

COVID-19 REOPENING PLAN

We believe the best education is in person and, to fulfill our mission, students must participate in the daily culture of the school by physically attending school. **Our goal is to be in school, face-to-face, all year long.** The school will therefore remain open during a pandemic if it can be done safely and legally. Consistent with the provision in the laws of the State of Michigan pertaining to private and parochial schools (MCL 388.551-558 and associated), Cedar Classical Academy will open to in-person instruction for the 2020-2021 school year starting on August 26, 2020. Our academic calendar for 2020-2021 remains intact. In the event of required changes, parents will be notified.

Cedar Classical Academy is uniquely suited to operate safely in this pandemic.

- We have small classes in large classrooms. Each class (<10 students) has a double classroom.
- We have 9 acres where we can spread out and conduct learning outside.
- We can be judicious and quick in making decisions because of our independent Board of Directors.
- Our families are committed to our mission and desire to keep our kids safe.

ACCORDING TO THE CDC (JULY 23, 2020):

“Scientific studies suggest that **COVID-19 transmission among children in schools may be low.** International studies that have assessed how readily COVID-19 spreads in schools also reveal low rates of transmission when community transmission is low. Based on current data, **the rate of infection among younger school children, and from students to teachers, has been low, especially if proper precautions are followed.** There have also been **few reports of children being the primary source of COVID-19 transmission among family members.**^{1 2 3} This is consistent with data from both virus and antibody testing, suggesting that **children are not the primary drivers of COVID-19 spread in schools or in the community.**^{4 5 6} No studies are conclusive, but the available evidence provides reason to believe that **in-person schooling is in the best interest of students,** particularly in the context of appropriate mitigation measures similar to those implemented at essential workplaces.”

SYMPTOMS OF COVID-19

According to the CDC guidelines, COVID-19 [symptoms](#) sometimes include: fever (over 100.4° Fahrenheit), cough, congestion, shortness of breath, vomiting, and diarrhea.

¹ National-Centre-for-immunization-research-and-surveillance. COVID-19 in schools—the experience in NSW, April 26, 2020. Accessed 07/08/2020. Available at:

http://ncirs.org.au/sites/default/files/2020-04/NCIRS%20NSW%20Schools%20COVID_Summary_FINAL%20public_26%20April%202020.pdf

² Ludvigsson JF. Children are unlikely to be the main drivers of the COVID-19 pandemic – A systematic review [published online ahead of print, 2020 May 19]. *Acta Paediatr.* 2020;10.1111/apa.15371. doi:10.1111/apa.15371

³ Danis K, Epaulard O, Benet T, et al. Cluster of coronavirus disease 2019 (Covid-19) in the French Alps, 2020. *Clinical infectious diseases* : an official publication of the Infectious Diseases Society of America 2020 doi: <https://dx.doi.org/10.1093/cid/ciaa424>

⁴ World Health Organization (WHO). Report of the WHO-China Joint Mission on Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19). 16-24 February 2020. Accessed 07/10/2020. Available at: <https://www.who.int/docs/default-source/coronaviruse/who-china-joint-mission-on-covid-19-final-report.pdf>

⁵ Children and COVID-19. National Institute for Public Health and the Environment, Ministry of Health, Welfare and Sport, The Netherlands. Accessed 07/08/2020. Available at: <https://www.rivm.nl/en/novel-coronavirus-covid-19/children-and-covid-19>

⁶ Gudbjartsson DF, Helgason A, Jonsson H, et al. Spread of SARS-CoV-2 in the Icelandic Population. *N Engl J Med.* 2020;382(24):2302-2315. doi:10.1056/NEJMoa2006100

COVID-19 SAFETY PROTOCOLS

In order to fulfill our mission, guided by [Michigan's Return to School Roadmap](#), we will implement the following procedures. Due to our small size, our entire school can be considered a single cohort and will not require staggered attendance. All procedures will be reviewed and updated regularly.



DAILY MONITORING

Staff will receive daily temperature screenings. Parents will give daily temperature screenings to their students before commuting to school. Staff and students showing symptoms of COVID-19 will be sent home.



WASH IN / WASH OUT & LIMITED ENTRY

The school will adopt a “wash in/wash out” policy at the main entrance and when entering or exiting any classroom in the building. The main entrance of the building has moved from the north side to the west side double doors to ensure one-way foot traffic.



FRESH AIR & CLASS OUTDOORS

Opening Ceremony, classes, and lunch will be held outside whenever possible. As long as the weather permits, we will keep windows open and a tent set up on the north lawn for classes and lunches.



HANDWASHING AT KEY RISK POINTS

Students and staff will wash their hands frequently at key risk points, including before and after specials, recess, and lunch. Teachers will instruct students in proper habits and hygiene.



FACIAL COVERINGS

Faculty and students may voluntarily wear coverings during the school day within the cohort. Facial coverings must be clear ([example](#)). As long as Ingham County stays in Reopening Phase 4, (1) our building will have a maximum capacity of 50, (2) no visitors will be permitted, and (3) we will not host any community-wide events.



SANITIZING THE BUILDING

The school will sanitize commonly touched surfaces daily and increase our vacuum and mopping frequency to prevent the influx of germs from foot traffic. Desks will be reasonably spaced given the classroom layout.

WHEN TO RETURN TO SCHOOL AFTER A CONFIRMED CASE OF COVID-19

According to the CDC guidelines, students and staff with confirmed cases of COVID-19 can return 1) if fever-free for 72 hours without fever-reducing medication, or 2) after 10 days since the positive test, or 3) after 10 days since symptoms first appeared.