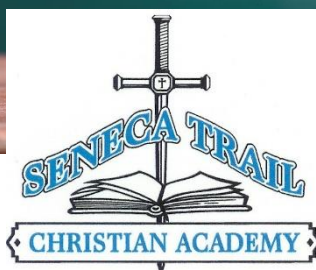


Seneca Trail Christian Academy

Covid-19 Re-entry Plan



July 24, 2020

A letter from Mr. Banton

Seneca Trail Christian Academy realizes the need for teacher and student interaction. The vast majority of students do indeed learn better while in a classroom setting. We also recognize the concerns of all our parents and staff. We are going to listen closely to the experts and follow guidelines that will assist the STCA family to stay as safe as possible. We also need to recognize that there is no permanent plan and that we need to be flexible in this changing environment.

STCA has been in compliance with the rulers and principalities that have been placed above us, and we will continue to show support for those individuals. We will stay in compliance with their guidelines unless we feel it is a direct attack on our faith or singles us out because of our faith or our affiliation with Christ. With this in mind, we may have a school year that is not normal.

The Board of Directors and the Core Team at STCA have worked tirelessly this summer to put together a strategy that can be used whether at home or school. We learned a lot last year and we are hoping to build off that platform and improve this year's ability to educate our students.

Our health community has also learned a lot more about COVID-19 over the past months, and they have been working to give us all the information they can so we can safely open schools back up. STCA is going to be making several changes to its daily routine. This will help us to educate in an overall healthier environment, especially for our students.

Thank You

Mr. Banton

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Face Coverings and Social Distancing:

According to the vast majority of health officials, the wearing of face coverings does help to protect against the spread of COVID-19 by cutting down on the number of moisture droplets that can be distributed into the air. Social distancing is another way to discourage the spread of COVID-19. STCA also realizes the difficulties we will face by trying to have our students wear a facemask all day long. We plan to do a couple of things that will cut down on the amount of time your child will need to wear his or her facemask.

- Step 1 – We will do temperature checks and scans as every student arrives at school.
- Step 2 – Your student will primarily be confined to their core group daily.
 - Separate lunches for classes
 - Separate recesses for classes
 - No AM or PM bus hall
 - No van services
 - Separate snack times for classes
 - Altered travel patterns for classes so they do not cross paths with other classes
- Step 3 – Social distancing in the class
 - Student desks will be placed six feet apart in each classroom
 - Students will not change classes; teachers will rotate to each room
 - Blended learning (reducing the number of days on campus)
 - Digital format; fewer moving objects
 - No lockers for secondary students
 - Students traveling in groups outside of their classroom should maintain a six-foot distancing policy.
- Step 4 – Students grades 3–12 and staff will need to wear a facemask:
 - When social distancing is not possible
 - When coming to school and heading to their homeroom
 - When leaving school for the day

Please remember these things so we all stay safe
while returning to school at STCA:

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- A. *Practice social distancing every opportunity that you get.*
 - B. *Wear a facemask when social distancing is not possible.*
 - C. *Wash you hands for at least 20 second at a time when touching high traffic areas.*
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- D. *Remember to cough or sneeze into your elbow.*
 - E. *Do not use other students supplies. (come to school prepared)*
 - F. *Limit touching your face.*
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The STCA Education Plan:

- A blended learning format (*normal*)
 - This will be the overall stance that STCA will take for the 2020 -2021 school year.
 - STCA students will have class Monday–Thursday on campus.
 - STCA students K4–2nd will not be learning remotely on Fridays.
 - STCA students 3rd – 12th will learn remotely on Fridays.
 - STCA staff will report on Fridays to clean the school.
- A blended learning format (*with caution*)
 - There may be times that STCA will go completely online.
 - This should only last a maximum of five days.
 - This is a precautionary stance that will grant us time to assess ongoing situations.
 - Students will work remotely from home on these days.
- A blended learning format (*with a COVID-19 positive case*)
 - School will be closed five to ten days for testing.
 - Contact tracing will begin.
 - School will work with the local health department.
 - School will not reopen until the local health department gives the ok.
 - Students will learn remotely.
- Governor will not let schools reopen
 - STCA will go entirely online until schools can open.
 - STCA will keep the school office open and staffed for questions and concerns.

