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# 2020-2021 K-12 Return to School Plan

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# Opening Summary



We deeply appreciate the patience of the Calvin family this summer as the school worked diligently to prepare for the 2020-21 school year. The CART team and Board did its best to cover all the necessary preparations, facility upgrades, new procedures, and to develop a sound plan for the return to school. This K-12 report is the culmination of many volunteer hours from medical professionals, parents, administration, and Board members. Please take the time to read through it as it is essential for all of us to work together.

As we have communicated all summer, the leadership holds a deep conviction that in-person education is vitally important for fulfilling Calvin's mission. Yet, we don't pursue this in ignorance or without regard for our neighbors. The theme for Calvin this year is "Love And Serve Your Neighbor" and Luke 10:25-37 reminds us to show mercy to all people made in the image of God. Therefore, this endeavor of properly educating our children must be done in love for each Calvin family, the faculty & staff, and for the larger community in which we live. We are strictly enforcing many changes on campus and are aligned with state and national health guidelines. Based on future approvals, we want our Christian school to open and stay open. School will be different this fall, yet we believe this plan will enable us to open safely, just as our preschool is open and operating under state licensing. To minimize the health risk for all our neighbors, it will take a commitment from parents and students to responsibly conduct in-person schooling.

It's a great time to be anchored to a Christian school. The world desperately needs the training of Christian young men and women; God willing, Calvin plays a key role. We are thankful for your survey input, written encouragements, and earnest prayers. We have all felt the weight of this work but also the strong spiritual support of the Calvin family!



# Goals & Roadmap



## Goals

1. Develop a thoughtful and detailed plan on returning to in-person learning in August with the long-term vision of staying in school
2. Delegate requested facility and procedural changes in a responsible manner, emphasizing the health and safety of Calvin's employees and students
3. Be adaptable and flexible in the process as new information and guidelines become available

## Roadmap



This is the second release of the combined report. As goal three states, further releases may be necessary for additional clarifications or updates.



# Facility Changes



Calvin followed state and national recommendations and invested in many upgrades to our campus. In many ways, Calvin has gone above and beyond the recommendations in order to make best use of our 24 acre campus.

## Outdoor classrooms

Calvin purchased huge tents for use as outdoor classrooms. The tents will enable students to socially distance, six feet or greater, while participating in multiple classes. These tents and other outdoor shaded areas will also be utilized for learning as needed.



## Sanitizer and hand-washing stations

Hand sanitizer stations will be located in all classrooms. Additional soap and water hand-washing stations will be available in shared spaces for students.



## Doorways & foot pulls

Doors will be left open as much as possible for improved ventilation and less contact. In cases where privacy is necessary, such as bathrooms, exterior doors are able to be opened by “pulling” with your foot on newly installed foot pulls.

# Facility Changes



## Plexiglass

Plexiglass shields will be installed in the main offices.

## Public drinking fountains

All drinking fountains will be closed. Students must bring their own water bottle to campus. Extra bottles will be available for students if necessary.

## Health compliance signs

Clear and concise signage will be located throughout campus. These signs emphasize and train for social distancing, direction of foot traffic, mandatory face covering areas, and other helpful reminders.



## New filters

HVAC systems will have new filters for better classroom air filtration.



# Operations



## Cleaning

High-traffic areas such as lunch tables, light switches and door knobs/handles will be frequently cleaned throughout the day.

Elementary desks will be sanitized at recess and lunch.

Junior high and high school desks and tables will be sanitized between classes.

Each evening the custodial team will thoroughly disinfect each campus. Deep cleaning will be done on a weekly basis.

Calvin will reserve one day a week for deep cleaning and sanitization.

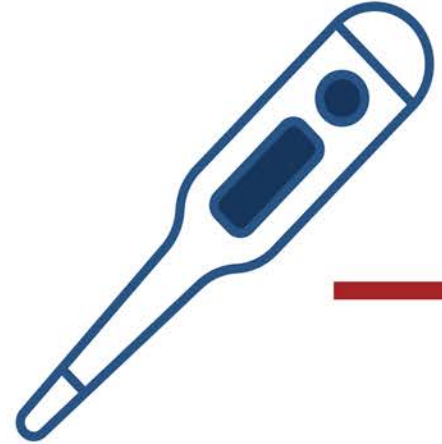




## Symptom & temperature monitoring

The health and safety of the Calvin Community is in your hands. Please stay home if you have these symptoms and contact your healthcare provider:

- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea
- Fever of 100.4 degrees or higher
- Chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose (excluding allergies)



The school will conduct temperature screening of **all** staff, students, and volunteers prior to entry to campus. We ask that families partner with us in this approach and perform all symptom screening prior to arrival on campus.

