



**2021/2022**

## **HEALTH AND SAFETY AGREEMENT**

School personnel work diligently to maintain a safe and healthy environment for all students. Parental cooperation with school health and safety policies is necessary to avoid accidents and properly care for students. For the health and safety of your child, please see that all telephone numbers and emergency contacts are kept up to date.

### **Procedures for Illness**

For the well-being and health consideration of all our students and staff, parents are asked to keep home all students with fevers and contagious illnesses. Students need a signed note from the parent or physician, or official email, stating the reason for missing school, otherwise the absence will be unexcused. It is school policy that a student must stay home when experiencing any of the following conditions:

- Diarrhea - stool frequency exceeds 2 stools above normal during 1 school day or if causing accidents
- Persistent cough - interrupting or interfering with their participation
- Fever - 100.4 degrees or higher (Must be fever free without medication for 24 hours before returning to school)
- Vomiting - more than twice in 24 hours (Student must have gone 24 hours since the last time they vomited.)
- Strep Throat (24 hours on medication before returning)
- Pinkeye/Conjunctivitis (24 hours on medication before returning)
- Any general symptoms that keep them from participating in regular activities

### **Emergency Contact Procedures**

Students do, at times, come down with illnesses while at school. If that happens, the student will be sent to the school office for evaluation by the Administrative staff to determine if the child should stay in school or be sent home. If a child needs to be sent home, every effort will be made to contact a parent/guardian. If a parent/guardian is not available, the emergency contact person will be notified. Sick students will remain in the office until someone comes to get them.

The staff of Providence Christian Academy will attempt to exercise reasonable judgment for the care of students in the case of major illness or injury. In those cases where an injury or illness appears to be serious, the school retains the right to seek professional help, including ambulance, doctor, and emergency room services. Every effort will be made to contact Child's own physician. Parents/guardians will be responsible for payment of the services obtained on the child's behalf. Student injury and/or accident insurance is covered under the school's general liability policy.

### **Medicine Policy**

Most prescription medications can be given before/after school or in the evening. Whenever possible, please arrange your child's dosage times so that the medication does not need to be given during the school day. Otherwise, all medications (prescription or over the counter) must be stored in the office and administered by administrative personnel. Medication must be furnished by the parent in the original container. Parents must complete the appropriate medicine permission form. No medication whatsoever is permitted to stay in a child's backpack or desk. Child will also be sent home when the Provider believes, in the Provider's judgment, that Child's condition poses a threat to the health or safety of Child or other children or staff in the program.



### COVID-19 Policy

PCA was able to remain open last year and we accredit that to God's guidance through prayer and discernment in decision making. With His direction, we were able to assess the data surrounding COVID-19 and create guidelines and procedures that relate to our specific needs as a school. Our goal is to keep our students and staff safe while being in school for as much of the 2021/2022 school year as possible.

- If the child is sick with non-COVID-19 symptoms, or if the child provides documentation of a negative COVID-19 test, the child must still be symptom free for 24 hours before returning to school.
- A child with COVID symptoms who has not been exposed to a person with COVID, may either quarantine for 10 days, return to school with documentation of a negative COVID test, or provide a written authorization from a licensed physician/Nurse Practitioner that the child is safe to return to the school community. They must be symptom free for 24 hours before returning to school.
- A child who has been exposed to a COVID positive person with or without symptoms must quarantine for 10 days and they must be symptom free for 24 hours before returning to school.
- A child who tests positive for COVID must quarantine for 10 days and they must be symptom free for 24 hours before returning to school.

Symptoms of COVID may include shortness of breath, new loss of taste or smell, nausea or vomiting, chills, headache, muscle aches, fatigue, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, and diarrhea.

If your child becomes ill at PCA they will be separated from their class and Parent(s) will be called. Parent must pick up Child within one hour after being notified of Child's illness. Your child must be symptom-free for 24 hours before he/she returns to school. Child will not be allowed to return to PCA until the period of contagion has passed. Whether or not Child is well enough to attend school is in the sole discretion and judgement of PCA.

We are diligently working to keep up with new information surrounding the COVID-19 Pandemic. At this time, we are required to follow all the guidelines set forth in Governor Andy Beshear's Executive Order dated August 10, 2021. When that order is no longer mandated, school leadership will reassess the current COVID-19 Pandemic and adjust the mask guidance and COVID-19 protocols at that time. The school reserves the right to update this policy as needed throughout the school year based on the best needs of our students, staff, and greater community.

### Financial Obligation

In the event that PCA must temporarily close classrooms due to quarantine, a public health emergency, or a forced government/federal shutdown, families will still be required to pay scheduled tuition costs.

- If you have paid in advance there will be no refund given.
- If you have not paid in advance the normal rate will be charged.

K-12 Teachers will have a tentative schedule that will be discussed with families for Virtual Learning in the event of a quarantine or shutdown. EE Teacher's will discuss activities that can be utilized during quarantine and or shutdown. By signing, you are agreeing to all of Providence Christian Academy's Health and Safety, Sick/COVID-19 Policies.

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Student Name

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Age/Grade

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Parent/Guardian Signature

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Date