

Hayden Canyon Charter

Current COVID-19 Frequently Asked Questions as of 7/27/20

*These answers may be updated as mandates and guidelines change.

- **Q: Will my student be required to wear a mask at school?** A: At this time with our situation constantly in flux, it is extremely difficult to give a set answer to this question. As an Idaho public charter school, we must be in compliance with Panhandle Health District per state and legal regulations, and at this time they do mandate the wearing of masks (which includes students in schools). We are in constant contact with Panhandle Health as we iron out the details and exactly what that means. Our desire is to keep all students safe while maintaining normalcy as much as possible on campus. Due to the nature of this ever-changing situation, we will update this guidance to reflect current mandates as they evolve.
- **Q: Will you open in the fall?** A: Yes. We are currently in Category 2 per the Panhandle Health School guidelines. This means that if we remain in Category 2, we will be allowed to have students on campus, but in a more limited capacity. In grades K-2, all students will be on campus all 4 days/week as previously scheduled. They will be split into smaller groups and will eat lunch in their classroom, but other than that we are striving to have their days be as "normal" as possible. They will get recess and outdoor time, along with their classroom learning.

For students in grades 3-8, they will be on campus 2 days/week and learning at home 2 days/week. On their home days, they will not be asked to sit at the computer all day. There will be scheduled times that they can log in and chat with their teacher, and other times that they can live-stream the class and participate with their classmates, but they will have "offline" work to do as well. Our teachers and staff are really working hard to make a plan that functions well for all students and doesn't overwhelm them (or their parents) with online time at home.

- **Q: Will students be physically distanced?** A: As far as interacting within the classroom, our goal is to make our current situation and distancing requirements feel as normal as possible. We will allow student interaction and collaboration as much as we can, and we will navigate through this with our students' emotional development in mind.
- **Q: What happens if a student or staff member gets sick with COVID-19?** A: We will follow the direction of Panhandle Health regarding cases of COVID-19 on campus.

- **Q: Will staff and teachers wear masks in the classroom? A:** At this time, the teachers will be following the mandate by Panhandle Health District that requires masks be worn. We are in constant contact with Panhandle Health as we iron out the details and exactly what that means. Our desire is to keep all students and staff members safe while maintaining normalcy as much as possible on campus. Due to the nature of this ever-changing situation, we will update this guidance to reflect current mandates as they evolve.

- **Q: What measures are you taking to keep students safe? A:**
 - We will be doing thorough and routine cleaning of each classroom as well as common areas throughout the day. We will be using non-toxic and scent-free cleaners.
 - We will be practicing proper hand-washing protocol and washing hands regularly.
 - We have purchased collaborative learning tables, which at this point will be used to seat only 2 students at a time (these tables are 6ft long) with a limited number of students per classroom.
 - Each student will have their own supplies reducing possible cross-contamination.
 - We will have students in varying grade bands enter and exit the building through different doors to avoid a mass of students in one location. Students will remain within the same group throughout the day.
 - Each classroom will have a specified bathroom break to avoid students from different classrooms coming in contact with one another and avoid overcrowding. Bathroom fixtures will be wiped down after use.
 - Recesses will be limited to 1-2 classrooms of 12-15 students each outside at a time.

Please keep in mind, guidelines and mandates are changing daily. We still have lots of time before the school year begins and this situation is likely to change. Thank you for your patience while we all navigate through this difficult and frustrating time. We will keep you updated as things change.