

**Updated August 2020**  
**SCHOOL RE-OPENING PLAN**

**Dear Parents:**

You will find in this document our plan for re-opening Bethlehem Lutheran School. We will be taking as many precautions as possible. ***We also understand that these may change as new recommendations become available to us.*** It seems things are changing every day. We pray for God's protection and know that we are His servants and we are simply along for the ride.

Parents, please, go over this re-opening plan with your child. Please make a copy of the whole document for yourself and sign and return **one copy** to either [scoleman@blcs.org](mailto:scoleman@blcs.org) or to the school office before your child/children will be allowed to enter the school building. (A signature can be written or typed into the signature line.)

Tonight, is our Back to School Night. This will be a time for you to see your child's classroom and allow us to do this safely. We are asking that only one parent and the student (s) that attend BLS are the only ones who come to the Back to School event. We are asking that you come at your assigned time to keep our numbers down due to COVID-19 guidelines.

Last name

A-G 4:30-5:15pm

H-M 5:30-6:15pm

N-Z 6:30-7:15pm

**Yours in Christ,**



**Lonnie Karges**  
**Administrator**

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**Entering the Building:**

1. Temperatures will be taken of all staff and students as they enter the buildings.
2. A staff person will be responsible for taking all temperatures.
3. Parents are not allowed into the school building.

4. There will be two stations for temperature taking: Outside Kindergarten, and 1<sup>st</sup> grade and outside Main School building.
5. Parents: please check your child's temperature before arriving at school. Anybody exhibiting a temperature of over 100 degrees will not be allowed in the building. Temperatures will be verified.
6. Parents: Self Questioning of yourself and your child. A. How are you feeling today? B. Has your child had a fever in the last 24 hours? C. Has your child been exposed to anyone having COVID in the last 14 days? If yes, to any of these questions please STAY HOME and check the attached flow chart.
7. Parents: Please ask your child every day, "Do you have your mask today?"
8. Anyone with a fever must stay home for 72 hours. Please check the attached flow chart.
9. Use the hand sanitizer station upon entering the building
10. There will Social distance markers outside the building and on the inside of the building along with signage.
11. Parents are only allowed in the school office and must wear a Mask and practice socially distancing.
12. There will be Plexiglas barriers where needed
13. Hand sanitizer stations will be placed throughout the buildings.

#### **The Classroom and Hallways:**

14. Classroom desks will face the front of the classroom. Using the best placement for social distancing as possible.
15. Desks can be in columns 3-6 feet apart (distance from the left edge to the next desk left edge) and with 3 feet (distance from back of desk to front of the next desk.) (American Academy of Pediatric recommendations)
16. Teachers will be removing any unnecessary items from the classrooms.
17. Students are to avoid congregating in the classroom.
18. Teachers will have spray bottles with bleach which will be mixed brand new every morning.
19. Staff will ensure touchable surfaces are wiped down.
20. The classroom library/books will either be closed or must be cleaned after each use.
21. Anti-bacterial wipes will be available. (see class supply list)
22. Kids will be taught to help wipe down their desks and chairs.
23. There will be no air pods or other ear devices permitted.
24. No sports items/toys etc. are to be brought from home.
25. No sharing of any personal or other items.
26. Teachers will have gloves and wipes at their desks.

27. At the end of each day students and teachers will disinfect their desks and chairs/learning stations.
28. All students must carry a Mask on either their person, backpack, or desk.
29. Masks are to be worn by all students or until the current mandate is lifted or changed.
30. During outdoor recess, Masks are not required.
31. Teachers while presenting lessons may choose to not wear the Mask during their lesson presentation. This is for the purpose of providing clear instruction. They must be at least 6 feet from students.
32. Masks are to be worn by teachers and students when in close interaction, such as a teacher at a student's desk interaction and when moving about the classroom.
33. Teach and reinforce the use of Face Masks. Face coverings may be challenging for students (especially younger students) to wear in all-day settings such as school. Face coverings must be worn by staff and students (particularly older students) and are most essential **in times when physical distancing is difficult.**
34. Students will be required to provide their own masks. Please label your child's mask.
35. Students will need to maintain social distancing of 3-6 ft apart at all times.
36. If a teacher uses the computer or iPad lab, they will be responsible for cleaning all equipment.
37. There will be signage reminding students about sanitizing and distancing.
38. There will be no food sharing.
39. No birthday treats or the like at this time.
40. Circulation of the hallway traffic will be counterclockwise. Please follow the arrows.