Any student, staff, or volunteer that fails screening will be sent home and COVID-19 testing will be recommended. This person must be symptom free for a minimum of three days before returning to campus.

Please update your student's health history form to include all allergies and symptoms. Keep open communication with your student's teacher and notify them if seasonal or environmental allergies flare up.

## Personal hygiene

Hand washing is one of the best ways we can prevent the spread of respiratory illnesses including COVID-19. Good hand hygiene includes washing hands for 20 seconds and drying thoroughly. Soap and water must be used upon exit from the restroom. Hand sanitizer is acceptable where access to soap and water are limited.





# Continual Health & Wellness



Students will practice hand hygiene upon entry to classrooms, prior to and after recesses/breaks, before eating, after using the restroom, and after coughing, sneezing, or blowing their nose.

## Face coverings

**Every person** on campus must possess a clean face covering. In accordance with the state mandate, when social distancing is not possible, or indoors, it must be worn. This includes passing periods, in restrooms, pick-up and drop-off areas.

All students grades 3-12 will be required to wear a face covering throughout the duration of the day, except during meal times and when outdoors if physical distancing can be maintained. Grades K-2 are strongly encouraged to wear a face covering. Face coverings must cover the nose and mouth. Students are exempt from wearing a face covering if they fall within the CDPH guidelines for exempt individuals. Students who refuse to wear a face covering, but who are not exempt, will not be permitted to remain on campus and will be given the option of distance learning. At check-in, students will be reminded to wear their face covering and avoid touching it.

The school will have a supply of additional masks to provide to students who inadvertently arrive to school without a face covering. Patterns and designs on face coverings must comply with the dress code. It is recommended that parents send their child with an additional face covering to replace a face covering that may be soiled or lost during the school day. It is acknowledged that some students and staff may choose to wear facial coverings beyond Calvin's requirements. These individuals will be fully supported.

## Mandatory training

Prior to the school year, faculty and staff will be trained on the proper use of face coverings. Training will include steps to remind students for proper face covering usage and how to promote healthy hygiene practices. Continued training will take place throughout the school year.





## Temporary 4-day week

Our current in-person plan, on a temporary basis, will be a 4-day school week. This will be conducted Monday through Thursday, with Friday being a day for curricular development, online tutorials, clubs, etc. This plan will run the month of September with the hope of returning to full 5-day, in-person learning.

The rationale for this temporary school week is the following:

- allows dedicated time for all students to participate in the whole body education of extracurriculars, sports, clubs, etc.
- along with the daily, robust cleaning protocols, permits a deep cleaning of the campus when most students are not present
- provides time for faculty to plan and organize for the following week, particularly aiding those students not present for in-person learning

## Morning arrival

All students will be temperature screened upon arrival. To ensure a safe and efficient drop-off, the school is considering staggered arrival times based on last name; this process is yet to be finalized based on throughput calculations.

## Afternoon pick-up

Elementary:

Students will wait in their designated lines for pick-up, wearing a face covering and social distancing. Parents are required to wear a face covering if walking up to pick up students, staying socially distanced in the designated waiting area.

Junior High and High School:

Junior high parents should use the junior high vehicle line to pick up their students. High school pick-up is in front of the gym or main office. Parents are required to wear face coverings if they need to get out of the vehicle.



# Student Education & Experience



## Recess/break time

Elementary Campus:

Recess is a time in which students play and exercise. Hand washing will be required at the beginning and conclusion of each recess. With our three separate recess areas, students will be able to spread out to play. In order to minimize contact, dedicated play areas will be assigned to smaller cohorts.

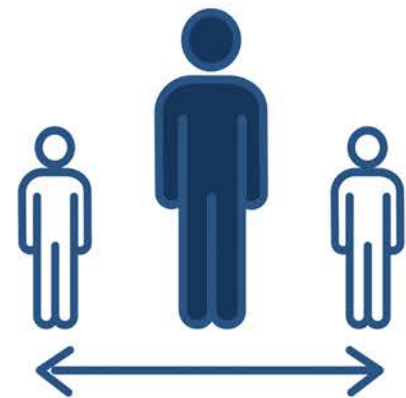
Junior High & High School Campus:

Junior High and High School break times are separate. Students will have the ability to socially distance in the quad area.



