

Health and Safety Plan 2022-2023
Upper Bucks Christian School (K-12)
(Updated 8/12/2022)

As we prepare for the upcoming school year, I want to assure all UBCS families and prospective families that the health and wellbeing of our students, their families, and our staff/faculty continues to be of utmost importance. We are thankful for God's protection on our school the last few years. While many of the requirements from the past two years are no longer necessary, some precautions are worth keeping in effect. Based on recommendations from the Bucks County Health Department as of July 1, 2022, the following plan has been approved by the UBCS School Board on Thursday, July 15, 2022.

Cleaning, Sanitizing, Disinfecting, and Ventilation

- All high touch surfaces (door handles, light switches, etc.) will be cleaned at a minimum of once daily and on an as needed basis. Cleaning materials that meet CDC recommendations will be used.
- Desks will be cleaned frequently.
- Students will report to their homerooms at the end of each day to help clean the homeroom for the end of the day as necessary.
- All individuals will be recommended to sanitize and wash their hands on a regular basis.
 - Sanitizer bottles will be available in each classroom.
 - Students and staff will be encouraged to bring personal sanitizer bottles.
- Students and staff will be encouraged to carry personal water bottles.
 - Water fountains will be available for filling water bottles/cups as well as for use.
 - Students will be permitted to keep water bottles with them in classes.
- Training:
 - Staff training will take place during teacher orientation week and on an as-needed basis throughout the year.
 - Student training will take place during opening school chapels, and reminders will be given throughout the year in homeroom, chapel, and on an as-needed basis.
- All rooms used by individual with a confirmed COVID case will be thoroughly cleaned according to approved CDC procedures.

Other Safety Protocols

- Upon arrival for the school day, students will report to their homerooms.
 - Students who arrive between 7:30 and 8:00 AM should use the following entrances:
 - Students in grades K-3 use the church resource area entrance of the building by the inside stairway to the school office/nurse station.
 - Students in grades 4-8 will use the high school wing door on the gymnasium side.
 - Students in grades 9-12 will go to the Timothy Education Center and use the cafeteria entrance.
 - All students who arrive after 8:00 should report to the school office to sign in prior to reporting to class.

- Hygiene practices for students and staff
 - We will remind and reinforce handwashing with soap and water.
 - When soap and water is not available, hand sanitizer which contains at least 60% alcohol may be used.
 - Students and staff will be encouraged to cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue or to use the inside of their elbow if a tissue is not available.
 - After using tissues, hands should be washed with soap and water or sanitized with approved sanitizer.
- Signs promoting everyday protective measures and how to stop the spread of germs will be posted in highly visible areas throughout the buildings.

Use of face coverings and masks

- The purpose of face coverings is to protect others from being infected by an individual who may not realize they are infected.
- It is the belief of UBCS that the decision to wear a face covering while in school is a decision for each family to make. The use of face coverings is optional, with each family choosing what is best for their children and family.

Monitoring Student and Staff Health

- We recognize the impact that illnesses have on all aspects of life, and especially the educational experience.
- Any staff or student who is symptomatic of any illness should stay home.
- Any student, staff member, or visitor who becomes sick on campus will be isolated from other students/staff until they leave campus.
- Any student or staff member who misses school or is sent home with symptoms of an illness can return to school in 24 hours if they have been without fever for 24 hours without the assistance of temperature reducing drugs (ibuprofen, Tylenol, aspirin, etc.) and their symptoms are either gone or are vastly improving.
- All schoolwork missed during absences will be permitted to be made up and academic support will be supplied by the school to help students to learn missed materials.
- Absences that are greater than 3 days will be handled using age appropriate means, including zoom meeting class attendance, online videos, and normal make-up procedures.