



Fall 2020 Campus Re-Opening: Frequently Asked Questions

1. Will you be on campus next year?

Lord willing, yes. We are praying and planning for our re-opening on August 24th. We will open unless there is a unilateral executive order that all schools must remain closed. Our latest report from Texas Private School Association seems to indicate the Governor recognizes that smaller private schools can operate within the CDC guidelines.

2. What will next year look like?

We will hold onto as much of the rich community traditions and activities as possible while maintaining an abundance of caution. We will resume our usual open campus for CA parents when it's wise.

- Parents and visitors will not be permitted on campus at this time to minimize their risk.
- Parents will need to acknowledge that their child is safe to come to school and will be asked to sign a waiver.
- School wide community events, gatherings, and parties will be transitioned into smaller classroom settings to adhere to health and safety guidelines.
- CDC recommendations for handwashing, disinfecting of contact surfaces, and use of hand sanitizer will be strictly observed.

3. Will kids have to wear masks?

Masks are highly encouraged by the AAP and CDC when age-appropriate and feasible. Covenant will follow local directives regarding mask requirements in schools. Per guidance, students under the age of 10 and those with breathing difficulties will not be required to wear a mask.

4. How did you handle COVID?

We used our FACTS school software to provide a Learning Management System (LMS) along with Zoom. It was successful for students in grades 7-12. Because of our focus on nurturing and shepherding our students in a richly nature-based campus life, this was appropriate for the circumstance but not our preference for moving forward. If forced to return to online instruction, we will utilize a different approach and keep our grammar school on campus, if possible.

5. Your campus is ideal for COVID because of the courtyard and outdoor walkways. What changes will you make?

- Students will stay with their homeroom as much as possible each day. Teachers will travel back and forth to classrooms, not students. Classes with varying grade levels enrolled will meet as usual.
- Students will eat lunch with their classes. We will opt for outside lunch as much as possible while maintaining social distancing.
- All students will still benefit from outdoor breaks and recesses while observing social distancing in an abundance of caution. Grammar students will still have 30-45 minutes per day, depending on grade level.