



Valley Stream Christian Academy

Reopening Plans for the 2020-2021 School Year

This plan is subject to current CDC and governmental guidelines.

APPROPRIATE STAKEHOLDERS INVOLVED

- School Administration
- School Faculty and Staff
- School Families
- School Board

THREE BASIC REOPENING MODELS

MODEL 1: REMOTE

- Students in grades Kindergarten—5: Four days per week will be synchronous learning (for example, live Zoom lessons) and independent work.
 - One day each week will be asynchronous learning.
- Students in grades 6—12: Four days a week will be synchronous learning following daily class schedule.
 - One day each week will be asynchronous learning.

MODEL 2: HYBRID

- Students will be divided into two cohorts based on last name, A (A-K) and B (L-Z), alternating between in-person and remote instruction.
 - 50% of students will attend school in person on an alternating schedule.
 - CDC guidelines will be followed (social distancing, and/or masks, and/or barriers will be used).
 - Students will remain with their grade level cohort during the school day.
 - 50% of the students will attend school remotely through live synchronous instruction.
 - Students will participate remotely with the ability to interact with the teacher and classmates.
- Daily cleaning and disinfection of shared spaces.
- Alcohol-based hand rub dispensers will be available in each classroom, office, and hallway.
- Specials teachers will push in to classrooms.

******ALTERNATE HYBRID ACCOMMODATIONS******

- Under the hybrid model, accommodations will be available, on school premises, for students who would be scheduled in the remote cohort. VSCA will offer on-site supervision at an additional fee. These students will be in an alternate location (chapel, gym, etc.) receiving their instruction remotely.

MODEL 3: IN PERSON INSTRUCTION

- All students attend school.
 - Face coverings and/or barriers are used.
 - Social distancing will be maintained whenever possible.
- Daily cleaning and disinfection of shared spaces.
- Alcohol-based hand rub dispensers will be available in each classroom, office, and hallway.
- Specials teachers will push in to classrooms.

TEACHING AND LEARNING

GRADES K-12

- All students will receive textbooks and access to digital resources for each academic subject.
- Current supply lists for classroom instruction are available on the school website. Students will not be permitted to share supplies.
- All in-person, remote, and hybrid instruction will remain at grade level expectations and standards across all core curriculum including but not limited to:
 - Language Arts
 - Mathematics
 - Science
 - Social Studies
- The 1,200-minute lab requirement will be met through hands on laboratory experiences, virtual laboratory experiences, or a combination of both.
- The Arts
 - In-person instruction
 - This take place in each individual classroom. Students will receive individual kits of needed supplies including but not limited to:
 - Scissors
 - Markers
 - Pencils
 - Remote learning, students will receive individual kits of needed supplies including but not limited to:
 - Scissors
 - Markers
 - Pencils
 - In a hybrid learning environment, students will receive individual kits of needed supplies including but not limited to:
 - Scissors
 - Markers
 - Pencils
- Physical Education
 - In-person P.E.
 - Whenever possible, P.E. activities will take place outside.
 - All other P.E. activities will take place in the individual classrooms following CDC guidelines.
 - Remote Learning
 - Students will be provided online individual and group participation activities.
 - Hybrid
 - Students will be provided online individual and group participation activities.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

COMMUNICATION PLAN

- VSCA will use current SIS platform, FACTS, to communicate all relative information including school opening/closing, calendar, scheduling, and lesson plans. Communication always includes webpage, text, email, and social media.
- Students and staff will be trained in hand hygiene, proper face covering, social distancing, and respiratory hygiene through verbal and written instruction.
- The School Principal is designated as the point of contact upon the identification of positive COVID-19 cases.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

- In the event school is face-to-face, health checks will be daily certified by parents or guardians.
- Bathroom use will be limited to one student at a time. Teachers will contact the front office to inform and regulate this procedure.
- Regular reminders will take place regarding:
 - Healthy hygiene practices
 - Social distancing (currently 6 feet)
 - Required face coverings
 - Management of ill persons—designation of isolation room oversight by School Nurse
 - Daily cleaning and disinfection of shared spaces

ROLE OF NURSE

- The nurse is the COVID-19 coordinator for the building.
- Protocols in confirmed cases:
 - If a staff member or student comes into direct contact (within 6 feet) with a person with COVID-19 or a staff member or student has COVID-19, they must report such to the school administration.
 - This is immediately reported to the Department of Health by the School Nurse.
- The School Nurse will supervise the isolation room.

FACILITIES

- Arrangements of seating will follow current distancing guidelines of 6 feet.
- Valley Stream Christian Academy will continue to conform to fire code compliance and emergency drills.
- Current state requirements will be followed during drills (i.e. proper social distancing)

MEANS TO CONTROL INFECTION

- Time management to reduce interaction
 - Reduction in time spent outside of classroom including but not limited to:
 - Entering and exiting building
 - Changing of classes
- Classroom doors will remain open. Wherever possible, windows will be left open when weather permits.
- Alcohol-based hand rub dispensers will be available in each classroom, office, and hallway.

CHILD NUTRITION

- During all lunch or snack times, students will continue to follow all CDC social distancing requirements including 6 feet distancing.
- Students will remain in their designated classroom for all meals.
- Students will be required to perform hand hygiene before and after eating.
- Sharing of food and beverages will not be permitted.

- Individual student food delivery will not be permitted. Consideration will be given to reinstate the school lunch vendor program.
- Students will no longer be permitted to leave the building during school hours to purchase lunch.

TRANSPORTATION

- VSCA does not provide bus transportation. School will abide by bus transportation policies.
- Students taking bus transportation, public or private, will be expected to keep face coverings on at all times.

SOCIAL EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING

- VSCA will provide resources and referrals to address mental health concerns.
- Mental health education will be addressed age-appropriately within each classroom.
- Students will be given an opportunity to privately discuss their emotional well-being.

ATTENDANCE

- Documentation will be noted based on student and teacher participation and will be closely monitored.