

# **COPIAGUE CHRISTIAN ACADEMY**

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## **2020/2021 SCHOOL REOPENING PLAN**

The following plan is intended to inform the NYS Dept. of Education, Dept. of Health as well as parents, students and staff, of our intentions to adhere to the guidelines as set forth for Nonpublic Religious and Independent schools, as are applicable to our school. This plan was developed with cooperation from the school principal, director of education and appropriate staff members.

1. Copiague Christian Academy (CCA) was established in 1983 as a ministry of The Full Gospel Christian Church. Our goal is to educate our students not only academically but also according to the beliefs of our faith. CCA has evolved over the years and currently structured to service Preschool 3 Yr. Old's through Elementary Grade 2.
2. CCA does not provide Early Childhood Education younger than 3 yrs. of age.
3. CCA utilizes the A Beka curriculum which is a faith-based curriculum supplemented by other appropriate instructional resources. Our classrooms are self-contained, with in-person instruction performed by a teacher and aide if necessary.
4. CCA is located in the lower level of our church. It contains multiple classrooms, a large common area used for lunch and gym as well as other instructional purposes. It's offices, as well as school dedicated bathrooms are also located on the same lower level. Entry is through a dedicated school entrance secured by remote entry locking system as well as security cameras and intercoms.
5. CCA is a NYS registered day school that operates in accordance with our districts school calendar year adjusted to meet our own individual requirements. CCA is in session 5 days per week between the hours of 8:30 AM and 3:00PM.

**Necessary components for reopening:**

- We intend to reopen as usual the Wednesday after Labor Day, with in-person instruction implementing Covid 19 guidelines for our school.
- We intend to monitor health conditions by screening all staff daily. We will require all parents to screen their children before sending them to school and report to us on a daily basis. Screening will include temperature check (not to exceed 100 F) as well as affirming their child has not been exposed to anyone having tested positive for Covid 19. If necessary, we will screen students in the same manner upon entry. We will maintain records to attest to the fact that staff and students have been screened daily.
- If upon arrival suspicion of illness arises, the student will not be allowed to enter the school. If the student arrived by bus they will be contained in a separate room until they can be picked up from the school. The student will not be allowed to return to school until they are asymptomatic. If a student is tested for Covid 19 and the results are positive, the results will be submitted to our local school district and the Dept. of Health. The student may not return to school until given clearance by the appropriate authorities.
- If closure of our school becomes necessary due to infection or otherwise deemed necessary, we will continue daily education remotely by means of the internet, as we did when required to close in March 2020.

**Actions to be taken to assure the health and safety of our students and staff alike:**

1. We will establish “Cohorts” (self-contained group that remains together) according to grade level. Each cohort will remain socially distanced from anyone else in the school throughout the day, including lunch, gym and bathroom breaks. Each teacher will remain with their cohort throughout the day.
2. Face masks will be required upon entering, exiting or moving around the school. Face masks will not be required when in cohorts and seated within the classroom nor while eating lunch.

3. Social distance will be expected to be maintained throughout the day as appropriately possible. Signage will be displayed throughout the school and on the floors, instructing the necessity for face masks and social distancing.
4. The appropriate areas of the school will be cleaned and sanitized daily. Sanitizing hand dispensers will be appropriately placed throughout the school.
5. Each student will bring their own lunch to school and eat in cohorts socially distanced from other students.
6. All students will be instructed as to how to maintain good hygiene by means of hand washing and reminded of such periodically.
7. Gym will be in the common area of the school and students will maintain 12' social distance. Gym will not include physically interactive components which would require physical touching.
8. As in the past, any social, emotional or behavioral problems beyond our ability to handle would be referred to our local school district with cooperation of the student's family.
9. Communication will be maintained regularly as needed with families by means of phone, social media, email and regular mail.
10. We will be in communication with local transportation offices to be assured that students that are transported to our school by bus will be afforded the protection required by the guidelines set forth for transportation services.

***In summary we will adhere to the NYS guidelines for reopening as appropriately possible for our school. This plan will be posted on the school's website as well as submitted to the NYS Dept. of Education and the NYS Dept. of Health.***