## Lunch

Outdoor lunch tables are spaced throughout both campuses. Students will be expected to maintain social distancing during lunch. Each campus will utilize various physical distancing plans. Hot lunch will still be available with Calvin kitchen staff members handing out meals and drinks. All tables will be cleaned and sanitized between groups.

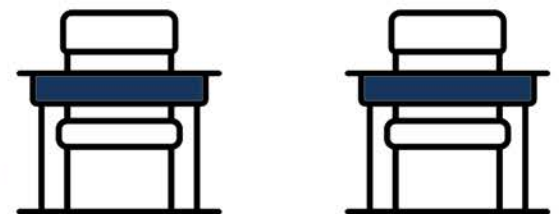


## In-class

Each classroom will be arranged to meet social distance guidelines - six feet or greater. Some classes will meet in non-traditional spaces on campus to ensure distancing.

Chapel is an important time for our students. Chapel will be held outside under a tent or in the Heritage Center with compliant spacing.

Every effort will be made to limit the sharing of supplies. On occasion, when sharing occurs, cleaning and disinfecting will be utilized between uses.



# Extracurriculars & Athletics



## Extracurriculars and athletics

Students engage in learning in places beyond the classroom walls and beyond school day hours. Learning takes place on the sports field, in the gym, and in the theatre.

## Clubs and intramurals

All after school sports and activities will adhere to the same guidelines as the school day (face coverings, social distancing, etc.)

## CIF plan

Sports are an important part of student life at Calvin. The school plans to engage in sports per CIF's guidance. CIF has condensed the normal three season sports year into two seasons, winter and spring, with activities beginning in December. Athletic clubs are allowed by CIF during the fall.



# Family Responsibility



Out of Christian love for those in our school community, we are asking that all parents and students show added diligence and wise caution in daily checking their children for wellness and possible symptoms of COVID-19. This is in addition to our on-campus active monitoring. Accommodations for distance learning will be made for children requiring an absence from school.

## Symptoms that may require home care/school absence:

- Fever above 100.4 F or chills (should be taken at home and at school during screening)
- Persistent cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headaches
- Loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea
- Exposure to a confirmed positive COVID-19 individual in the last 14 days



## Parent agreement

Prior to students coming on campus for the first day of school, parents will need to sign a Parent Agreement assuring the school of their commitment to keep children home when they exhibit certain identified symptoms, as mentioned above.

## Protocol for failed screening

Any student, employee or volunteer who does not pass a temperature screening test must stay home until symptom free for 3 days. It is up to the discretion of school staff to decide during the school day when children are displaying a compelling combination of the symptoms, or simply a fever above 100.4 F, in order to be sent home. They will be asked to remain in an area separate from other students while they wait for a parent/family member to pick them up.

# Testing & Positive Protocol



## Periodic testing

- The school will employ surveillance testing in accordance with CDPH guidelines
- As lab testing capacity allows, the school will test all staff over a two month period, for example, 50% every month on a rotating basis
- If epidemiological data indicates significant increasing community transmission, the school will consider rotational testing of students

## Student, staff or volunteer who develop symptoms while on campus:

- Any person exhibiting symptoms will immediately be required to put their face covering on and wait in an isolated area until they can be transported home or to a healthcare facility, as soon as possible
- COVID-19 testing will be recommended
- Areas used by any symptomatic person will be closed off and not used before cleaning and disinfection

## Negative COVID-19 test after symptoms:

- May return to campus 3 days after symptoms resolve



## Student, staff or volunteer has had close contact with a confirmed COVID-19 case:

- Persons with close contact to a confirmed COVID-19 case will remain in quarantine for 14 days from last exposure and COVID-19 testing will be recommended
- Classroom will remain open

## Confirmed COVID-19 case infection:

- Calvin will notify the San Diego Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA)
- Person with positive case will be isolated and excluded from school for 10 days from symptom onset or test date
- Calvin will identify contacts, quarantine & exclude exposed contacts for 14 days after the last date the case was on campus; COVID-19 testing will be recommended
- Deep cleaning will be completed where a positive case spent significant time
- Calvin's database will only track by case number within each cohort of students
- Communication regarding a positive COVID-19 case, those with symptoms, and those requiring isolation will comply with HIPPA regulations

