



*Rivers of Life Christian School*

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Dear Parents,

If and when at any time a mandate is handed down from the governor, we as a school must follow that mandate in order to stay in compliance and to stay open. As of August 26, 2021, a mandate was handed down that masks must be worn and we will follow this mandate to the best of our ability until the mandate is lifted. We know that there are different opinions about masks as we all have one, but in order to stay in operation we will have to follow this mandate. I know this is very inconvenient but to stay in compliance it is something we must do

Thank you for your understanding and we will drop the mask mandate as soon as it is lifted by the State of Illinois.

Thank You,

Pastor Travis Watkins

\*\*\* Attached you will find our COVID 19 Prevention and Mitigation Policies\*\*\*



## 2021/2022 COVID 19 Prevention and Mitigation Policies

The safety of our students and our staff are the priority of ROLCS. We want you to feel comfortable with your children being left in our care. ROLCS will implement policies in accordance with the CDC guidelines, as well as how ROLCS deems necessary in order to keep this the safest place of learning for your child. These are uncertain times that are ever changing, as CDC guidelines change daily, our policies must change also. We understand some policies are inconvenient, but please know that safety is our number one priority, and these policies are necessary in order to keep our school open during this pandemic.

### **Drop Off/Pick Up:**

In order to keep numbers in the building to an acceptable amount, ROLCS will not allow any parent to walk past the front foyer to take their child to class. The front foyer is accessible to parents who need to conduct business with the front office staff only. If you are dropping off or picking up your child only, please do not come into the school building. We understand this is very inconvenient, especially for our young students. This is done out of safety for all our students.

Pick Up for elementary age children are as follows: All classes will line up outside with their classes in the designated PU area. When the teacher sees the student's parent, the teacher will allow the student to walk over to their parent. During inclement weather, we will line children up in the gym with their classes and parents may come to the rear gym door to pick up their child.

### **Lunch/Snack:**

Children will not be allowed to share lunches, trade lunches, share snack items, or exchange any food items whatsoever. Food will be consumed during scheduled lunch times and scheduled snack times only. Lunch/snack rooms will be spread out in compliance with the CDC guidelines. Please send the necessary items in order for your child to prepare and eat their lunch properly. This includes plates, plastic ware, and napkins, as it is recommended that we not pass these items out.

**Temperature/Sickness:**

ROLCS will take temperatures every morning before your child is permitted to enter the classroom area. If a child has a temperature off 100 or higher that child will not be allowed to stay at school. If a child is showing any respiratory illness, that child will not be allowed to stay at school. The child must be symptom free for 24 hours. We understand that children get sick, any symptoms lasting longer than 48 hours will require a Dr. note in order to return to school. This policy is in addition to our standard illness policy, please make sure you read both.

**Social Distancing:**

ROLCS will do our best to adhere to all social distance policies. This includes classroom learning and lunch/snack times. With groups of children, it is difficult to maintain distance during hallway transitions, recess, and group activities. The staff will monitor and maintain the CDC guidelines of social distancing to the best of our ability.

**Personal Items:**

To keep the spread of germs down, we ask that no toys or electronics be brought to school. All personal belongings that need to be brought to school should be used by the owner only. We understand this is inconvenient, especially for those children who participate in before/aftercare, but these policies are set in place to ensure the safety of our students.

ROLCS maintains the right to change this policy as needed in order to stay in compliance with the CDC. Parents will be notified in writing of any policy changes.