If you do not have access to the internet or to broadband services, please let us know. We want to work with you.

Monitoring for a healthy campus:

- Parents should monitor their child/children for any signs or symptoms and keep the child/children home if they have any concerns.
- If possible, have student tested for COVID-19 (this is not necessary unless we have an outbreak, or the health department contacts you for contact tracing).
- Any student or teacher with a fever of 100.4 will be asked to stay at home.
- Any student developing symptoms at school will be sent to a dedicated individual wellness space.
- Staff will continue to monitor student but must wear a mask, gloves, and maintain social distancing.
- Unless the individual has a medical reason to not wear a face mask, they will be asked to wear a mask while waiting to go home.
- All visitors entering STCA will need to wear a mask and be screened before entering the building.
- Individuals waiting to be screened will need to stand six feet apart.
- Staff members who do any screening will need to wear a face mask.
- We will have touchless thermometers at STCA which will be sanitized regularly.
- All staff members will be familiar with the symptom screening checklist.
- The school will be cleaned and disinfected daily (high traffic areas) and will have a deep clean on Fridays.
- We recommend individual hand sanitizers for each student.



New for the Spring of 2021: STCA Updated Attendance Policy

Unfortunately, after viewing some of the data not only at STCA but also across the country, having the option to attend school in-person or to engage in remote learning has not been the best for our students. The stats are clear that nearly 70% of students (with no signs or symptoms) that have elected to stay at home during high outbreak periods have had a substantial grade reduction and have struggled with going back to school when campus is open. This just simply is not a good education plan. We have also realized that schools are not key places for major outbreaks of Covid-19 across the country.

The attendance policy will be as follows:

1. Students will be allowed 5 days of absence before the beginning of final exams to be eligible for the exemption of final exams.
2. Any student with excessive absences could also fall under truancy laws for the state of WV.

Excused Absences:

- Refer to the “Returning back to school if symptomatic” section on the next page for a list of all the Covid reasons for an excused absence.
- Any Covid-19 related situation for the student or a family member can result in an excused absence.
- Any parent wishing to keep their child home must have prior approval. Approvals will only be for one week at a time. During remote learning, students will need to have a C average and maintain a grade average that is within 5 points of their first semester grade.
- If an urgent situation arises, please communicate with STCA as soon as possible. Students will be counted absent until we are notified of the reason for their absence.
- If you have any further questions about attendance at STCA, please contact the school at 304-647-4878.

Returning back to school if symptomatic:

If your child has developed symptoms, we will follow the below protocol for your child to return to STCA:

- Student tested **NEGATIVE** for COVID-19:
 - The student can return to STCA after 24 hours of normal temperature and 24 hours of showing no symptoms.
 - The student will need to bring a doctor's excuse stating the student has been tested and is negative.
- Student tested **POSITIVE** for COVID-19:
 - The student can return to STCA after Fourteen days of no symptoms.
- Student not tested for COVID-19.
 - The student can return to STCA after 24 hours of no symptoms.
- Student placed on quarantine.
 - The student can return to school after the designated quarantine period is over.
- Notes:
 - If there is a positive COVID-19 case, we must notify the Greenbrier County Health Department. We will work with the Greenbrier County Health Department to decide the next step for STCA.

Some things we would like for you to consider:

- Refrain from travel to any major cities or hot spots outside of our local area.
- During the holidays, try to limit family visitations with relatives that may be visiting from hot spot areas.
- When in public where social distancing is not possible:
 - Please wear a facemask (if physically able).
 - Carry hand sanitizer and clean hands regularly.
 - Try to avoid heavily populated areas where social distancing cannot be accomplished.
 - Remember, we all have to do our part if we want to continue to stay in school.

Dear Parent or Guardian:

Please read this entire document then sign and return this sheet to STCA. We want and need everyone to work together to keep our students, staff, and families well. We believe we can stay safe this year. To accomplish this task, we all need to work together, and we all need to follow safe and healthy practices; not only while at school, but while at work and during free time. From all of us at STCA, we look forward to having a different (but fun) year!

Thank you

Mr. Banton

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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