

## CDC: Considerations for Schools Checklist

“Schools may consider implementing several strategies...”^\*

Consideration/Strategy	Yes	Notes
<b>Promoting Behaviors that Reduce Spread</b>		
1. Stay Home when Appropriate	X	
2. Hand Hygiene and Respiratory Etiquette	X	
3. Cloth Face Coverings		Not responsible or effective delivery of instruction, difficult classroom management; Students may wear masks
4. Adequate Supplies (e.g., soap, hand sanitizer, paper towels, etc.)	X	
5. Signs and Messages	X	
<b>Maintaining Healthy Environments</b>		
6. Clean and Disinfect (e.g., frequently touched surfaces, transport vehicles, schedules of cleaning, etc.)	X	
7. Discourage the sharing of objects	X	Sharing is a key skill to teach. Many lesson require collaboration which often necessitates sharing of resources. Modified: ensure cleaning of shared objects
8. Ventilate (e.g., increase circulation of outdoor air)	X	
9. Water Systems (e.g., sanitize water fountains)	X	
10. Modify Layouts (e.g., increase distance in seating)		Not feasible (i.e., do not have the physical space)
11. Physical Barriers and Guides (e.g., use of sneeze guards)		
12. Communal Spaces (e.g., dining halls)	X	Modified: can spread out in dining hall
13. Food Service (e.g., brown bag lunches)	X	
<b>Maintaining Healthy Operations</b>		
14. Protections for Staff and Children at Higher Risk for Severe Illness from COVID-19 (e.g., older adults or staff/students with medical conditions)	X	
15. Regulatory Awareness (e.g., local and state regulations)	X	
16. Gatherings, Visitors, and Field Trips (e.g., pursue virtual trips)	X	
17. Identifying Small Groups and Keeping Them Together (Cohorting) (e.g., reduce movement of students to multiple staff)	X	NCA has small classes and class sizes; thus, cohorting is inherent in our system.
18. Staggered Scheduling		Not feasible with busing and transportation
19. Designated COVID-19 Point of Contact	X	
20. Participation in Community Response Efforts	X	
21. Communication Systems (e.g., communicating with families)	X	
22. Leave (Time Off) Policies and Excused Absence Policies	X	
23. Back-Up Staffing Plan (e.g., Monitor absenteeism of students and employees, cross-train staff, and create a roster of trained back-up staff)	X	
24. Staff Training (e.g., safety protocols)	X	
25. Recognize Signs and Symptoms	X	
26. Sharing Facilities	X	We share space with Church of the New Covenant. The church is vigilant and committed to the safety and health of its members and our students.
27. Support Coping and Resilience	X	
<b>Preparing for When Someone Gets Sick</b>		
28. Advise Staff and Families of Sick Students of Home Isolation Criteria	X	
29. Isolate and Transport Those Who are Sick	X	
30. Clean and Disinfect	X	
31. Notify Health Officials and Close Contacts	X	

^ According to the CDC, COVID-19 is a disease caused by a virus. As such, it will be with us for a long time. As a guiding principle, then, we must understand that COVID-19 is a part of our lives, sadly, like the flu and the common cold. As we treat all sicknesses, we will treat COVID-19 similarly, but with more caution and intention.

\* Quote from CDC’s Considerations for Schools (link below).