

COVID-19 Policy 2021-2022 School Year

I. Guiding Principles:

- a. Covenant School is committed to knowing the latest facts on the *novel virus 2019-nCoV*, commonly referred to as COVID-19. As such, our policies and procedures for COVID-19 will be routinely analyzed and compared with the procedures and policies of similar institutions (particularly Independent Private Schools of similar student size and population density).
- b. Students benefit from consistent in-person learning. Covenant's policy aims to offer a safe place for instruction but also prioritize a predictable in-person learning modality.

II. Practices for Confirmed COVID-19 Illness

Sick students/faculty/staff will not come to school for duration of illness and will remain home for the duration set by the local health department. The local health department makes the final decision about how long quarantine should last, based on local conditions and needs.

If a member of the student's household tests positive for COVID-19, the student must be quarantined for 14 days from the start of symptoms or 14 days from the positive test.

III. Practices for COVID-19 symptoms

- a. People with these symptoms may have COVID-19:

- Fever or chills (100.4°F (38°C) or greater)
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

- b. If found with COVID-19 symptoms, students/faculty/staff are expected to stay home until 24 hours after symptoms resolve or until evaluated by a medical provider and documented to have a noninfectious source of symptoms.

IV. Prevention

- a. Covenant will continue to encourage frequent hand washing, social distancing to the best of our ability, and routine monitoring of symptoms.

- b. Upon request by the family and with administrative approval, Covenant will provide additional proactive measures for individual students to the best of our ability (e.g., desk shields, additional social distancing, approved absences from particular classes periods).
- c. Mask policy: Covenant School mask procedures apply when Cabell County is designated Red for that week according to the WV DHHR Map. If the County is designated Green, Yellow, or Gold for that week then masks are not required.
 - i. All Covenant students and staff are required to wear masks when in the school hallways and other common areas.
 - ii. When a student or staff member is not in a common area (i.e., classroom or office space), a mask can be worn at their discretion but is not required.
 - iii. Gaiters and face shields are not approved substitutes for a mask.
 - iv. Masks are not required outdoors