



PROVIDENCE CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

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RE-OPENING PLAN

2021-22

At Providence Christian Academy, we are eagerly planning to welcome students back on the Scotland Campus for the first day of school on Thursday, August 19, 2021. We will continue to update parents should Pennsylvania force a different plan of action. Parents are encouraged to call Jeffrey Garner at (717) 298-8090 or email jgarner@providence-ca.org with questions.

With respect to the red, yellow, and green phase system utilized by the Pennsylvania Department of Health and the Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, the following is a simple summary to aid in your understanding of the school plan. Experience has taught us lately that plans are subject to any changes brought on by federal, state, and local authorities.

GREEN PHASE

- The school will be on campus with a full day, 5-day academic week.
- Do not send your child to school with a temperature of 100.3 or greater.
- Pennsylvania has authorized schools to practice flexible attendance in 2021-22. So students will not be penalized with illegal absences for health-related days at home. Email the school each morning you keep your child home. If you know this will be a lengthy stay at home, we will work out a plan to ensure continuity of progress.
- Mask use will be optional in the classroom.
- Mandatory mask use and family group seating will most likely be necessary during bus transportation, depending upon school district requirements.
- Recesses will not be shortened, as fresh air is a wonderful option on our 160+ acre campus. None of us wishes to be relegated to a classroom setting for the duration of the day when the weather permits outdoor recess.
- Fieldtrips in the fall could possibly be limited to outdoor walks such as to Greene Township Park or other outdoor recreational/academic learning such as science walks to the pond or reading-writing periods on campus. We will evaluate other trips on a case-by-case basis. We value our *Providence 360 – Learning Beyond the Building* academic component, but many museums and historical sites may not be opening until the spring.

- Hand sanitizer, as is our usual practice, will be found in several areas within each classroom and restroom.
- Restroom use will be staggered to ensure distancing.
- Regular sanitizing of the facilities will be practiced often throughout the day and thoroughly before school, during lunch, and during chore times near the end of the day.
- As usual, each student should have a water bottle, which can be filled with water in the school refrigerator.
- We will restrict visitors to regular classroom volunteers and parents/guardians when necessary to pick up children.

YELLOW PHASE

- Because of our small school size, Yellow Phase will look identical to the Green Phase.
- We will notify parents of any substantial mandated changes.

RED PHASE:

- Distance learning will be our only option in this phase.
- A Continuity of Education Plan will aid in progress for each student.
- The weekly reports will be a simple checklist to aid in communication.
- We will make every effort to simplify technology use.
- PCA may qualify for a substantial grant that will allow loans of school-owned laptops to students in need to help multiple student households or those without computer access.