

## **Bryte Christian Academy COVID-19 Re-Opening Plan**

As we plan to return to school on September 1st, Bryte Christian Academy (BCA) will rely on official guidelines and recommendations while attempting to maintain a balanced and reasonable approach to precautions needed to operate as safely as possible. Safety measures will include procedures for in the classroom, PE classes, recess, athletics, chapel, and all other campus-related activities. Even though we are only a month from the beginning of school, we recognize that circumstances and guidance could change between now and then that would cause us to change our plans. All policies will be re-evaluated on an ongoing basis including review by the School Board at their monthly board meetings.

### **Sanitizing and Cleaning**

BCA has already started the process of deep cleaning our building and it will continue until the start of school. (We would welcome volunteers that would be willing to assist in this process.) During the school year you can expect to see, at a minimum, the following:

- Increased frequency of cleaning classrooms, shared classroom supplies, and high touch surfaces throughout the school day.
- Increased frequency of cleaning the gym, physical education/athletic equipment, and playground equipment on a regular basis.
- Hand sanitizer dispensers in every classroom and throughout the building.
- Daily cleaning of the building, every morning, including the sanitation of high touch surfaces.

### **Personal Hygiene, Prevention, and Training**

Faculty and staff will participate in specific training, during in-service, to minimize the spread of infectious disease including COVID. You can expect the following:

- Student training on proper hand washing and additional ways to protect themselves and others (e.g. keeping hands away from face, covering coughs and sneezes, etc.).
- Frequent student hand washing throughout the day and time allotted to do so.
- Water fountains will not be accessible. Students must bring their own water bottles to school.
- No sharing of personal supplies. Students must have their own supplies.
- Directional signage throughout the building to assist with social distancing and a reminder of safety practices.

- **All classroom desks will be organized in straight rows with 5-6' distance between each desk. Desks will not be arranged in groups.**
- Middle school & High school teachers and students will sanitize each desk in between classes.
- Elementary teachers will sanitize tables, desks, and toys, etc. throughout the day.

### Face Coverings

- Students required to bring their own face mask, neck gaiter face mask, or face shield. Face covering must be solid colored or align with what is allowed for dress code shirts (patterns accepted, no words larger than 2", no dark/vulgar content). The administration will determine the appropriateness of any questionable masks.
- BCA will provide face masks for students in case of loss or not having one (K4-12).
- For students K4- 2 grade wearing face covering will be recommended.
- **All students from 3 – 12 grades will be required to have a face covering that must be in use for all times when inside of the building.**
- Faculty and staff will wear a face shield or face mask when social distancing is not possible.
- Exemptions for masks may be made for medical reasons with a doctor's note.
- **Students will need to cover their faces in situations where social distancing is not possible, such as in:**
  - hallway transitions
  - reading groups
  - restrooms
  - and when close proximity between faculty and a student is required such as in one-to-one instruction situations.

### Screening, Monitoring, and Health Care

- Attendance requirements will be relaxed for the 2020-2021 school year.
- BCA has a supply of contactless thermometers that will be used to check the temperature of each staff, faculty, and student on a daily basis. **Any child with a temperature of 100 degrees or higher will be sent home.**
- If your child is showing signs of illness, please do not send him/her to school until cleared by a medical doctor that he/she is not infectious, or you see no symptoms for a minimum of 24 hours. **He/she must also be fever-free without any fever-reducing medicines for a minimum of 24 hours.**
- If a student is sick or becomes sick at school that student will be separated, in the nurse's office, from healthy students and staff. The school will call the

parent/guardian for immediate pick up. Areas where the sick student was will be immediately cleaned and sanitized.

- **If your child or anyone in your household has been diagnosed with or directly exposed to COVID-19, they should stay home from school for a 14-day period or until he/she receives a negative COVID-19 test.** The school must be notified immediately.
- If an employee has been directly exposed to COVID-19 or is sick, he/she will not return to school until cleared by a doctor to do so or after a 14-day quarantine period or until he/she receives a negative COVID-19 test.
- If we have a confirmed case of COVID-19 in our school or school community, parents will be contacted immediately and the building/classroom(s) will be thoroughly cleaned and disinfected, according to CDC guidelines.

#### Other School Related Activities:

- Weather-permitting, Recess, Lunch Play, and Physical Education classes will take place outdoors. Sports & playground equipment will be cleaned on a regular basis. If any of these activities take place indoors due to inclement weather, social distancing will be encouraged.
- Elementary teachers will likely conduct classes in the elementary classrooms rather than moving students to the extra-curricular classrooms. Exceptions may be made for Technology & Music classes.
- Students will eat lunches in their classrooms in order to remain social distanced during this time.
- Chapels will continue with social distancing in place.