

Plymouth Christian  
School  
Whittier, CA

School Reopening Plans

2021-2022

**Plymouth Christian School was established in 1956.**

**We are a small Christian school that serves Whittier and its surrounding cities. We offer a Christian education to families who are seeking Christ as the foundation to their child's education. We excitedly welcome non-church families which allows us an opportunity to share about Jesus Christ with them daily. We are a family oriented environment and believe that *LOVING AND LEARNING GO HAND IN HAND.***

### **Our Mission and Purpose**

**Our mission and purpose is to advance the gospel of Jesus Christ through private Christian Education. We believe that it is our calling to educate students spiritually, academically, physically and socially. The Bible is our foundation and first textbook.**

### **Goal**

**The goal of Plymouth Christian School reopening plan is to provide re-entry to our campus to foster the overall health of children and staff, and the amazing community and families that we serve. Our plan is based on evidence that is currently available and will be monitored as new information or situations arise. We believe that not reopening our school would have a negative impact on the spiritual, academic, mental/physical, and developmental health of our students.**

**We trust that this plan will provide a framework for safety for our students, staff and all those we serve here at Plymouth Christian School.**

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**We estimate a total of 22-23 staff members on campus this school year. This number includes our administrators, teachers both preschool and elementary, support staff both preschool and elementary, and custodians both morning/day and night shifts.**

**We estimate the following number of students to return to campus-**

**K: 15-18**

**1: 13-15**

**2: 10-12**

**3: 9-11**

**4: 9-11**

**5: 6-7**

**6: 13-15**

# **PLYMOUTH CHRISTIAN SCHOOL**

## **SCHOOL REOPENING PLANS**

### **2021-2022**

Plymouth Church, Plymouth Christian School Board and Administration made the decision to reopen the school campus for the 2021-22 school year. Parents were surveyed and asked to give feedback about their preference for in-person learning or distance learning (virtual). The majority of the parents opted for in-person learning after having spent the previous year experiencing distance learning and the academic set-backs, lack of socializing and lack of physical activity that distance learning personally caused their children. Because Plymouth Christian school families opted for in-person instruction for the school year 2021-2022, COVID-19 Protocols and Guidelines were updated, implemented, and shared with parents with the understanding that Plymouth Christian school reserves the rights to add to and enforce additional protocols and guidelines as they become necessary, in an effort to keep our school community as healthy and safe as we possibly are able to in a pandemic, of which we have no control.

#### **COVID-19 PROTOCOLS AND GUIDELINES FOR THE 2021-22 SCHOOL YEAR-**

**In an effort to protect our students and staff health during COVID-19, the following policies and practices have been put into place-**

- **Every student attending Plymouth Christian School must have a current 2021-22 completed application on file.**
- **Every student who has any pre-existing medical conditions must have this information in writing and on file in the school office.**
- **All medications must accompany a doctor's prescription and the dosage and times to administer the medication must be clearly stated. Expired meds will not be administered to children (no exceptions). Over the counter cough drops must be kept in the school office and consumed in the school office.**
- **Staff taking medication must fill out the employee medical form and list medications and doctor's contact information.**

- Students who are allergic to anything must have a RED ALERT MEDICAL FORM on file in the school office.
  - Everyone entering Plymouth Christian School gates must wear a mask. This includes staff, parents, students, visitors, delivery persons, district specialists, and church staff/church visitors.
  - PCS will provide Touchless Hand Sanitizer Stations around campus throughout the entire day.
  - PCS will provide bottles of hand sanitizer around the campus throughout the entire day.
  - PCS will provide hand soap and paper towels for frequent handwashing.
  - PCS will enforce frequent hand washing throughout the day.
  - PCS will remind students not to touch their face throughout the day.
  - PCS will have scheduled staff on duty for increased routine cleaning and disinfection to keep doorknobs, toilets, toilet knobs, sink knobs, gates, stair railings, countertops, toys, play areas, tables and chairs disinfected throughout the day. The disinfectants used are EPA approved to control infections.

