

## **SUPPORT A HEALTHY CAMPUS**

### **CHISHOLM TRAIL ACADEMY 2020/2021**

OUR MISSION- Chisholm Trail Academy is operated to provide a safe educational environment that fosters the development of a relationship with Jesus, promotes a life-long love of learning and service, and nurtures the optimal growth, potential, and character of each individual student.

Our student's safety is our number one concern as Covid-19 forces us to plan differently for the 2020/2021 school year. Creating and maintaining a healthy campus environment is essential and is going to require everyone's participation.

#### **STARTING AT HOME - Family Participation and Preparedness**

*“The Nobler the aims, the higher the mental and spiritual endowments, and the better developed the physical powers of the parents, the better will be the life equipment they give their children. In cultivating that which is best in themselves, parents are exerting an influence to mold society and to uplift future generations.” Adventist Home P. 172*

#### **Teaching healthy hygiene practices at home**

- Encourage frequent hand washing and use of hand sanitizer
- Practice practice practice not touching your face
- Practice coughing and sneezing into elbows
- Add daily temperature checks to the morning routine
- Find masks that are comfortable for your student before the first day of school
- Visually show and practice keeping six feet apart

#### **Maintain Preventative Health Practices**

- Practice social distancing when out in public
- Continue regular doctor visits as needed
- Keep immunizations and physicals current
- Encourage lots of physical activity and time outside
- Eat a healthy diet; fruits, vegetables, nuts and grains
- Drink plenty of water and get at least 8 hours of sleep

## **ON CAMPUS PROCEDURES AND SAFETY GUIDELINES FOR COVID -19**

### **In-Person Learning**

- Students will attend live in-person classes 5 days a week.
- Campus doors will open to start screening/temp checks at 7:30a.m., then students will go directly to class following the check.
- Social distancing will be enforced throughout the school and desks spaced 6 feet apart where possible.
- A mask is not required when eating, exercising or 6 feet of distancing is attained.
- At this time we will not be offering a lunch program, therefore each student will need to bring their own. Eating areas will be indoor and outdoor while maximizing social distancing.
- The end of day dismissal will be slightly staggered for social distancing. Parents are encouraged to pick your student up promptly to help us minimize gatherings, and clear the campus for sanitation.
- Masks will be required AT ALL TIMES when 6 feet distancing cannot be achieved.
- Drinking fountains are not to be used unless filling a water bottle at the designated stations. You're encouraged to bring a personalized water bottle to school.

### **Hybrid Education**

- CTA will provide distance education primarily in a virtual format for students unable to attend because of sickness, quarantine, or isolation related to COVID-19.
- Instruction will be given in real-time access alongside teachers and students on campus.
- Visual attendance will be taken for each class

***Any parent that feels that it is necessary to start their student's schooling virtually from home due to Covid-19 related issues, may do so by requesting it during your registration time.***

## **Fine Arts and Athletics**

As safety is our first priority at Chisholm Trail Academy, we are still formulating and discussing the best plan for us in our fine arts and athletics departments. The CDC, TEA and Texas Conference are formulating new plans and policies to best move forward. As soon as we have a plan in place we will communicate with our CTA families, knowing these programs aid in the enjoyment of a complete educational experience.

Students enrolled in the virtual learning option will not be allowed to participate in interscholastic athletic activities and practices.

## **Visitors and Volunteers**

In order to minimize risk and maintain a healthy environment for our students and teachers, we will begin the school year by limiting access on campus to students, teachers and essential personnel.

# **SANITATION AT CTA**

## **Procedures**

- The building entrance will have a sanitizing station. Everyone entering the building will be required to sanitize their hands before proceeding.
- Each classroom will have a hand sanitizing station at the entrance for use throughout the day.
- Disinfectant wipes will be available for each student at the sanitizing station for use when cleaning their desk area.
- Students will be trained to wash their hands properly and/or use sanitizer when going in and out of the classroom.
- To avoid gathering and spreading germs we will not be using lockers at this time. Plan to carry backpacks from class to class.
- Students will be trained to cough and/or sneeze into their elbow, or use a Kleenex that is immediately put in the trash.
- CTA is cleaned daily and at the end of each day an electrostatic sprayer will be used to disinfect each room on campus.

