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GOCOA Greek School Reopening Plan 2020-21 (adapt to other ministries)

When the 2020-2021 school year begins, on-campus schooling will look much different than it has in previous years due to COVID-19 and the ever-evolving health and safety measures born from it. With the understanding that the community may experience spikes in COVID-19 cases at any point, resulting in prompt short or long-term closures, it is the opinion of the Church community, at this time, that a full in-person reopening of school building to all students simultaneously would be possible due to the small number of students and the sanitation that has occurred in the classrooms. It is important to note that our plan retains a strong focus on academic instruction to enhance student performance and address any concern of learning loss. **Additional emphasis has been placed on the social-emotional needs of our students and we understand that kids also need each other!**

Social Distancing and Proper Facial Coverings:

- ❖ A face covering, must be worn by all individuals, students, staff, and visitors on school and church property when social distancing cannot be maintained, and at all times when in common areas, such as entrances/exits, lobbies, bathrooms, and when traveling around the school in hallways, unless the staff/student is medically unable to tolerate a face covering.
- ❖ All staff, students and visitors are strongly encouraged to utilize their own face covering, however face coverings can and will be provided by the church if needed if a child forgot theirs at home.
- ❖ All individuals must ensure six (6) feet of distance from others, unless safety or core function of the work activity requires a shorter distance. Any time individuals are less than six (6) feet apart from one another, individuals must wear acceptable face coverings, unless not medically tolerable.
- ❖ Students will be socially distant in all classrooms in the initial stages of reopening.
- ❖ In-person gatherings will be limited as much as possible and the school will use videoconferencing whenever possible.

Instruction:

Students can take masks off while seated at their desks in the classrooms or while kids are eating or drinking and when under the supervision of a teacher/coach or advisor who directs the covering to be removed.

Personal Hygiene:

Students and staff must practice good hand and respiratory hygiene to help reduce the spread of COVID-19. The school will encourage good practices for hand and respiratory hygiene and sanitizing stations will be in every classroom.

Monitoring for Signs of Covid-19 Illness Before and During the School Day:

All parents/guardians and school staff members should be vigilant in monitoring for signs and symptoms of the COVID-19 virus in students and others.

Parents/guardians should not send their child to school if any signs of illness are observed if they cannot be attributed to some other medical condition. If these signs of illness are observed during the school day, the student will be placed in a hold room and the parent/guardian will be contacted to come pick up their ill child, or the staff member will be sent home.

The following cleaning protocols will be in place and will begin Monday, August 31st

Cleaning Precautions & Protocols: Classrooms/Bathrooms/Hallways/Community Center

1. No parents/visitors upstairs during instructional time. Parents are to drop small children off and go back downstairs to clear up walkways.
2. Classrooms and community center common areas will be cleaned Mondays & Wednesdays
3. Playroom areas will remain closed for now
4. All garbage from classrooms will be removed each week so please make sure ALL trash is in cans, not left on tables or desks.
5. Cleaning of all door handles, light switches, stair railings and common touch areas
6. Floors vacuumed and mopped
7. All desks/chairs will be disinfected
8. Sanitizing stations will be in each classroom
9. No common crayons/ materials will be used. Each student will have their own.
10. No food service. All students are to bring their own snack or bagged dinner with them to eat at their own desk during breaktime. This may change later on.
11. In Community Center, there will be designated areas where people can sit
12. Social distancing signs will be posted throughout including common areas and bathrooms.
13. Face shields have been purchased for each Sunday school and Greek school teacher.
14. All desks will be 6-7 feet apart in each classroom.
15. Table shields will be utilized for the pre-k and k classrooms.
16. Teachers and student movement will be limited

17. Students will **ONLY** transition to the stage and back to classrooms for the dance instruction, supervised by a designated teacher **AT ALL** times wearing their face coverings. Students will be adhering to the 6 feet distance rule when lining up, walking, and getting their dance instruction. Students may remove their face coverings during dance instruction.
18. Cooperative teaching and student group activities involving close proximity and circular seating designs are **NOT** allowed if the 6 feet distance cannot be kept.
19. Students should not touch each other's belongings, desks, chairs, or physically touch each other.