## COVID-19 outbreak on campus:

- A COVID-19 outbreak is defined as multiple individuals in different classes confirmed to have COVID-19 or at least 5% of campus population are positive within a 14 day period
- Should an outbreak occur on campus, the school will work in compliance with the San Diego HHSA to determine the best course of action for resuming in-person learning
- This may result in a transition to remote learning for an extended period of time

# Resources & References



- ▶ American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP)
- ▶ California Department of Education
- ▶ California Department of Public Health (CDPH)
- ▶ Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)
- ▶ San Diego County COVID-19 data base
- ▶ San Diego County Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA)
- ▶ Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC)

## 14 Criteria for the San Diego County Elementary School Waiver Application

1. [www.calvinchristian.school/parent-resources/our-return-plan](http://www.calvinchristian.school/parent-resources/our-return-plan)
2. See pages 9,15
3. See pages 4,10
4. See page 16
5. See pages 4-8
6. See pages 6,9,15
7. See pages 9,10
8. See pages 7,12,13
9. See pages 4,7,10
10. See page 13
11. See pages 8,12
12. See page 13
13. See page 13
14. See page 13



# Frequently Asked Questions



## Will face coverings be required?

- Yes, each person on the K-12 campus is required to have a face covering; everyone must wear it upon arrival and in all the designated areas around campus.
- Face coverings must cover the nose and mouth.
- K-2 students are strongly encouraged to wear a face covering throughout the day.
- 3-12 students are required to wear a face covering throughout the day
- When outdoors and socially distanced at a minimum of 6 feet, students may remove their face covering.

## Will more frequent cleaning occur?

- Absolutely! We are arranging for additional staff or volunteer members to clean and disinfect high touch areas on our campus multiple times throughout the day.
- We will be using products that are approved cleaning supplies and disinfectants safe for use in schools.
- We will be conducting a deep cleaning of the campus on a weekly basis.



## What if I need a distance learning environment for my child(ren)?

- To serve each family, we will provide a distance learning solution. This will be different than the full remote learning conducted at the conclusion of last year but it will provide any student or family access to the daily in-person instruction.

## Are there any tuition changes?

- Tuition remains the same for all full-time students. The majority of the school's budget is the fixed labor cost and we are committed to our staff and faculty in providing the complete educational experience.
- For families in need of financial help during the pandemic, Calvin is prepared to work with these families via additional aid. Please call the office for further details.



# Frequently Asked Questions



## **What will recess or break look like?**

- Students will be grouped by their class or a dedicated cohort to reduce the number of others they interact with throughout each day; they will have limitations on which areas they can use.

## **Will students remain in small groups?**

- Each class will be a stable cohort throughout the day.
- The school has an ideal student-to-teacher ratio in the elementary grades to permit this to work effectively.

## **How will hand sanitization be enforced or monitored?**

- For K-5, teachers and staff will implement daily routines and procedures to emphasize the importance of washing or sanitizing hands (e.g. it will be required before and after each break).
- For 6-12, multiple hand sanitizer stations are present throughout campus and signage will strongly encourage these students to use them regularly.
- All leaders on campus will educate and speak to the importance of washing hands throughout the day.

## **What about drinking water?**

- Campus drinking fountains will be closed.
- Each student is required to have their own water canteen or bottle (properly labeled with their name) and bring it to school each day.
- The school will provide individual water bottles for students who either forgot or are in need of additional drinking water.

## **How will visitors be handled on campus?**

- We are discouraging in-person visits to the campus unless necessary.
- If anyone needs to visit the campus, the same entry rules apply. They must not have any related symptoms and a face covering is required for the entire time on campus.
- At a minimum, during the school week, gatherings of any outside groups (non-Calvin students or personnel) will not be allowed for the first month of school.

# Frequently Asked Questions



## What about athletics?

- The San Diego section of CIF released guidance on July 20 for athletics. The fall season sports practices and games have been pushed off until December.
- Calvin plans on creative ways to organize middle and high school clubs to permit students to practice and scrimmage in the sports they love.

## Will Calvin continue to update and educate its community with new information?

- Yes, we will continue to share resources with the community via official school emails, website, and social media channels

## Does this report include the preschool?

- No. Calvin's preschool is open and complying with California state licensing. For further questions pertaining to the preschool, contact the preschool director.

