



## Coronavirus (COVID-19) Information

From Executive Director LaSandra Wall

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We firmly believe that in-person classes deliver significantly higher levels of learning than on-line instruction. With that in mind, we are preparing for the first day of the 2020-2021 school year on August 10, 2020. The GCA team is working diligently to plan for a successful opening that meets all health and safety guidelines.

The information below outlines the COVID-19 procedural and communication plan for our school as recommended by health and educational agencies. Student and staff safety is our top priority. If you have a question, concern or comment about any health or safety issue, please email Executive Director LaSandra Wall at: [LWall@GenerationsChurchOnline.org](mailto:LWall@GenerationsChurchOnline.org).

May the Lord grant us His wisdom and strength as we do this well! "...for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control." (2 Timothy 1:7, ESV)

### Pandemic School Policy Information

A pandemic is an outbreak of an infectious disease. The administrative team and board of directors have developed a Pandemic Plan in coordination with local, state and national government officials.

### The Pandemic Plan includes:

1. a communication method for school schedule changes and school closure;
2. an educational pandemic prevention program for staff and students;
3. provision for the business office to maintain continuity of operations during a pandemic or crisis;
4. provision for distance-based learning for students to maintain continuity of education;
5. policies and procedures for staff and student absences and extended leaves of absence due to a pandemic or crisis;
6. policies and procedures for isolation and possible transportation of students and staff who become ill at school;
7. a plan of communication regarding pandemic status to students, parents, and staff;
8. a plan for operating the school with less staff;
9. a designee responsible for establishing timelines within the plan and ensuring that such timelines are met and implementation of the plan occurs; and
10. other emergency procedures necessary.

This plan will be regularly reviewed by the administration and board of directors and updated as appropriate.

### Centers for Disease Control and Preventions (CDC): Additional Resources

Please visit the CDC site for the latest COVID-19 info: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/>

- How it spreads, symptoms, testing, protection for yourself, your family, your friends and FAQs

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## **Coronavirus (COVID-19) Information (Cont.)**

### **Frequently Asked Questions for GCA Families**

#### **What is the school doing to clean and sanitize buildings and supplies?**

Cleaning and disinfecting are part of a broad approach to preventing infectious diseases in schools.

- Frequent cleaning of high touch areas every day which includes handrails, doorknobs, keyboards used by multiple persons, phones, light switches, sink faucets, and restroom facilities
- Frequent disinfection of PE and recess equipment
- Nightly cleaning and sanitation of classrooms and public foyer spaces

#### **What safety protocols will be implemented throughout the day?**

- Parents are urged to take student's temperature at home before coming to school.
- Parents are urged to keep students home if they have a temperature of 100.0 or above, are not feeling well, have COVID-like symptoms or have potentially been exposed to COVID or another contagious disease.
- School will take temperatures of the students and staff upon arrival.
- If student becomes ill at school, the parent will be called and student will be kept comfortable and isolated from others until parent arrives to take student home.
- School will ensure employees and students wash hands often.
- Hand sanitizer and tissues will be available throughout the campus.

#### **If virus surges again, how do you determine if school needs to be closed?**

- To make a determination of school closure, we would await instruction from the TN Department of Education. If the DOE announces school closures to protect the health and safety of students, families, faculty, and staff, our school will immediately communicate this message to our school employees and families, and begin implementing distance learning protocols.

#### **Is the school prepared for students to learn from home during closure?**

- In the event of school closure, teachers and staff are ready to proceed with our curriculum and academic calendar as prescribed. Our administration and teachers are committed to our students, to serving the Lord, and to providing a quality education via distance-learning to maintain continuity of education.

#### **If school closes, what factors will be used to reopen?**

- We would await guidance from the TN Department of Education to provide the timeline and reopening instructions.