

CENTRAL PRIVATE



**SAFE RETURN
GUIDE**
Welcome Back

**2020
-
2021**

2020-21 SCHOOL YEAR

A Message From Brother Martin...



Together we can!

The Central Private family is strong and resilient. I have no doubt that these special traits will help to guide us through these challenging times. As we prepare to begin a new school year, I certainly understand that we have a wide spectrum of beliefs about Covid-19, from skepticism to fear. Regardless of differing opinions, I am confident that we will unite and safely navigate these turbulent times together.

Our number one concern is the health and safety of our students, staff, and teachers. As we develop our reopening protocols, that is our primary concern. Our desire is to create a safe and positive learning environment in the midst of the cloud of Covid-19. We are doing everything we can to mitigate the risk for a safe return to on-campus learning. We are staying up to date with the latest federal, state, and local guidelines and monitoring the rapidly evolving COVID-19 pandemic.

Central Private is fortunate to have small class sizes, which affords us the opportunity to offer a traditional 5-day, face-to-face learning opportunity. We will have school with the intention of having all healthy students physically present on a daily basis. That goal includes having our school perform as close to “normal” as possible. This is important because the American Association of Pediatrics (AAP) strongly advocates that all policy considerations for the coming school year should start with students physically present in school. The importance of in-person learning is well-documented, and there is already evidence of the negative impacts on children because of school closures in the spring of 2020.

Understanding the dangers of COVID-19, as we prepare to reopen, Central Private is facilitating a healthy campus by making updates to our campus to accommodate physical distancing and sanitizing concerns, as well as reimagining classroom and cafeteria areas. We are working diligently to minimize risk and maintain a safe, secure, nurturing environment for our students, employees, families, and community.

Despite our effort to answer pertinent questions, we are certain that many questions will remain. With that in mind, please consider the following points:

1. We need to understand that we are in a constant state of flux, so our protocols will evolve as we move forward. We ask for your patience and understanding.
2. We must understand that, regardless of our mitigation efforts, we will deal with Covid-19 infections at some point. COVID-19 policies are intended to mitigate, not eliminate, risk. No single action or set of actions will completely eliminate the risk of transmission, but implementation of several coordinated interventions can greatly reduce that risk.
3. We are committed to doing our due diligence in keeping the health and safety of our staff, children, and CP family a priority.
4. If you have any questions, please contact me at rwmartin@centralprivate.org, or our school nurse, Megan Blackwell, at mblackwell@centralprivate.org.

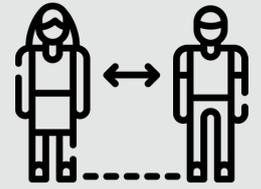
As a minister, I feel compelled to share Isaiah 41:10 (NKJV). The Lord says, “Fear not, for I am with you; Be not dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, Yes, I will help you.” The Lord is with us, and He will not leave us. We will move forward with confidence in Him and His sure Word. Pray that your faith is stronger than your fear.

We will make it. Together. For we are a strong and resilient family.

Robert W. Martin

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Head of School

Please continue to work with your child on the following:



Social Distancing

In public, keep at least 6 feet away from others.



Hand Washing

Wash hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.



Face Covering

Wear face coverings whenever and wherever appropriate.



Avoid Touching Face

Cover coughs and sneezes with an elbow or tissue. Avoid touching eyes, nose, and mouth.

WELLNESS PROTOCOLS



TEMP CHECKS

- Temperature checks will be conducted on all staff and students upon arrival to school.
- All students dropped off by parents/guardians will be checked before they leave their vehicles. Students that drive will be checked at a station on the boardwalk.
- Staff and students with 100+ fever may not enter buildings.
- Anyone with a fever of 100+ can wait and be checked again after 10 minutes.



SICK STUDENTS

- Students who are sick should stay at home (regardless of illness).
- Students who are COVID-19 positive must stay at home until deemed non-infectious by a doctor.
- Parents are to report if their child has been on fever reducing medication in the prior 24 hours or has had a cough or shortness of breath.
- Individuals who were in close contact (less than 6 feet for over 15 minutes) with COVID-19 should stay at home and monitor symptoms.



SICKNESS AT SCHOOL

- If students develop sickness while at school, they will be moved to an isolation room. They will be closely monitored by our school nurse until a parent/guardian picks them up.



FACE COVERINGS

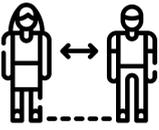
- Students and teachers do not have to wear face coverings during class instruction if the classroom has proper spacing per number of students.
- Per current BESE and governor mandates, face coverings must be worn by staff and students in 3rd-12th grades at arrival, during transitions, and at dismissal. We will adjust the face covering policy when mandates change/end.
- The school will provide one face covering at the beginning of the school year. If students wish to have more, they can be provided by parents/guardians.
- Face coverings may be any color but should be school appropriate. They cannot be derogatory, offensive, political in nature, or distracting to the school environment as determined by school administration.
- If a student should need a new face covering during the school day, he/she will be provided one.
- Students or staff who have a medical determination that prohibits face coverings must present proper documentation (a doctor's order) in order to be excused from wearing a face covering.



HAND CLEANING

- All individuals will use hand sanitizer at arrival and throughout the day, including as they transition into each class, before and after eating or using play equipment, and at exit/dismissal. Each classroom is equipped with sanitizer.
- Students and staff will be encouraged to wash their hands throughout the day.

WELLNESS PROTOCOLS



SOCIAL DISTANCING

- All groups of students, faculty, and staff, other than static groups (classes that have the same students throughout the day), shall maintain physical distancing of at least 6 feet, as much as is possible.
- To the extent possible, students will be separated with flow paths during transitions, including limiting crowding at entry and exit points.
- All classrooms will be arranged with spacing to the fullest extent possible.



