



CCS Health Protocol Responding to a COVID-19 Exposure on Campus

In order to get the students, staff and families of Cambridge Christian through the school year as healthy and safely as possible, teamwork is a must. Togetherness, transparency and trust are vital in meeting this goal. While a COVID-19 exposure is possible on any school campus, the following steps will help to decrease the spread and impact of the virus.

- 1. Be Transparent.** It is of extreme importance that the CCS community report COVID-related health events to the school nurse as promptly as possible. These types of situations include a student, teacher, or staff member that falls ill and receives a positive COVID test result themselves, as well as, anyone needing to be quarantined due to close contact with a COVID-positive person - especially if they are living in the same household. Each situation will be handled with the utmost privacy, and HIPAA laws will be maintained.
- 2. Coordinate a Plan of Action with Local Health Officials.** If a confirmed case has been on the school campus, a member of the school's leadership team will notify the Hillsborough County Public Health Department, Epidemiology Division and coordinate a course of action for the school. These health officials will offer guidance, help and support to ensure the proper steps are taken to keep the campus as safe as possible.
- 3. Be Prepared for a Short Dismissal Period.** Occasionally, the Public Health Department may ask the school to dismiss a portion or all of the students and staff for a brief period of time. This is not to be alarming. This dedicated time allows the local health officials to work with the CCS Administration to gain a better understanding of the COVID-19 situation impacting the school. Students, staff and families should also be prepared that extracurricular group activities may be cancelled as well during this dismissal period.
- 4. Be Together but Apart.** During a dismissal period, it is important for CCS families and staff members to be supportive of each other but refrain from gathering or socializing outside of the school campus until the school itself is considered "clear." Activities such as gathering at a friend's house, eating with classmates at a restaurant, putting a study group together, and practicing sports off campus should be suspended until further notice.
- 5. Constant Communication.** The CCS Administration and school nurse will provide essential, thorough information in a timely manner throughout the entire process via email, social media, and the Lancer Community Page on the CCS website. Health related questions should be directed to the school nurse.
- 6. Disinfect Thoroughly.** If the positive exposure is recent, environmental staff will wait 24 hours prior to cleaning and disinfecting all necessary areas. Any surfaces that are dirty will be cleaned with a detergent or soap prior to disinfecting. All common areas will be cleaned and disinfected as well. An EPA-registered disinfectant will be used for these cleaning procedures.

Together, the Hillsborough Public Health Department and the CCS Administration will deem when the campus is sanitized and safe for affected students to return after a COVID-19 exposure. Any individuals who were COVID positive or quarantined for a COVID positive exposure should refer to the CCS Policy "Returning to Campus After Having COVID-19 or Exposure to COVID-19" for further information and guidance.