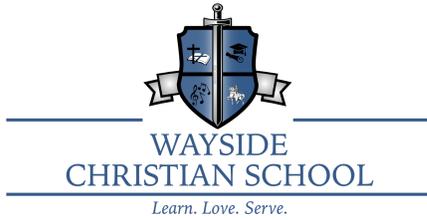


Dear Wayside Parents and Staff,

As our community continues to fight the spread of COVID-19, we believe one of our greatest responsibilities is to communicate transparently and often with you, our school community. It is our hope that accurate and up-to-date correspondence will help you make well-informed decisions for your family. Nothing is more important to WCS than the safety and health of our students, our staff and their families. When we work together, we can provide the best care for all involved.

We have learned this afternoon that a student has tested positive for COVID-19 in our Jr/Sr High. This student has been absent from school and in quarantine since Wednesday morning due to being a close contact of a family member that tested positive. The student tested positive this morning. We are working closely with Crawford County Public Health to ensure all appropriate measures are being taken to identify anyone at risk due to close contact with the infected person. Should your child be identified as a close contact, you will be notified by Crawford County Public Health that your child will need to quarantine. Being identified as a close contact means that your child was within 6 feet of an infected individual for 15 minutes or more, or had direct physical contact, such as a hug or sharing classroom space or supplies with them. If you are not notified by Crawford County Public Health, your child was not identified as a close contact and therefore does not need to quarantine.

During this time of increased community spread, we recommend that all families monitor their children for symptoms daily. Symptoms of COVID-19 include fever or 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, nausea or vomiting, and diarrhea. These symptoms may appear 2-14 days after an exposure. If you or a family member exhibits these symptoms, please contact your medical provider. Please stay home if you are sick, and keep your child home from school if he/she is sick.



Crawford County Public Health encourages you and your family to follow the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommendations for best practices to help prevent the spread of COVID-19:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- Use alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol if soap and water are not available.
- Avoid close contact with those who are sick.
- Cover your coughs and sneezes with a tissue or your sleeve.
- Avoid touching your eyes, mouth and nose.
- Disinfect frequently touched surfaces and objects.
- Stay at home when you are sick.
- Practice social distancing, leaving at least six feet between you and other people.
- Wear a facial covering in public settings.

As was stated in our previous letter, even before this positive test we have chosen to take the precaution of extending our Thanksgiving break to allow a deep cleaning of our buildings and to give extra time for our students and staff to be apart. With this positive test, we will need to make some additional changes for our Jr/Sr. High. At this point in time, it is our plan for the Elementary to return on December 1st for in person instruction as previously planned. Our Jr/Sr High will be doing online classes for December 1st and 2nd. We will return to in person classes on December 3rd. More details with regards to the online classes will be made available in the coming days. If you have any questions or additional concerns about this matter, you are welcome to contact me personally on my cell, through MySchoolWorx, or at pastor.donald@waysidechapelbucyrus.com.

Sincerely,

Pastor Donald Helman

Principal, Wayside Christian School