had any symptoms listed below?

• Fever (100.4°F/38°C or higher) or chills

- Cough
- Sore throat
- Headache
- Loss of taste or smell that started in the last 10 days (may say that food "tastes bad" or "tastes funny")
- Shortness of breath or having a hard time breathing
- Nasal congestion or runny nose
- Nausea, diarrhea, or vomiting
- Fatigue/Lethargic
- Muscle or body aches

If your child has any of the symptoms above, please do the following:

- Contact your child's doctor, and have your child tested for COVID-19.
- Keep your child at home until you get the test results.
- Contact your child's school.

WHAT HAPPENS IF A STUDENT BECOMES ILL AT SCHOOL?

A child who is ill and exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19 will be given a mask to wear if they are not already wearing one and will be held in a school designated area and the parent will be called to pick him/her up immediately for the safety of others.

WILL THERE BE REQUIRED COVID-19 TESTING FOR STUDENTS TO RETURN TO SCHOOL AFTER TESTING POSITVE?

California Public Health Department recommends that a student or staff member with symptoms to get a COVID-19 test as soon as possible. If the test is negative, he/she are to remain home until at least 24 hours after resolution of fever and improvement of symptoms.

If a student or staff tests positive, he/she will receive instructions to isolate for 14 days and at least 24 hours with no symptoms. Additional information will be added to our website as it becomes available (Information is subject to change).

WILL PARENTS, STUDENTS AND STAFF BE MADE AWARE IF SOMEONE ON CAMPUS TESTS POSITIVE FOR COVID-19?

- The California Department of Public Health guidance states that schools should document/track incidents of possible exposure and notify local health officials. While maintaining confidentiality as required under FERPA and state and federal law related to privacy of educational and employee records, if a student or staff member tests positive for COVID-19, close contacts at school will be identified and notified with public health department instructions for testing and quarantine.
- A public health department "general advisory" letter may be provided. Close contact is defined by the California Department of Public Health as within 6 feet of a positive case for 15 minutes or more within a 24 hour period.

MORNING DROP-OFF PROCEDURES

In order to limit contact and the number of people on campus, we will be utilizing a Drive Thru Drop-Off/Pick-Up System. This will tentatively take place along the 79th street gate entrance. This applies to all K-12. Parents who have children both in the K-12 and Preschool will receive a pass/placard to drive on campus to the Preschool building for drop off.

- Please talk to your child prior to the first time you drop-off so that he/she is prepared and knows what to expect. While drop-offs may be different and possibly challenging, we will work together in partnership to help the children and families adapt.
- Drop-Off is approximately 7:30 a.m.-8:45 a.m., Monday through Friday. During that time, NO ONE is allowed to park in the drop-off zone or on campus.
- If you arrive after 8:45 a.m., please drive through the Vermont Street Security Gate and inform security that you are dropping of a child at the school building. You will be required to give your name, child's name, etc., and wait in the parking lot on the blacktop for an FKCP staff member to greet you and receive your child(ren).
- If you do not wish to use the drop-off service, you must find a legal place to park on the public street. You will be able to walk your child to the gate only. You will not be allowed to walk on campus. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.
- Please STAY IN YOUR CAR during drop off. When absolutely necessarily you may assist your child but you may not walk on the blacktop or between

- cars. Please be cognizant of those behind you who may have time sensitive schedules
- DO NOT DOUBLE PARK! This is not only dangerous, but it also creates a traffic jam on both Budlong and 79th Street, which is a residential area.
- After school and early morning care Pick-Up procedures will be listed at a later time. And discussed during orientation.



What do I do if my child has Covid-19 symptoms?

Step 1	Step 2	Step 3	Step 4
Comfort your child and explain that he/she need to be tested.	Seek medical care and have your child tested right away. Testing can be done by your child's healthcare provider or at a free COVID-19 testing site.	Keep your child at home while waiting for their test results. Once you get the results, share your child's test results with the school.	If your child has Covid-19 symptoms but tests negative, he/she can return to school after 24 hours with no fever AND after their symptoms dissipate. If your child tests positive, they can return to school after at least 14 days since symptoms first began AND 24 hours with no fever, and after their symptoms dissipate.



What do I do if my child has a positive COVID-19 test?

Immediately notify the school about your child's positive test result.

If your child has COVID-19 symptoms: Isolate for 14 days since symptoms.

Monitor your child for new or worsening COVID-19 symptoms, such as:

- Fever or chills
- Cough
- Loss of taste or smell
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing

Frequently Asked Questions

MASKS

What are the requirements regarding masks?

K-12 students are required to wear a mask both indoors <u>and</u> outdoors, with approved exemptions per CDPH face mask guidance (vaccination status does not apply).

Persons with proof of exemption from wearing a face covering due to a medical condition, must wear a non-restrictive alternative, such as a face shield with a drape on the bottom edge, as long as their condition permits it.

Students should bring a pack of masks in case they drop or lose their mask

PHYSICAL DISTANCING

What are the requirements related to physical distancing?

Three feet of Physical distance is expected to be maintained.

How will lunch at elementary schools be handled?

Students may remove their masks when actively eating and drinking.

VENTILATION

We have worked with our CCC Physical Plant Department to evaluate our school's ventilation system. We have maximized air filtration for every office and classroom on campus by using replacing new filters on HVAC systems. We have also purchased the high quality Alen Clean Air purifying systems for all classrooms and main offices.

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Will Orientation be held in-person?

No, due to the Delta Variant and increase in positive Covid-19 cases, Orientation will be virtual again this year for safety precautions.

Will Back to School Nights be held in person?

No, this event is currently virtual. We will let you know if there is a change.

Will there be field trips this year?

At this time, field trips are on hold, we will continue to revise this actively based on safety precautions.

Will volunteers be allowed on campus?

School sponsored student activities will allow a minimal number of approved volunteers. Volunteers are expected to follow all guidelines as well.

SCREENING

Will students or staff be required to have their temperature taken?

Yes, temperature checks will be conducted daily by teachers/staff.

Will students or staff be required to provide proof of vaccination?

FKCP staff and students are not required to provide proof of vaccination.

TESTING

Will staff and students be tested for COVID-19 on a regular basis?

Yes, students and staff will have mandatory weekly on-site Covid-19 PCR testing regardless of vaccination status. This will be at no cost.

WHAT HAPPENS TO TEACHING AND LEARNING IF AN ENTIRE CLASSROOM OR SCHOOL NEEDS TO CLOSE?

The students will transition into an online distance learning model until they can return to the classroom.

HOW DO I REPORT A POSITIVE TEST RESULT OR CLOSE CONTACT EXPOSURE?

You will report directly to your site administrator via email or phone call 323-565-4199. Our reporting protocols follow all HIPAA guidelines and we may release information to public health officials as required.

WILL STUDENTS BE SENT HOME DUE TO COVID-19 EXPOSURE AND BE MOVED TO THE VIRTUAL PROGRAM?

No. These students will not be enrolled into the distance learning program. A student who is self-isolating will work with his/her teacher to complete coursework from home.