



**OUR GUIDE TO REOPENING**

**2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR**

## Overview

The goal of Galilean Christian Academy is to establish healthy and safe practices to protect our families and employees. We are working hard to prioritize the safety and well-being for all while restoring on-campus instruction and personal connection between teachers, administrators, and students.

In preparation for the 2020-2021 school year, the GCA has consulted resources from:

- Casey County School Board
- American Board of Pediatrics (ABP)
- Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI)
- Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC)
- Kentucky Department of Education (KDE)
- Kentucky High School Athletic Association (KHSAA)
- Casey County Health Department
- Neighboring School Districts/Private Schools
- Office of Kentucky Governor
- University of Kentucky
- University of Campbellsville
- World Health Organization (WHO)

In addition, GCA has been in contact with numerous families and employees trying to understand their questions and concerns. Hopefully, this guide will provide your family with an overview of our plans to return safely to campus in August.

We look forward to serving your family this school year!

## Social Distancing

Social distancing will require our school's administrators to develop unique plans that address the space and resources available at our campus. Our principal and Administration have tailored unique social distancing plans to meet the needs of the students at GCA.

GCA reserves the right to make decisions about moving between protocols independent of government entities that do not have jurisdiction over non-public schools in Kentucky.

Examples of social distancing will include:

- Increased space between students by rearranging seating to maximize space between students to be at least six (6) feet.
- Reduced class sizes to allow for smaller cohorts of students to decrease potential need for contact tracing.
- All desks will be arranged so students face the same direction.
- Modify classes or activities to minimize close social contact, congestion, or movement in electives such as physical education (PE,) art, music, etc. **These do not have to be canceled if distance and sanitation needs are met.**
- Reduce congestion in common areas.
- Modify assemblies and other group activities to avoid mixing students in large common areas.
- Limit non-essential visitors in school.
- Students will have different entry and exit points.
- Students must maintain social distancing and remain at their lunch table throughout their lunch period.
- Recess on playground will be limited to one class at a time.

## **Masks**

- Students enrolled in preschool and Kindergarten will not be expected to wear face masks.
- Students will not be expected to wear masks in class since we are able to provide social distancing.
- Students who ride the GCA's vans to and from our academy will be expected to wear masks throughout the duration of their transport.

## **Healthy School Plans**

- Everyone entering GCA will be screened for a fever. Anyone having a fever of 100.4° or higher will be sent home.
- Each student will go directly to their classrooms each morning.
- Students who are ill, running a fever, have GI symptoms, or have been exposed to COVID-19 should stay home.
- GCA staff will be wearing face masks and gloves for food service and while attending to any sick children.
- Campus water fountains will be turned off and water bottle filling stations will be in place.
- Elementary classes will have assigned times for recess to minimize mixing with any other classes.
- Desks, computers, and tables will be cleaned and sanitized frequently.
- Students need to bring their own water bottles—we will supply filling stations.
- Parents will need to wait until their child's temperature is taken before leaving the campus.

## Distance Learning Options

Due to faculty limitations, aside from any necessary NTI days, distance learning will not be provided.

### 4 Level Process

The GCA will operate under the following four (4) level protocol:

#### **LEVEL 1 - No cases in our school or community**

Under this scenario, we would operate as we normally have in the past. As always, classrooms have hand sanitizer and students are encouraged to use it.

#### **LEVEL 2 - Minimal cases in our school or community**

We will follow the guidelines detailed on pages 3-4 of this booklet.

#### **LEVEL 3 - Moderate cases in our school or community**

The level 3 plan at GCA will follow the same measures as the level 2 plan with the following differences:

**At-risk students/employees** - GCA will seek to work with individual teachers, students, and staff on a case by case basis and accommodate as appropriate to ensure progress continues.

#### **LEVEL 4 - Substantial cases in our school or community**

Move to GCA's Distance Learning Plan with the goal of returning to full, on-campus instruction as soon as Health authorities determine it is safe to do so.