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Re: COVID-19 Reopening Plan

Dear WCA Family:

We at Westmoreland Christian Academy are dedicated to the families and students that attend our school. We strive to provide the best education and spiritual development for our students. We also care very deeply for the safety of our staff and students.

In light of all that has happened because of COVID-19, we have formulated a plan to safely open WCA this fall. We will do our best to adhere to the guidelines provided by the Pennsylvania Department of Education while ensuring that we maintain as much normalcy as possible given these unprecedented times.

We will be resuming in-person classes five days a week beginning Monday, August 24, 2020. Below are the steps we will take to ensure the safety of our students and staff.

### **Parents' Responsibilities**

- Parents should do daily symptom screenings before sending their child to school. This can include a temperature check.
- Do not send your child to school if he or she is sick.
- Call the school at 724-853-8308 or email at [westmorelandchristianpa@gmail.com](mailto:westmorelandchristianpa@gmail.com) to notify of your child's absence.
- If you, your child, or anyone with whom you have come into contact has tested positive for COVID-19, you must notify the school immediately.

### **Cleaning and Sanitizing Measures**

- The building will be cleaned and sanitized every day after school.
- Hand sanitizer stations will be placed in the classrooms, hallways, lobby, and gymnasium. Students will be required to use hand sanitizer when they come in the building, upon entering classrooms, and before and after eating lunch.

### **Social Distancing and Masks**

- Students are encouraged to wear a mask upon entry into the building and in the hallways. The Pennsylvania Department of Education states that exemptions are given to individuals who cannot wear a mask due to a medical condition,



including those with respiratory issues that impede breathing, mental health condition, or disability. Documentation is not required.

- Desks in the classrooms will be properly distanced. Therefore, students will not need to wear a mask while in the classroom.
- Lunch will remain in the gymnasium, as adequate spacing will be provided.
- We will do our best to ensure that students follow social distancing while in the hallways, by lockers, etc.

Because of the size of our facilities and our small classroom sizes, we have enough room to satisfy the social distancing requirements set out by the CDC and the Pennsylvania Department of Education and to provide a safe environment for our students and staff.

As we have all seen over the last few months, life surrounding the effects of COVID-19 is constantly changing. We are doing our best to stay on top of things as they change and will notify you if any changes or updates are required.

Finally, we are in the stages of working on our plan for how classes will be conducted in the event of the need for distance learning. We anticipate this information being sent to you within the next week.

If you have any questions, please let us know. We are looking forward to the start of a great academic year!

Sincerely,

WCA Administration