

School Adjustment Plan - Trinity Lutheran School - 2020-2021

To ready and prepare for the 2020-2021 school year, we are adding this document as an addendum to our Parent/Student Handbook. These modifications have been made due to the current conditions and the severity and spread of Coronavirus (COVID-19) and other communicable illnesses throughout our county and community. The accommodations and adjustments laid out in this document are subject to change.

Based on the recommended guidelines by the St. Charles County Health Department, these are the accommodations and adjustments that Trinity Lutheran School have adopted:

- 1) **Daily Health Screenings** - Until further notice all faculty, staff, students, parents/guardians, volunteers, and visitors will be subject to a temperature check and verbal health screenings. These will be conducted either at the vehicle or at the door upon arrival (weather dependent). All faculty, staff, students, volunteers, and visitors must be **symptom free** in order to enter the school building. We strongly encourage parents/guardians to AVOID ENTERING the building during the school day unless it is absolutely necessary.
- 2) **Sanitizing and Hygiene** - All faculty, staff, students, parents/guardians, volunteers, and visitors who enter the building will immediately use hand-sanitizer/wash hands with soap and water for 20 seconds and will do this regularly throughout the day, especially during transition periods (before and after lunch). In addition to extra cleaning from our cleaning company, faculty and staff will frequently wipe down surfaces with EPA approved disinfectants throughout the school day. Shields will be provided for teachers to wear. Students are required to have a mask/shield at school and can wear them when they feel they need one. Students may be asked to wear masks/shields at certain times throughout the school year. Until further notice there will be NO FOOD OR DRINK allowed in the classrooms. Students can bring water bottles to keep in his/her locker and will be dismissed for necessary drinks.
- 3) **Social Distancing** - Until further notice students' desks and especially lunchtime seating in the lunchroom will be arranged to promote social distancing. Keep in mind that students will most likely come into close proximity at recess, PE, and other times throughout the school day, and students may be asked to wear their masks at any time. Until further notice, field trips will be suspended unless we are able to accommodate social distancing with enough drivers. Until further notice, school visits to Mount Carmel will be suspended.
- 4) **When Illness Occurs** - When symptoms/fever occur, the person will be escorted to the designated "sick area" until his/her ride arrives. (Faculty and staff are asked to leave the building upon the first signs of symptoms.) Someone who has left the building due to illness (excluding pre-existing/non-contagious medical conditions) will not be allowed to return until they are **72 hours symptom free without fever-reducing medication**, or have a doctor's note to return. Pre-existing medical conditions will be documented by a physician's note and kept on file. A wellness area will be designated in our building for the safe care for students who may be injured or affected but not sick.

- 5) **No Toys/Decorations** - Please leave all unnecessary personal items at home. Toys and locker/desk decorations will not be allowed at school until further notice. This will ensure that surfaces can be wiped quickly and efficiently.
- 6) **Birthday Treats** - Only store bought, prepackaged, and individually wrapped birthday treats will be allowed this year and will be served in the lunchroom or outside.
- 7) **Attendance/Sick Day Policies** - Our Board of Education reserves the right to adjust these on an as-needed basis.

We are working closely with the St. Charles County Health Department to promote the health and safety of students, parents, faculty, and staff members. If there would be a positive case of COVID-19 in our school community, we would work closely with the SCCHD to develop a plan to prevent and stop school infection. This plan may include a period of time for e-learning.

At all times we look to God, our Heavenly Father, our Anchor, our Rock, and our Provider, for His goodness and sustaining grace through His Son, Jesus. We know that these adjustments/changes to school may bring some anxiety to adults and students alike. We encourage you to pray often, listen intently, and to reach out to trusted individuals during times of stress. God is in control, He has good plans for each one of us, and He loves us beyond our understanding.