WATER

- Water fountains will be turned off. Students should bring water (with closed top) and may purchase water from the cafeteria. Water refill stations will be available in select locations.



CAFETERIA

- To the extent possible, lunch will be served in the cafeteria. Students will practice social distancing and hygiene protocols will be followed, including disposable utensils. 6th-12th grade students may eat on the boardwalk at the picnic tables, using social distancing requirements. For detailed cafeteria protocols, [click here](#).



EXTRACURRICULAR

- PE will feature individual conditioning, as well as sports activities permitted by the LHSAA (per respective phases). Students are not required to wear face coverings during PE.
- Field trips will be discontinued until COVID-19 restrictions are lifted.
- In art and enrichment classes, students will not share their supplies and materials.
- Students will be spaced during recess so that they will not have to wear face coverings.
- Large gatherings, such as assemblies and special events, will not resume until safe to do so. However, we will conduct devotions via the intercom and/or through technological means.



CAMPUS VISITORS

- Visitors will only be allowed in the school building under extenuating circumstances. However, they must wear a face covering and have their temperature checked before entering.



CLEANING

- Restrooms will be cleaned multiple times throughout the day.
- Our cleaning service will provide extra cleaning daily.
- Teachers will use disinfectant spray to clean desks and work surfaces, doorknobs, and light switches as each class and/or group changes.
- In the case of infection, classrooms and areas affected will be thoroughly cleaned with heavy duty cleaning agents that the school keeps on campus.



SIGNAGE

- Appropriate signage will be noticeable throughout the campus, notifying staff and students of the increased safety measures taken.

IF YOU ARE SICK

COVID-19 SYMPTOMS



- Fever (100+) or chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath
- Difficulty breathing
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- Loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting

REASONS TO KEEP YOUR CHILD HOME



We are asking all families to commit to supporting Central Private's health, wellness, and safety protocols, and agree to keep children home when they are sick, have COVID-19-like symptoms, or have potentially been exposed. To further support a healthy campus, we are asking families to perform daily temperature checks of their children before coming to school for the day.

See below for additional details for when a child should stay home:

- A member of your family has tested positive for COVID-19 or is waiting for the results of a COVID-19 test.
- Your child has flu-like or COVID-19-like symptoms.
- Your child has a fever of 100°F or higher.

Students should not return to campus until the fever has subsided without the use of medication or their physician has determined that they are clear to return.

If your child has been kept home for any health-related reasons, including the above mentioned, please consult your doctor before allowing them to return to campus.

IF A STUDENT BECOMES SICK AT SCHOOL



During the day, any student may develop symptoms that may result in the need for further evaluation. In this case, the student will report to the office for assessment.

If the student has any of the above-listed symptoms, the student will remain isolated and properly monitored by our school nurse until he/she is dismissed to a parent/guardian. The parent/guardian should contact a physician for evaluation.

IF A TEACHER BECOMES SICK AT SCHOOL



If a teacher tests positive for COVID-19, the teacher will quarantine. The Department of Health will be notified by the diagnosing official. CP will be contacted and instructed in the process of alerting those at risk. CP will then alert those involved as soon as information is available. The Department of Health will advise on the extent of quarantining that may be necessary.

IF YOU ARE SICK

STEPS TO TAKE WITH A SICK CHILD



If your child tests positive for COVID-19, the positive result must be reported immediately to the school, and the child must be quarantined at home. He/she may return once **ALL** the following criteria have been met:

- Child has been fever-free for 3 consecutive days without the aid of fever-reducing medication.
- Child's symptoms have improved.
- It has been 10 days since the child's first symptoms appeared.
- He/she has checked in with the school and provides a physician form stating the child can return to school.

If your child tests negative for COVID-19 and has a fever, your child must be fever-free (under 100) without fever-reducing medication for 24 hours prior to returning to school.

If your child is not tested for COVID-19 and has a fever from a verifiable source (i.e., ear infection, strep), your child must be fever-free (under 100) without fever-reducing medication and must take prescribed antibiotics for 24 hours prior to returning to school.

If your child is not tested for COVID-19 and has a fever from an unverifiable source (i.e., a virus), your child cannot return to school until he/she has been fever-free for 3 consecutive days.

NOTIFYING OTHER PARENTS OF AN INFECTION



If a student tests positive for COVID-19, an email will be sent to the parents of other students in the grade(s) alerting them that a student has tested positive (or has symptoms and is being evaluated). If that student has siblings in other grades, parents in those grades will also be alerted via email. Further information will be shared with them as it becomes available. Even if a student tests negative, the student will stay home and not return until the date specified by the physician in a written note.

Students that have been exposed (within 6 feet for at least 15 minutes of an individual with COVID-19) will be required to stay home for 3 days, during which time the parent will check for symptoms and consult their physician.

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SHORT TERM VIRTUAL LEARNING FOR COVID-19



For students required to quarantine at home, CP will maintain instructional continuity for those affected. Teachers will provide lessons on uniform platforms (ClassDojo for PreK through 2nd grade; Google Classroom for grades 3 – 12). Teachers will be equipped to offer recorded teaching sessions if necessary. Teachers will communicate with these students on a regular basis, to answer questions and provide further instruction.

EXTENDED CARE



CP will continue to offer after-care services. It is important to note that while students will be limited to the same small groups during the day, voluntary participation in extended care services will possibly introduce students to secondary small groups.



WE NEED YOUR HELP

We need your help as well. Each CP family will be required to complete the Central Private Health and Wellness Pledge before the start of school. As we work together, we have a greater chance of reducing the risks for all. Click the button below to access the pledge.

[HEALTH & WELLNESS PLEDGE](#)