

# Zion Lutheran School Healthy School Initiative

## Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Are there instances when a student may not be required to wear a mask?

A: All students, teachers and staff will be required to wear a cloth face mask as required by OSPI and the Health District. Students may be exempt from wearing a mask if they have a medical reason that prevents them from wearing one and a doctor's note is provided. In these cases face shields are required when possible.

Q: Where are the eastern and western breezeways?

A: The western breezeway is located behind the library and it's the first covered area along the building you see when you drive in. The eastern breezeway is the covered area in front of the office.

Q: What if cars back up onto 103rd during drop off?

A: We do not anticipate this to happen often; approximately ten vehicles can be in the driveway during drop off before we'd see a backup. We would hope that neighbors and others would understand that school traffic is normal and would be minimal. We would consider making further adjustments to the schedule if needed.

Q: If a student tests positive for COVID-19 how long do they need to stay home? Would the entire class need to stay home?

A: If a student tests positive for Covid they would need to stay home for 2 weeks. In addition, their siblings attending Zion would also need to stay home. Students would also need to stay home if anyone in the household not attending Zion tests positive for COVID-19.

Q: What happens if a teacher tests positive for COVID-19?

A: If a teacher tests positive the teacher and his/her class will need to stay home.

Q: Can students wear a mask they bring from home, or do they have to wear a school provided mask?

A: Students are welcome to wear their own personal mask from home as long as it's clean. If a child needs a clean mask to wear at school for any reason we will provide one.

Q: Can students remove their masks while in the classroom if they're sitting 6' apart?

A: Currently, students must wear masks at all times while in the classroom. Teachers will offer "mask breaks" for their classes or for individual students as necessary.

Q: Will masks need to be worn at recess?

A: Masks will not need to be worn outside if 6' of social distancing takes place. We may need to remind students to stay distanced at recess. If reminders aren't working masks will need to be worn at recess.

Q: Why are temperatures taken at the classroom door instead of the car?

A: The no-contact infrared thermometers we will be using have instructions that say that they must be used indoors to take an accurate temperature. The most important part of the student health check is the attestation form stating your child has no symptoms of the illness. If your student arrives to class and has a temperature greater than 100.4 we will notify you and you will need to pick them up immediately.

Q: If a COVID-19 vaccine is made available will Zion require that students be vaccinated?

A: We'll follow our current immunization and vaccination protocol. Exemptions are allowed with a signed doctor's note.

Q: Will Zion offer a 100% online learning option?

A: We're currently working on a distance learning plan and will share those details with families as soon as the plan is finalized.

Q: What will be different about distance learning this fall?

A: We're working on clear and consistent expectations for what is expected of teachers, students and parents. We'll be discussing what those expectations look like for each grade level and what materials will be used for distance learning. There will be online and distance learning announcements soon.

Q: Will there still be chapel and will 7th and 8th graders be able to help with that?

A: For the time being we'll have a chapel message live-streamed from one classroom to the other classrooms. 7th and 8th graders won't be assisting with the service, but everyone will be able to see and hear the chapel message.

Q: How will before and after care work?

A: Before and after care will be held in the library. Before care students will need their health attestation completed and temperature check done before entry. Both before-

and after-care will be socially distanced and may use the play equipment. Individually wrapped snacks will be provided.

Q: If a student in before or after care tests positive will all the grades represented in that group need to stay home for 2 weeks.

A: Yes.

Q: Will substitutes be allowed to teach if one of our teachers is out sick or has to stay home?

A: Yes, we are working on building our sub list. If you are interested in being a substitute teacher, let us know.

Q: Do teachers have to go through the health attestation and temperature checks?

A: Yes, all teachers and staff will undergo daily health checks.

Q: What would happen if our family decides to unenroll after the September 30th deadline.

A: Right now we would refer to our school handbook, although we would work with you and come up with a solution that makes sense for your situation.

Q: How do parents help support the teachers?

A: We'd ask that you offer your support by being patient and understanding and by checking in to see how they're doing. Lifting each other up in prayer is central to all we do at Zion, and praying for your teachers would be greatly appreciated.

Q: Who will be the 3rd grade teacher?

A: We have begun the interview process and are actively looking to fill the position.

Q: Will the school require Parent Participation Program (PPP) hours this year?

A: No, we won't be requiring volunteer hours this year or charging for hours not completed.

Q: What if my child has a sniffle and cough due to the common cold?

A: Due to the current OSPI and CDC recommendations your child would need to stay home and do distance learning until they are clear of symptoms or have a doctor's note.

Q: If a child is refusing to wear a mask, having a hard time wearing one or is being defiant how will this be handled?

A: Teachers and staff will, as always, begin with kindness. We will remind students of the importance of wearing masks, and offer a "mask break" if necessary. We will work with families to formulate a plan for students who routinely struggle with this, or who are defiant.