

## NHCS COVID-19 Update

August 17, 2020

Greetings North Hills Christian families,

On Monday, August 10, we sent an email to let you know that a staff person tested positive for COVID-19. Due to contact tracing, everyone who was in close contact and required to quarantine was notified. Since then, we have learned that four of these quarantined staff members have also tested positive. None of these staff members have been on campus since the start of school.

We have been communicating daily with the Rowan County Health Department and the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services, as we have learned of cases. We will continue to work with them throughout the year.

These positive cases do not affect our ability to hold in-person instruction. As cases on campus are identified, we have plans in place to only toggle those classrooms impacted. Students and teachers are being trained to toggle to virtual learning/live instruction if the need arises.

As a reminder, when the first staff member reported symptoms on Friday, August 7, we deep cleaned and sanitized that building. We had a professional cleaning company come in to perform aerosolized disinfection Monday, August 10, to be sure that we were ready for students on Wednesday, August 12.

Our top priority is the health and safety of everyone at North Hills Christian School. It is critical for students and staff to wear their masks when they are not able to socially distance, even if it's only for a few minutes. We are continuing to sanitize each building during the day and deep clean in the evenings.

We have been praying for and have kept in contact with all of our staff who have been impacted. They are doing well and can't wait to see you all when they are able to come back on campus.

We know this year will look different than years past, but we want to assure you that we are doing our best to stay informed and make sure we are following protocols outlined by the health departments. If you have questions about COVID-19 and contact tracing, please contact Nikki Eagle at [neagle@northhillschristian.com](mailto:neagle@northhillschristian.com).

Blessings,  
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