



YOUNG AMERICANS CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

YACS Reopening Protocols, Policies, and Guidelines

These protocols, policies, and guidelines are not all inclusive and can be changed, modified, or revised at any time by the school's administration based upon new, revised, or modified information from health organizations and/or public health officials. It is the ultimate responsibility of the parents in choosing on campus instruction at Young Americans Christian School for their child's educational experience for the 2020-2021 school year.

Plan Item	Protocols, Policies, and Guidelines
Classrooms & Facilities	<p>All classrooms will be equipped with hand sanitizer, disinfectant spray, wipes, and paper towels.</p> <p>Common areas will have increased cleaning and disinfecting by staff throughout the day.</p> <p>Evening janitorial staff will be responsible for cleaning and disinfecting the entire facility.</p> <p>Classroom doors will be kept open as much as possible to allow ventilation and airflow.</p> <p>Students may not share or use another student's locker, backpack, or any other item.</p> <p>Teachers and students will be required to wear face coverings or mask.</p> <p>Staff and administrators will be required to wear face coverings or mask.</p> <p>Middle school students will not change classes first semester.</p>
Guests, Parents, & Visitors	<p>All guests, parents, and visitors are required to wear a mask or face covering while on campus.</p> <p>Parents are not permitted to enter the building during drop-off or pick-up.</p> <p>Pre-school and Kindergarten parents, wearing masks or face coverings, will be permitted to accompany their child to their classroom during the first few days of school only (Orientation days).</p>

<p>Health Screening</p>	<p>Parents, as part of their morning routine, will be responsible for taking the temperature of their child before bringing them to school.</p> <p>School personnel will also take the temperature of all students each morning.</p> <p>School faculty and staff will have their temperature checked daily.</p> <p>Temperatures of all persons (visitors, employees, parents, vendors) may be required prior to entering the campus.</p> <p>Any student who has traveled out of the country or to a Covid-19 “hot spot” must self-quarantine, utilizing YACS virtual livestream, for no less than 14 days prior to returning to school.</p> <p>If an immediate household member of a student tests positive for the COVID-19 virus, the school must be contacted and the student must self-quarantine, utilizing YACS virtual livestream, for no less than 14 days prior to returning to school.</p> <p><i>The following guidance will be used to make decisions about “return to school” for students or staff with: laboratory-confirmed COVID-19 who have been exposed to COVID-19</i></p> <p>DPH recommends a time-based return to school strategy that is determined based on a person’s health status. Decisions about “return to school” for persons with confirmed or suspected COVID-19 should be made in the context of local circumstances (community transmission, resource needs, etc.).</p> <p><i>Symptomatic persons with confirmed COVID-19 or suspected COVID-19 can return to school after:</i></p> <p>At least 3 days (72 hours) have passed since recovery defined as resolution of fever without the use of fever-reducing medications; AND improvement in respiratory symptoms (e.g., cough, shortness of breath); AND, at least 10 days have passed since symptoms first appeared.</p> <p><i>Asymptomatic persons with confirmed COVID-19 can return to school after:</i></p> <p>At least 10 days have passed since the positive laboratory test and the person remains asymptomatic. (Note: Asymptomatic persons who test positive and later develop symptoms should follow the guidance for symptomatic persons above.)</p> <p><i>Asymptomatic persons who have a known exposure to a person with COVID-19 without appropriate PPE can return to school after:</i></p> <p>They have completed all requirements in the DPH guidance for persons exposed to COVID-19 found at https://dph.georgia.gov/contact (Of note: If this person is tested for COVID-19 during the 14 day quarantine period, a negative</p>
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	<p>test result would not change or decrease the time a person is monitored, but a positive test would move the person into one of the above categories, based on whether they are still asymptomatic or have developed symptoms.)</p> <p><i>“Suspected symptoms”</i> is defined as fever of 100.4 F, shortness of breath, frequent cough that is not attributed to asthma or seasonal allergies, loss of taste or smell.</p> <p>In order for a student who tested positive for COVID-19 to be allowed to return to school he must present a return to school written document from a M.D. or D.O.</p>
Masks	<p>The wearing of masks or face coverings by students and faculty while on campus will be required.</p> <p>Students and faculty are required to wear masks or face coverings during times of transition from one location to another.</p> <p>“Mask relief” times will be provided for all grade levels during the course of the school day.</p> <p>In classes, with small student numbers and extra distancing, mask relief may be implemented as long as students remain at their desk.</p>
Personal Items	<p>All personal items brought to the school by a student or employee must be disinfected daily prior to being introduced to the campus.</p> <p>No personal items may be shared (e.g., backpacks, clothing).</p> <p>All personal items (including textbooks) must be labeled with the student’s name (e.g., water bottles, notebooks, backpacks).</p>
Physical Distancing & Minimizing Exposure	<p>Check Out / Office: Parents or guardians entering the building to check out a student must wear a face mask before entering the building/office.</p> <p>Students needing to check out early must be checked out before 2:15 pm.</p> <p>P.E. & Recess: Contact sports will not be permitted during Physical Education classes or recess times.</p> <p>Recreational and sports equipment will be regularly cleaned and sanitized.</p> <p>Elementary recess will be scheduled for one class at a time on any specific playground area.</p> <p>Facilities: Reminders will be displayed throughout the school (classrooms, hallways, bathrooms, welcome center, administrative offices) for students and staff: Stay 6 feet apart when possible</p>

	<p>Proper and frequent handwashing How to stop the spread of germs</p> <p>Fire drills, tornado drills, and lockdown drills will be modified to maintain proper physical distancing to the greatest extent possible.</p> <p>Middle and high school chapel services will be temporarily livestreamed into the classrooms. Once chapel services resume, the services will be held in the auditorium with physical distancing in place.</p> <p>Chapel seating will be sanitized between each chapel group.</p>
Water	<p>Bottle-filling stations will be utilized; no drinking from water fountains. Students will bring their own water bottles labeled with their names.</p>
Athletics	<p>YACS will comply with all guidelines provided by GISA and GAPPS.</p> <p>Athletes, coaches, staff, and participants will be required to wear a face covering or mask when not actively engaged in physical activity or when they may be near other people.</p> <p>Pre-Work Screening: All coaches and students must be screened for signs/symptoms of COVID-19 prior to each workout. Screening includes a temperature check.</p> <p>Responses to screening questions for each person must be recorded and stored so that there is a record of everyone present in case a student develops COVID-19.</p> <p>Any person with positive symptoms reported will not be allowed to take part in workouts and must immediately contact his/her primary care provider or other appropriate health care professional.</p> <p>There must be no shared athletic equipment (towels, clothing, shoes, or sports-specific equipment) between students.</p> <p>Students must wear their own appropriate workout clothing (do not share clothing).</p> <p>Individual clothing/towels must be taken home daily, washed, and cleaned after every workout/game.</p> <p>All athletic equipment including balls must be cleaned after each use and prior to the next workout/game.</p>
Lunches	<p>Classes will split time between eating in the cafeteria, classrooms, and outdoors to accommodate physical distancing.</p>
Lost and Found	<p>Lost and Found items will be kept for one week only. After one week, items will be donated to a local charity.</p>

Closure

If a confirmed case of Covid-19 appears, the school may close or close certain grade level(s) or areas for 5 days to conduct school-wide deep cleaning, and remote instruction will take place during that time.