

Covid Mitigation Plan

Hampden Christian School. Effective August 30, 2021

As we constructed our plan for this coming school year, we based our thinking on our experiences in the past 16 months. We also considered a masking survey that our daycare parents completed this summer, and we consulted the most recent CDC guidance for schools, MSDE's guidance for childcares and nonpublic schools, and the US Dept. of Education guide for schools. Community transmission in Baltimore is currently at a "moderate" level as defined by the CDC, and we will continue to monitor that metric. We are using a layered prevention strategy as recommended by the CDC. Plan changes will be communicated to you on at least a monthly basis.

Consistent and Correct Mask Use

We will continue indoor mask by staff and students age 3 and up. Exceptions to mask wearing include when sleeping or eating, when outside, or when distanced from others.

Cohorts

We will keep the school separated into two cohorts, k-8 elementary will be one cohort, and infant – 4 daycare will be the other cohort. These cohorts will not have contact with each other.

We will discontinue use of 9 hour blocks and will be back to a normal 7:00 – 5:30 schedule for daycare and before/aftercare.

Promoting Vaccination

We encourage all eligible staff and students to get the COVID vaccine. We hope to see a vaccine for children 5-12 being made available this fall.

A majority of staff at HCS are vaccinated. We will not publish exact percentages or identify who is or is not vaccinated. We continue to encourage vaccination for all staff. We also have stricter travel policies for unvaccinated staff.

Ventilation

We will continue to use anti-viral furnace filters and frequently open classroom windows.

Handwashing and Respiratory Etiquette

We will continue to teach and reinforce handwashing with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.. We will remind everyone in the facility to wash hands frequently and assist young children with handwashing, and we will promote covering of coughs and sneezes.

Staying Home When Sick and Getting Tested

Symptom screening of staff and students will continue. People with symptoms should stay home and get tested if recommended by their health care provider

Contact Tracing in Combination with Isolation and Quarantine

We will report COVID cases to the Department of Health and follow their recommendations for closing, quarantine, and contact tracing.

Cleaning and disinfecting

Surfaces will be cleaned/disinfected at least 1x per day.