**To create distancing where feasible, we have implemented the following practices-**

- Signage to promote Social Distancing when entering the campus.
- Signage to promote Social Distancing while parents are standing in line to sign their children in/out of school or daycare.
- Signage to inform parents that only staff and students are allowed to enter the *upper level* elementary classrooms.
- Announcements to staff informing them that only 2 to 3 staff members are allowed in the staff lunchroom at one time.
- Announcements to staff informing them that only 1 to 2 staff members are allowed in the staff workroom/copy room at one time.
- Announcements to staff and parents informing them that only 1 other person, in addition to the office staff, will be allowed in the main office at a time.
- Partitions in the main office.

- Ventilation-adequate ventilated classrooms with airflow through windows and/or doors, or both.
- 3ft distance between students and/or teacher in the classrooms where feasible.
- 3ft distance between students and the teacher in the Computer Lab/Library.
- 3ft distance between students and staff in the Daycare Room.
- 2 to 3ft distance between students in the Lunchroom when feasible.
- Classes line up and dismiss with approximately 3ft between each class.
- Minimize the number of students going to the restroom at one time.
- We have limited the number of students who are able to attend the after school CLUBS.
- We have limited the number of students who are allowed to attend the Holiday Camps offered during the holidays.
- We have scheduled 4 Christmas programs this year versus our original 2.
- We are allowing only 2 family members to attend our SPECIAL EVENTS (Spelling Bee, Speech Meet, Award Assemblies).
- We have excluded parents from our monthly SPECIAL DAYS (Farm Day, Wheels Day, Pumpkin Patch Day).
- We have excluded parent volunteers for Picture Day and helping out in the classrooms.
- Students are in cohorts before and after school.
- Staggered dismissal times.


**In an effort to optimize infection control, we have incorporated the following practices throughout the school day-**

- Put CAUTION TAPE on all of the drinking fountains, not allowing them to be used by staff, students or parents.
- Provide bottled water for staff and students
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- Require doctor's return to work forms when an employee has been out more than one day.
- Families are being asked to keep their children home up to 5 days, or until there are no signs at all of the child being sick.
- Class items such as books, items in centers, are disinfected daily.
- Plymouth Christian School reserves the rights to not allow sick students showing signs of continuous coughing or excessive runny nose, red/pink eye or any additional signs that a Teacher or Administrator finds to be abnormal for a child's usual behavior, to stay in school for the day.
- Students with a temperature of 99\* or above will immediately be sent home.
- PCS Administration reserves the right to decide if a child can or cannot remain on campus at any time throughout the school day.
- Students will not be allowed to share any class supplies. Students will need to bring their own supplies each day or keep them stored in their desk or cubby in the classroom.
- We will limit the number of volunteers and visitors on campus.
- Birthday Treats-Manufactory sealed goodies only (no open-chips, cakes, cupcakes, candy, pizza, juice or milk)
- Provide an observation waiting room for any student who shows signs of illness. Parents will be required to pick up their child within one hour.
- Masks will be available to students daily, should they need an extra one.
- Staff Birthday celebrations, wedding or baby showers, or any other celebration involving food –items must be prewrapped/prepackaged allowing easy access and grab & go.

- Sanitizing stations, masks and shields are available to staff as needed.
- Staff must wear a mask daily while on campus.
- PCS has secured EMERGENCY WATER, FOOD and COVERING for up to 72 hours for every student enrolled this school year.
- Due to the non-operational status of our drinking fountains as a safety measure due to COVID-19, PCS has secured extra daily water for any student who may have left their water bottle at home.
- PCS has secured daily emergency lunches for students who may have forgotten their lunch at home.
- PCS has secured daily snacks for students who may not have a snack but desires to enjoy one.
- PCS has over 2,000 disposable masks in their inventory, allowing any student, staff or parent needing one to have one.
- PCS has approximately 25-40 face shields for any student, staff or parent desiring and expressing that they want/need one.
- PCS has approximately 75-100 cans of LYSOL DISINFECTANT SPRAY for daily disinfectant.
- PCS has on average 20 gallons of Coronavirus approved disinfectant solution stored properly.
- PCS has over 5,000 pairs of gloves that are used daily to wipe down areas that have been used.
- Every classroom, lab, office has functioning A/C and heat.

