



August 2021 Covid-19 Protocol and Guidelines for Old Plank Christian Academy

Greetings To Our Amazing Old Plank Christian Academy Families,

We are excited to begin a new school year! We pray you have had a healthy and enjoyable summer!!

Unfortunately, Covid-19 is still with us and has even surged as we are preparing to begin the fall semester. We are prepared to begin school with the following protocol and guidelines.

*****The Florida Department of Education has NOT approved any distance learning for scholarship students. Students will be counted absent if quarantined but will be allowed to make up all missed assignments and tests.**

At OPCA, we have been researching and closely following reports from the Florida Department of Education, the Duval County Health Department and the CDC. Also, the Commissioner of Education has mandated that all schools reopen this fall.

Due to the changing nature of this volatile situation, the following list of reopening health and safety precautions, protocols and procedures is tentative. If further mandates are passed down from the authorities, this list may change.

- a. Families should keep children at home if their child has a fever of 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit or higher and displays symptoms of COVID-19 or has had exposure to someone with COVID-19 virus.

- b. Temperature checks and symptom screening will be provided for all students, faculty and staff. Each person will be screened upon arrival each day.
- c. Students who develop a fever or COVID-19 symptoms during the school day or aftercare times will be required to leave school campus promptly.
- d. Students will be heavily instructed on personal sanitization and hand washing. Students will be encouraged and expected to practice these methods consistently.
- e. Hand sanitizing stations will be available in all classrooms and at entrances and exits to campus buildings.
- f. Social distancing will be exercised to the extent possible in all classrooms and learning environments.
- g. Water fountains will not be used during this time. (Students are to bring personal water in clear bottles)
- h. Playground times will be staggered to limit student exposure to other students.
- i. Students are encouraged to wear face coverings in hallways and other “public spaces” while on campus. (Parents may request for their child to wear a face covering at all times. This will be allowed.)
- j. Lunchroom distancing and class separation will be as space permits and the need arises. Options include, rotating lunch in the cafeteria with smaller groups, lunch outside, lunch in classrooms, etc. Lunches from the cafeteria will be available for purchase and delivered to the eating location.
- k. Chapel Services will be modified in order to practice social distancing.
- l. Extra sanitization of classrooms, buildings, surfaces and spaces will be in place.
- m. Precautions will be in place with OPCA athletics per guidelines of our athletic associations, the Florida Department of Health and the CDC.
- n. Campus visitors will have limited access and will be screened before entrance to campus buildings. Visitors to campus may be required to wear face coverings.
- o. OPCA will continue to monitor guidelines, recommendations and mandates from the Florida Department of Education, the Duval County Health Department and the CDC. Our procedures and protocols will be updated and amended as necessary to maintain the health and safety of our amazing students, faculty, staff and families!

We are looking forward to seeing OPCA students in the fall! We are excited to have your family as a part of this wonderful school. We believe God has great things in store as we begin this new academic year!!

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