### **Lunch/Eating Outside:**

41. One Classroom per day can eat outside at their designated time. (We can put more than one class at a time here based on 3 foot distancing.)
42. Using the 3-foot distancing we can put 4 students per picnic table
43. Lunch tables will be sprayed with bleach water at the end of each lunch period by the teacher of the classroom which just used the picnic tables.
44. Microwave usage in the classroom will be not be used at this time.
45. Painters tape will be used on the Gym floor to create social distancing while collecting their hot lunch. Students are to wear their Masks.

46. No kids will be collecting their milk. The teachers will keep it in their classroom and disperse it at lunch time.
47. Lunch times will be spaced out.
48. No volunteers in the kitchen.
49. Plexiglas barriers will be used where needed.
50. Lunch trays are to be collected in the classroom and returned to the kitchen. Students will not be taking the trays back to the kitchen. (Staff is responsible to return trays to the kitchen.)

### **Restroom**

51. When possible, the restroom doors will be propped open with distancing markers placed inside and outside the restroom where possible.

### **Chapel:**

52. Chapel will be held in two locations. Dividing the school evenly we will host one group in the church and another in Luther Hall.
53. We ask that only students and staff are in attendance for chapel at this time.
54. Students will be placed at a safe distance, at least 3 feet.
55. Students are to wear their Masks to Chapel.
56. The Chapel message and Chapel songs will be recorded and submitted to the school Principal/Vice Principal before the end of school on Monday.
57. The service will be conducted in each location separately.
58. It will consist of the Pledge of Allegiance, Order of service, two songs led by chapel band and an offering basket will be placed at the entrance of each location.
59. Songs will be on the Power Point and we will not use the hymn book at this time. We will use only the hymns that we already have in our repertoire.

### **Dismissal:**

60. Parents need to stay in their car. Students will be dismissed to their parent/guardian's car. A staff member will dismiss each student to their respective car.
61. There is to be no MIXING in the parking lot.
62. Please make sure that your child knows who is picking them up at the end of the day.

### **Recess:**

63. Students are asked to stay at least 3-6 feet (about 2 adult arms' length) from other people.

64. Do not gather in groups.
65. Stay out of crowded places and avoid gathering close together.

**PSP Hours:**

66. No PSP hour requirements at this time. This will be reassessed when restrictions are lifted.
67. No volunteers in the school building or on campus at this time.

**Parents:**

68. **IMPORTANT:** Please review numbers 5, 6 and 7.
69. Parents may only visit the front office, as needed, and should remain in their cars for drop-off and pick-up.
70. Parents, you will have the option to have your child repeat the grade that was interrupted by the school closure.
71. Please teach personal hygiene and hand washing to your child. (20 seconds)
72. Have you been out of the State of Nevada? If so, please consider self-quarantining for 14 days upon your return.
73. Recovered COVID-19 patients must have written permission of a Doctor to return.
74. We recommend that all individuals with flu-like symptoms stay home for 3 days or 72 hours after symptoms resolve, as COVID-19 symptoms can be similar to flu like symptoms. Please see attached Flow Chart.
75. Please talk with your child about respecting their space and the space of others.

**Accommodations due to exposure:**

76. We will accommodate anyone who must stay home due to exposure to COVID.
77. We will support each family and situation as needs arise. We will supply class work and support through email or packet availability.
78. Webcams using Zoom will be available for students needing to learn remotely. You will need to get a free Zoom account. While we will have some Zoom lessons available, one on one instruction is not guaranteed. Sessions will be recorded when possible.

**Positive Notification:**

79. If we have a Positive Notification, the Local Health Department will determine what our steps will be, including notification of the school community.
80. Classrooms will be closed until properly disinfected.

**How Long will this remain in effect:**

- 81. This will remain in effect for the 2020 2021 school year or until the restrictions are lifted.
- 82. Certain restrictions may be lifted as each phase dictates.

**Mask Suggestions:**

- 83. Please use good taste in choosing a Mask. Something that not only reflects your child’s personality or likes but also upholds the teachings of Jesus.

**Matthew 22:36-39**

*“Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?” And he said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself.*

- 84. Consider using a different Mask every day.
- 85. Regularly clean your child’s Mask.
- 86. **Face Covering Exemptions:** School Building administrators may approve a cloth face covering exemption for students who can produce documentation from a medical professional stating that they should be exempt for health reasons.

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Parent or Guardian signature, Date

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Printed name