### **Communication with employees, students and families-**

-  Employees of Plymouth Christian School agreed to accept the positions offered to them with the knowledge that they would be expected to follow all of the protocols and guidelines in place for both students and staff.
- As of August 26, 2021, Plymouth Christian School implemented a new vaccination policy which states that all employees must be vaccinated by October 15, 2021. Employees will need to show proof of vaccination on or before October 15, 2021. Employees were informed of this new policy at Staff Orientation held on August 26, 2021. Every employee signed their employee handbook form stating that they have been made aware of the new vaccination policy.



- **Employees receive verbal communication during staff meetings and written communication as new information pertaining to the workplace, or student's health or safety arise.**
- **Employees went through a training, via video, on the proper procedures for cleaning and disinfecting and the use of cleaning supplies.**
- **Parents receive verbal communication through the Principal's Sip, Chat and Strategize Forums, phone calls home, and Parent Conferences. Parents receive written communication through School Story DoJo, Class DoJo, REMIND, and through flyers/letters sent home.**
- **Parents and staff receive communication through posted notices around campus at Sign IN/Sign OUT Stations, and in the Staff Lounge.**
- **Parents have been informed and it is posted on our property that there is a risk that a student or parent could become infected while attending our school and/or by entering our campus.**
- **Students are encouraged to wash their hands often throughout the school day.**
- **Students are not allowed to share their food (snacks/lunches/drinks) with their friends.**
- **Students are not allowed to bring class or staff treats unless they are pre-wrapped and never opened.**
- **Students receive verbal announcements during Chapel and at Monday morning Flag Salutes.**
- **Students receive daily announcements during the morning opening routine in class.**
- **FACE Mask proper wearing is demonstrated by the classroom teacher and Support staff.**
- **All parents must sign the Plymouth Christian School COVID 19 Release of Liability Form to be enrolled during the 2021-22 school year. Parents accept full responsibility of the health of their child while the child is in attendance here on campus.**
- **Parents have been made fully aware that information, protocols, and guidelines for Plymouth Christian school can change on a daily basis.**
- **Parents will be notified of these changes in writing.**

### **To ensure equitable access to services and supplies-**

- **Going into the 2021-22 school year, Plymouth Christian School does not have any known students with Individualized Education Plans (IEPs) or any students on a 504 plan.**
- **PCS Administration will drive all classwork/homework and bi-monthly assignments, flyers, notices, printed communication to the homes of students who are not on campus learning or are going to be home more than 2 days due to any illness.**
- **PCS Student body is welcome to free masks and free sanitizer while on or off campus**
- **All parents can register students, submit all forms and tuition payments online.**

### **Summary**

**This document provides the framework for reopening Plymouth Christian School for the school year 2021-22. The guidelines and protocols in place are to prevent and protect the health and safety of the students, staff and parents, as well as visitors that we serve each day during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. Plymouth Christian School has taken steps to ensure that we have done what is feasible to prevent our community from getting or spreading Coronavirus. While we know that school closures during the last year impacted our student's ability to grow to their full potential spiritually, academically, emotionally, physically and socially, it is our view that a traditional daily school model on campus, allows for the consistency, stability, nurturing and Christ-like love that we believe in.**

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**PLYMOUTH CHRISTIAN SCHOOL  
COVID 19 RELEASE OF LIABILITY FORM  
FOR THE 2021-22 SCHOOL YEAR  
AUGUST 2021 THROUGH JUNE 2022**

*(INCLUDES MEET THE TEACHER DAYS)*

Plymouth Christian School has put preventative measures in place due to the spread of COVID 19. However, entering the facility could increase your risks of contracting the COVID 19 Virus. By entering the property and grounds of Plymouth Christian School and Plymouth Church, you voluntarily assume all risks and agree that you will not hold Plymouth Christian School and/or Plymouth Church, or any of their respective affiliates, stakeholders, employees, school board members, or administration, liable for any resulting illness (to include death), or injury.

My signature attests to the understanding of the Plymouth Christian School COVID 19 RELEASE OF LIABILITY FORM for the 2021-22 school year. I have read the above statements and agree to not hold Plymouth Christian School nor Plymouth Church liable for any illness (to include death) or injury due to the COVID 19 Virus, COVID 19 Pandemic or other known or unknown pandemics, natural disaster, or state emergency.

Parent Name  
(Print) \_\_\_\_\_

Parent  
Signature \_\_\_\_\_

My child's  
name \_\_\_\_\_

Date form was  
signed \_\_\_\_\_