

CHAMPIONS for Christ COVID-19 Policy for the 2020-2021 School Year

- Parents will take their child's temperature at home before leaving for co-op on Wednesdays. Any student who has a temperature at or above 100 degrees, or who has not been fever free for more than 24 hours, or who is experiencing a persistent cough or other respiratory symptoms will be asked to stay home. If a family member has tested positive for COVID-19 or your family has been in contact with someone with COVID-19, you will be asked to stay home and self-isolate for 2 weeks, as recommended by the CDC. As always, mentors are available for assistance in learning the missed week's lesson and absent students have access to homework assignments via the CHAMPIONS Classroom Dashboard at the website.
- CHAMPIONS will adhere to its normal 32-week schedule, beginning classes on Wednesday, August 26th and ending classes on Wednesday, May 12th with breaks for Thanksgiving, Christmas, Winter and Easter. Should COVID conditions worsen and the state impose further lockdowns, CHAMPIONS will adjust this schedule accordingly, possibly by eliminating/extending certain breaks or by extending the school year, as decided by the board.
- Should staff, a mentor, or a student be tested positive with COVID-19 after attending co-op, all CHAMPIONS families and our host church will be notified, with the person's name held in confidentiality. Steps will be taken to eliminate risk for others who have used the facility. This may mean implementing stricter protocols or canceling the following week's class(es), as determined by the host church and/or the CHAMPIONS board.
- Cleaning is done by our host church before we arrive on Wednesdays, and staff and mentors will wipe down tables, chairs, doorknobs, and any shared equipment in between each class. CHAMPIONS will use OnGuard cleaning products to disinfect surfaces, a non-toxic alternative to bleach or Clorox that still kills viruses and bacteria. DoTERRA's Certified Pure Therapeutic Grade OnGuard Blend essential oil has been published on www.thepubmed.gov website as killing 17 different strains of viruses and stopping the H1N1 virus from replicating.
- Students will be asked to wash their hands or use hand sanitizer after every class and before and after lunch. Parents should provide personal hand sanitizer of their choice for their student's use. Restrooms will be adequately supplied with soap and paper towels and restroom surfaces will be wiped down after each class.
- Desks, tables, and chairs will be situated 6 feet apart to comply with social distancing guidelines in classrooms* and in the lunch area whenever possible. Our host church also has outdoor lunch capabilities when the weather permits. Social distancing must be maintained in hallways and common areas at all times. Students are forbidden to share food or drink items.
- Parents should ensure that students come to co-op on Wednesdays with all necessary pens, pencils, paper, and other supplies to avoid borrowing or sharing items with another student.

- Any at-risk or health-compromised students or adults are strongly encouraged to wear face masks throughout the day, even when social distancing is being observed.
- Parents will be required to sign a COVID waiver at the beginning of the school year stating that they understand the risks involved in attending co-op even with social distancing and cleaning protocols in place.
- At any time should a family or student feel uncomfortable or dissatisfied with the protocols in place to protect against COVID-19, please notify a mentor or board member. Should this issue be unresolvable, that family is free to withdraw without financial penalty.

NOTE: CHAMPIONS for Christ must follow any COVID-19 requirements put forth by the host church that go above and beyond those stated here. Any new protocols will be communicated to the membership as soon as possible.

*PHASE GUIDANCE FOR VIRGINIA SCHOOLS (Updated July 9, 2020), p. 5.

Schools should follow operational guidance from the CDC, including enhanced physical distancing measures, physical distancing, and cleaning, disinfecting and other mitigation strategies. } CDC advises that individuals maintain six feet of distance to reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission. The World Health Organization (WHO) advises that schools maintain a distance of at least one meter (approx. three feet) between everyone present at school, and is monitoring ongoing research. Additionally, the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) says spacing as close as three feet may have similar benefits if students wear cloth face coverings and do not have symptoms of illness. Physical distancing is not limited to distance between children; physical distancing between adults is a key mitigation measure. It will be important to continue to monitor the community context of COVID-19 prevalence into the fall and winter. In areas where the community transmission of COVID-19 is more substantial, distancing of at least 6 feet will need to be strongly considered; this guidance may be subject to change as we learn more. } Therefore, in school settings, schools are encouraged to aim for six feet of physical distance to the greatest extent possible however, if six feet of distance is not feasible (inclusive of buildings and school buses), schools should implement a combination of face coverings and a minimum of three feet distance between everyone present.