## COVID-19 SCREENING PROTOCOLS

### Staff

- Each teacher and staff member will self-screen for COVID-19 symptoms before coming on campus each day. This will include daily temperature checks.

### Parents and Students

- Parents must be sure they do not send a student to school if they have COVID-19 symptoms, until re-entry conditions are met. No fever of 100 degrees or above.
- Parents are to inform the school if their student is diagnosed with COVID-19.
- If their student has had close contact with an individual who is lab-confirmed with COVID-19, the school must be notified. (See close contact definition below.)
- Temperatures will be checked and yes/no screening questions asked at the beginning of each school day.

#### Close Contact is defined as:

If either of the following occurred at any time in the last 10 days with a known COVID infected person you are considered as having close contact:

- Being directly exposed to infectious secretions (e.g. being coughed on while not wearing a mask or face shield);
- Being within 6 feet for a cumulative duration of 15 minutes, while not wearing a mask or face shield.

**Masks:** Students will be required to wear a mask and/or shield to enter the building.

- Acceptable masks are, non-medical grade disposable face masks, cloth face covering (over the nose and mouth) or full-face shields that protect eyes, nose and mouth.
- Everyone entering the building will be required to wear a mask.
- Students will wear a mask at any time that social distancing isn't possible which includes, but is not limited to; going from class to class, using the restroom, approaching teachers, students, or office personnel.

**Screening questions for COVID-19 symptoms:** Everyone that enters the building will be asked the following:

(Yes or No): Are you experiencing any symptoms consistent with COVID-19?

- Feeling feverish or a measured temperature greater than or equal to 100.0 degrees
- Loss of taste or smell
- Cough
- Shortness of breath
- Headache
- Chills
- Sore throat
- Shaking or exaggerated shivering
- Significant muscle pain or ache
- Diarrhea

## **PROTOCOL FOR ON CAMPUS SICKNESS**

### **General COVID related sickness policies**

- When a student displays symptoms of COVID-19 they will be isolated in the designated sick room.
- Areas that have been used by the student will be disinfected and cleaned immediately.
- Student will be given an immediate temperature check to determine if they are symptomatic for COVID-19.
- Parents will be contacted to pick up the sick student.
- CTA will communicate with parents and guardians of the entire student body when a sick student has a lab-confirmed positive COVID-19.
- Any time a student is not able to attend classes in person, the student is expected to regularly attend and participate in virtual education classes unless his symptoms prevent him from doing so.

## Returning to school after sickness

Individuals who have been confirmed to have COVID-19, must meet all three of the following criteria before returning to campus.

1. At least three days (72 hours) have passed since recovery without the use of fever reducing medications.
2. Improvement in symptoms.
3. At least ten days have passed since symptoms first appeared.

Individuals who have symptoms that could be COVID-19 and who has not been evaluated by a medical professional or tested for COVID-19:

- This process starts with a parent evaluation. If the parent determines that the symptom was “normal” for their student, an official communication will be required from the parent/guardian to the CTA office.
- The CTA administration reserves the right to make the final determination considering all factors presented, including the parent input that will be heavily weighed and considered.
- If it’s determined to be “normal”, the student will be allowed to return to campus.
- If it is determined that the student is at high risk for COVID, they will have to go through the 3 steps in the first scenario before returning to campus.

Individual who wants to return to school before completing the above stay at home period must either:

- Obtain a medical professional’s note clearing the individual for return to school
- Or receive two separate confirmations 24 hours apart that state they are free of COVID-19 via acute infection tests at an approved COVID-19 testing location.

There remain circumstances beyond our control. Possible outbreaks of COVID-19 could impact on-campus programming in the future. In the event that we are required to limit or restrict access to on-campus learning, we will transition to teaching all students and classes virtually. During any period of temporary virtual learning, we remain committed to:

- Delivering our mission
- Providing students with a high quality, student-centered learning experience
- Communicating clearly and consistently

*We ask for your prayers, patience and understanding as the CDC, TEA, and the Texas SDA Conference communicate new policies regarding COVID-19 changes.*