



# OZARK CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

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### **OZARK CHRISTIAN ACADEMY COVID-19 BACK TO SCHOOL PLAN FOR FALL 2020**

The American Academy of Pediatrics strongly advocates “all policy considerations for the coming school year should start with a goal of having students physically present in school” ([www.aap.org](http://www.aap.org)). Ozark Christian Academy believes it is essential for students to attend school to reinforce biblical truths being taught at home as well as to assist in academic instruction, social interaction, mental health, and physical exercise. Therefore, the following plan has been implemented for re-opening OCA’s campus beginning August 25, 2020:

#### **OPEN HOUSE & ORIENTATION**

- Open House will be available for parents and students to meet the teacher and drop off supplies by appointment only Monday, August 24.
- Family Orientation Night (originally August 24) has been canceled. Orientation packets will be mailed/emailed the first week of August with all pertinent information for each individual classroom.

#### **FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL**

- Parents of Preschool, Kindergarten or new students who wish to meet their teacher in person may enter school at 8:00 a.m. Tuesday, August 25, at the north main entry (by the playground). Parents may exit through the south main entry (by the chapel).
- Returning students may arrive from 8:15 - 8:30 a.m. Tuesday, August 25 at the north main entry (by the playground).

#### **CAMPUS ETIQUETTE**

- Temperature checks will be taken at the door before entry for all staff, students, and visitors, or volunteers. If a person’s temperature exceeds 100.4°F, they will be asked to leave the campus and must remain fever free for at least 72 hours without the aid of fever reducing medication before returning to school.
- Face coverings will not be required for any staff, student, or volunteer; however they are available upon request from the Academy Office.
- Classrooms will be adequately arranged to ensure social distancing between desks.
- Restrooms will be occupied at 50% capacity.
- School assemblies and activities will be structured utilizing social distancing measures as much as possible.
- Frequent hand washing will be encouraged.
- Hand sanitizers and disinfecting wipes will be available in all classrooms and common areas.
- Drinking fountains will remain out of order until further notice.



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### **CAMPUS ETIQUETTE CONTINUED**

- Water bottles with lids will be encouraged for students to keep throughout the day.
- Frequently touched objects (door knobs, etc.) will be disinfected throughout the day.
- All classrooms, hallways, restrooms, and common areas will be disinfected at the end of each school day.
- Healthy habits will be taught and communicated through daily classroom instruction.

### **LUNCH & RECESS**

- The dining hall will be closed the first two weeks of school (August 25-September 4). During this time, students will be eating lunch in their classrooms. Each family is encouraged to pack lunches that require little preparation, avoiding as much as possible the need to heat lunches or refrigerate (ice packs are recommended).
- Students will enjoy outside recess and break times as much as possible to allow for fresh air.

### **ILLNESS AT SCHOOL**

- Of utmost importance, if a student exhibits COVID-19 symptoms before arriving at school, please keep them home.
- If a student develops COVID-19 symptoms while at school, the teacher will refer them to the Academy Office, where they will be isolated until their parents/guardians have been notified and they are picked up.
- All staff will be informed of updates from the Newton County Health Department and the Centers for Disease Control to stay informed with COVID-19 and how it relates to schools.

### **ILLNESS AT HOME**

- If a student experiences illness and must stay home from school, they can be counted present if they participate in either video instruction with their teacher the day of the absence or if they attend classes via Abeka Academy video school streaming on the day of the absence. The Academy Office can setup and monitor Abeka Academy video streaming while at home.
- If a member of the household is diagnosed with COVID-19, the student is to stay home for 14 days or until cleared by their local health department to return to school.

**PLEASE NOTE: ALL ITEMS PERTAINING TO OCA'S COVID-19 BACK TO SCHOOL PLAN FOR FALL 2020 ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE AT ANY TIME.**