

Reopening Mannahouse Christian Academy, Vancouver Campus: Health and Safety Guidelines

These rules and guidelines are in compliance with Mannahouse Church, the Washington State Department of Health and the Office of the Governor of Washington. This guidance incorporates information from the CDC Covid -19 Considerations for Schools, and the OSPI (Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction).

GENERAL GUIDELINES

Students, staff, vendors, parents, and guardians, or guests will not be allowed on-site if they show symptoms of COVID-19 or if they have been in close contact with someone who has confirmed or suspected COVID-19 in the last 14 days. These guidelines will be updated as necessary.

Both staff and students should consult with their health care provider before deciding to participate in K-12 classes or activities if they are considered high risk.

All students and staff will need to be cleared before entering the school each day. They will be checked for signs of illness before entering the school. Their temperature will be taken by a non-touch scanning thermometer, and they will need to answer a short series of health questions.

Health Questions: In the past 3 days, have you had

- A cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- A fever of 100 degrees or higher or a sense of having a fever
- A sore throat
- Chills
- New loss of taste or smell
- Muscle or body aches
- Nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea
- Congestion, runny nose not related to seasonal allergies
- Unusual fatigue

We will also ask: Does anyone in your household have the above symptoms?

Has your student been in close contact with anyone either with suspected or confirmed COVID-19?

Has your child had any medication to reduce a fever before coming to school?

The student must be excluded from school if the answer to any of the above questions is yes.

Parents and guardians should not leave the premises until their student has been cleared and received by their teacher or a staff member.

We are asking all of our families to help us decrease the risk to our school population by not coming into the school. You are welcome to call the office for questions. In the morning, we will have staff available, located either at their parking lot classroom door or in the lobby of the school. No one will be allowed to enter the school without a mask which is mandated by the state of Washington.

DROP-OFF AND PICK-UP

Parents and guardians should not leave the premises until their student has been cleared and received by their teacher or a staff member.

School hours: School begins at 8:15 A.M School ends at 2:45P.M.

All students and staff will need to be cleared before entering the school each day. Their temperature will be taken by a non-touch scanning thermometer, and they will need to answer a short series of health questions. Parents and guardians should not leave the premises until their student has been cleared and received by their teacher or a staff member.

Grades 1, 2, and 4 students will enter their classroom in the morning directly from the door that opens to the parking lot.

Grade 3 and 5 will enter the building directly through the cafeteria door.

Kindergarten students, and 6th graders will be scanned and received at the front door lobby. We will have 6 foot designated waiting spots marked for students to wait, or you are free to wait in your car. Please wear your mask while you are waiting if you are closer than 6 feet away from anyone.

Pick-up will work the same way as drop-off. **Students in grades 1,2, and 4** may be picked up at their classroom door. **Students in grades 3 and 5** may be picked up at the lunch room door. **Kindergarten and 6th grade** parents may come to the front door to pick up their child. Please remember to wear a mask and stay within social distancing guidelines.

Grades 7 - 12 will enter and exit through the lobby entrance at the Mill Plain Church Campus.

REDUCING TRANSMISSION

Groupings: We will keep elementary students in groups by class with assigned staff. Multiple groups or classes will use the same facility, but their contact with other groups will be limited.

Physical Distancing: We will aim for physical distancing (six feet) with each group of students as much as possible.

Restrooms: Restroom times will be assigned for each group, but exceptions will be allowed when necessary. A staff member will sanitize the restrooms between each group.

Lunchroom: Lunch times will be held in the classroom or outside when weather permits. If a group is able to eat in the lunchroom, it will be sanitized between each group. On hot lunch days, all meals will be individually plated and served to the students by staff and trained associates.

Outdoor Areas: Playground equipment will not be sprayed with disinfectant. The equipment (high-touch surfaces of plastic or metal) requires normal, routine cleaning, but they do not require disinfection. It is not necessary as it is not proven to reduce the risk of COVID-19 to the public. Cleaning of wooden surfaces is not recommended. After recess, all children will use the restroom and wash their hands before returning to class.

Water Faucets: All water faucets are turned off and not in use to help prevent sickness. It is important that families remember to pack their students a personal, full water bottle each day.

Hygiene Practices: Classes will wash their hands several times a day. In between, they will use hand sanitizer. We will have children clean their hands when they arrive at school, before meals, after using the restroom, after recess, and after sneezing or blowing their nose.

Cloth Face Coverings: Wearing cloth face coverings may help prevent the spread of COVID-19 and is required for staff and students. Those who have a disability or respiratory conditions or trouble breathing, they might consider a face shield. Students may use face shields as an alternative to a cloth face covering. Even when wearing a mask, we will work on keeping proper physical distancing.

Bus Transportation: Principles for COVID prevention within school transportation are to maximize outside air and to keep windows open as much as possible. Riders and staff must wear a cloth face covering. Frequently touched areas will be cleaned and disinfected. Riders will be spaced out as much as possible.

School Campus: Common use areas will be cleaned and disinfected throughout the school day. At the end of every day, the campus will be cleaned and disinfected ready to use again the next day.

IF SOMEONE DEVELOPS SIGNS OF COVID-19

If a student or staff member develops signs of COVID-19 while at school, that person will be separated away from others while under supervision at a distance of at least 6 feet, until the sick person can leave. If a student or a staff member tests positive for COVID-19, the local health jurisdiction will advise, but if there was anyone considered a close contact, they would need to quarantine for 14 days.

If a person thinks that they have had close contact with someone with COVID-19, but they are not sick, they should quarantine for 14 days and watch for signs of COVID-19 such as fever, cough, shortness of breath and other COVID symptoms.

RETURNING TO SCHOOL AFTER HAVING SUSPECTED SIGNS OF COVID-19

When can a staff member or student who had signs of suspected or confirmed COVID-19 can return to school?

- At least 3 days (72 hours) have passed since recovery - defined as no fever without the use of medications and improvement in respiratory signs like cough and shortness of breath **AND**
- At least 10 days have passed since signs first showed up **OR**
- It has been at least three days (72 hours) since recovery **AND** a health care provider has certified that the student or staff member does not have suspected or confirmed COVID 19.