

Dear BCS Families,

Things are happening! We hope this letter finds your family healthy, well, and optimistic. As we enter the final week before hybrid learning, your focus now is probably what do I need to do as a parent or guardian? We miss your children dearly and are looking forward to providing our hybrid style learning that was planned with our community in mind. We understand that this plan is not perfect, but our hope is you understand we tried for perfect. A few things you need to prepare as a family to approach March 2, 2021. First and foremost, you need to be sure to send your children to campus following our guidelines. Bethany Charter School must follow the same safety protocols as all schools in the District. The major difference that takes place between the schools are scheduling and campus safety routes. Moving about our campus will be clearly laid out for the safety of the children who are attending. We want to be welcoming to both our online and in person learning students. We understand what a hard decision this has been for our families and need all our students to feel a part of their classrooms and school. The following requirements will need to happen at home before dropping your cubs off at Bethany Charter School:

- Review the Family Health Agreement (see below) with the students who have signed up for ***in-person hybrid*** learning. All families who have students who are going to be in the building are required to sign the Agreement. This states that you understand the requirements to be on-site and that will work with us to follow these guidelines.
- Parents are ultimately responsible for their child's health and well-being. It is required that parents follow the flow chart screening "***Can my student go to school today?***" (see below) If the response is **"NO"** to the five questions, we welcome them. If your student has a **"YES"** to any of the questions, your student needs to stay home and can participate in the school day through comprehensive distance learning.
- BCS needs all students be on time for pickup and delivery. Each cohort is three hours long and the transition between cohorts needs to be smooth and safe. If you do not think you can pick up your child on time on a given day, please have them do the comprehensive distance learning classroom at home for that day. If your child has an appointment during their cohort block, please have them do the comprehensive distance learning classroom at home for that day.
- Students will not be having snacks or any type of eating on the campus.
- Students are required to bring their own water bottle if needed. The drinking fountains are off limits due to the circumstances.
- Students are not going to be able to call home for materials. They will have to make do with what they have.
- Keep in mind, while we can only plan for what we know today, we will be ready and adaptable as new conditions emerge.
- We have enhanced our sanitation procedures and invested in new equipment and effective practices to keep our environment safe.
- Hand-washing stations are in each room as well as sanitation stands at each entrance.

- Sanitation and hygiene lessons and discussions will be incorporated daily into the curriculum.
- Student desks are arranged in rows, facing forward, and will be spaced following ODE guidelines.
- Classrooms and hallways will be deep cleaned daily and between cohorts.
- We commit to effectively communicate with you. And will continue to keep you up to date of changes, challenges, and celebrations that are ahead. We also encourage you to do the same. Now more than ever we realize how important it is that we work together for our children.

Thank you for your continued flexibility and support.

Sincerely,

Bethany Charter School Team

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COVID-19 Family Health Agreement

Please note: These expectations are to be met by students as well as parent(s)/guardian(s) as the caregiver of the student(s).

Behavioral Expectations

- I understand that there will be no volunteering or parent visits into the building at this time.
- I will wear a face covering that covers my nose and mouth when in school, except when eating.
Two-ply masks are required. Students may not use masks with vents, bandanas, or gators for a face covering.
- I agree to sanitize my hands with soap and water or hand sanitizer thoroughly and frequently throughout the day.
- I agree to maintain a physical distance of six feet from other people in communal spaces on and off school grounds during school related events.
- I agree to stay to the right in the hallways, maintaining a physical distance of 6 feet from others.
- Teachers will assign bathroom breaks to avoid overcrowding the bathrooms (no stopping for bathroom during transitions unless there is an emergency). Students will eat lunch in their classroom.
- I understand that lockers will not be used this year and it is my responsibility to keep my personal belongings with me always.
- I agree to clean my desk area regularly and disinfect surfaces that may carry the virus.

- I agree to having my temperature taken and will honestly answer the questions asked of me each day. I will follow all instructions given to me by any staff member.
- I agree to follow all rules and regulations outlined by the bus company (if applicable) as well as the custodial and lunch monitor.

Personal Care

- I agree that I or my guardian will monitor myself daily for symptoms of COVID-19 including taking my temperature. I agree to contact my local health center if I have COVID-19 symptoms.
- If I am not feeling well, I will not attend school and parents will contact the office. Parents may excuse a child if they are not feeling well due to COVID-19 symptoms.

Evolving conditions

Recognizing that the COVID-19 situation evolves rapidly, Bethany Charter School may have to adjust guidelines quickly. Updates will be e-mailed and shared via Remind directly to all students and parents if there is a significant change in protocols.

Quarantine, isolation, and contact tracing

- Contact tracing is a vital technique to detect and isolate COVID-19 cases. It is the identification of people who may have been exposed to the virus. Understanding the importance of contact tracing, I agree to respond quickly and accurately to any contact tracing requests that I receive to protect the health and safety of other community members.
- Quarantine and isolation are important mitigation efforts that can help reduce the spread of COVID-19. Both terms refer to separating someone from the rest of the community for a time because that person may have been infected with the virus (quarantine) or has symptoms of COVID-19 and/or has a positive COVID-19 test (isolation).
- I agree to isolate if I test positive or have symptoms for COVID-19, as instructed by the school until picked up by a parent.
- I agree to quarantine for 14 days if I am identified as a contact of anyone who has been determined to be positive for COVID-19.
- I agree to quarantine if I have been tested for COVID-19 and am awaiting results of that test.

Violation of the agreement

Compliance with these expectations is non-negotiable. Students who have concerns about adhering to the expectations above should not plan to return to school for in-person learning. We will continue to provide Comprehensive Distance Learning options for those who need it.

- I understand that because of failing to uphold these standards, I may be subject to disciplinary procedures, including being asked to leave school immediately.

Pledge of commitment

- I agree to the expectations outlined in the COVID-19 Family Health Agreement in support of in-person classes at Bethany Charter School for the remainder 2020-2021 school year.
- I understand my decisions and behaviors potentially impact the health and safety of all members of the community, including my fellow students, employees of BCS, and my own well-being.
- I understand I may be asked to leave school and may face disciplinary consequences if it is determined I did not uphold the expectations outlined above.
- I have discussed these agreements with my parents or guardians.

Student Signature _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

