

NHCS has developed four alert levels of operation for the 2020-2021 school year and will adjust quarterly, or as needed based on guidance and recommendations from the CDC, NCDHHS and Rowan County Health Department.

Green – Normal Operations

Blue- Modified Operations- Mask Optional

Yellow- Modified Operations- Mask Required

Orange – Restricted Operations

Red – Remote Operations

NCHS will begin the 2021-2022 school year under the **BLUE** alert level of operation outlined below, and will adjust the alert level quarterly, or as needed based on guidance and recommendations from Rowan Public Health and NCDHHS.

The current Plan **Blue-Modified Operations** outlined below is based on a “Healthy Only” framework for reopening the NHCS campus. This framework requires parents and employees to ensure that **only healthy individuals are entering the campus**. To support and enforce this approach, parents will be required to sign a legally-binding waiver of liability and health screening agreement.

\* A “Healthy Only” framework provides the greatest level of "normalcy" but depends on students and employees to remain at home if they display any flu-like symptoms or have been in contact with others who are symptomatic. Anyone in violation of this plan, may lose their privilege to return to campus for the duration of the pandemic.

If a student/family experiences a period of quarantine, instructors will work with students on an individual basis to continue instruction.

Plan Item	Protocols
Face Coverings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The wearing of face coverings by students and NHCS personnel will be optional.</li> </ul>
Classrooms & Facilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Implement physical distancing to the extent possible while indoors.</li> <li>All classrooms are equipped with hand sanitizer, disinfectant spray, wipes, paper towels, thermometers, and air purifiers.</li> <li>Evening janitorial staff will be responsible for cleaning and disinfecting the entire facility.</li> <li>Classroom doors and windows, as well as non-fire hallway doors, will be kept open as much as possible to allow ventilation and airflow.</li> </ul>
Guests, Parents, & Visitors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All guests, parents, and visitors must be approved by administration and are required to complete the health screening form and have their temperature taken.</li> <li>Parents are not permitted to enter the building during drop-off or pick-up.</li> </ul>
Screening	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Any child that exhibits a fever of 100+ will be removed from the classroom and parents will be notified to pick up their child to be transported home.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Employees will be directed to leave campus immediately if they show symptoms of COVID-19.</li> <li>• Symptomatic persons are to wear a cloth face covering or a procedure mask while waiting to leave the facility or while being tested.</li> <li>• If a student/staff member presents any possible COVID-19 symptoms, the school will complete the assessment and notify parents/staff to be sent home.</li> </ul>
Health Screening Waiver and Agreement/ quarantine and testing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parents and employees must complete a waiver at the beginning of the school year with required signatures releasing NHCS of any liability in regards to Covid-19.</li> <li>• Parents and employees must sign a Health Screening Agreement that they will neither send a student nor enter the campus themselves if they are exhibiting any of the symptoms listed here: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Fever (temperature of 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit or higher)</li> <li>○ Fever</li> <li>○ Headache</li> <li>○ Sore Throat</li> <li>○ Runny Nose</li> <li>○ Persistent Cough</li> <li>○ Absences due to Health Screening restrictions will not be counted as school day absences.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Travel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Any person who plans to travel out of the country or to a Covid-19 “hot spot” must notify Mrs. Eagle of their destination to determine if quarantine upon return is necessary.</li> </ul>
Minimizing Exposure	<p>Drop Off / Dismissal</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Students are to be dropped-off at designated areas.</li> <li>• Students will report directly to the classroom.</li> <li>• Lower School Students checking in after 8:00 AM are to be dropped off at the Main Office in the Davis Wing.</li> <li>• Students will have their temperature checked before being allowed to enter buildings.</li> </ul> <p>Check Out During School Hours:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parents should call the front office to request their child to be released.</li> <li>• The child will be released when the parent is visible outside of the designated building.</li> </ul>
Quarantining- Direct Exposure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Student/Staff who is <b>NOT FULLY VACCINATED</b> and has been in close contact with someone with a confirmed case of COVID-19.</li> <li>• (Students/Staff can return to school after completing up to 10 days of quarantine. The 10 days of quarantine begin after the last known close contact with the COVID-19 positive individual.</li> <li>• Alternatively, they may complete 7 days of quarantine if they report no symptoms during daily at-home monitoring, and the individual has received results of a negative antigen or PCR/molecular test taken no earlier than day 5 of quarantine.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Local public health authorities make the final decisions about how long quarantine should last in the communities they serve, based on local conditions and needs.</li> <li>● Students/Staff who are <b>FULLY VACCINATED</b> and have been in close contact with someone with a confirmed case of COVID-19, and do not have any symptoms after a close contact do not need to be quarantined but are requested to wear a face covering for 10 days following exposure.</li> <li>● Students/Staff who are <b>FULLY VACCINATED</b> and have been in close contact with someone with a confirmed case of COVID-19, and are showing symptoms after a close contact need to be quarantined until a negative test is received after the third day of exposure.</li> </ul>
Quartening Symptomatic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Person has symptoms of COVID-19 but has not been tested for COVID-19 nor has visited a health care provider. Therefore, the person who has symptoms is presumed positive for COVID-19 due to the presence of a clinically compatible illness in the absence of testing. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Person can return to school when <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ It has been 10 days since the first day of symptoms; <b>AND</b></li> <li>■ It has been at least 24 hours since the person had a fever (without using fever reducing medicine); <b>AND</b></li> <li>■ Other symptoms of COVID-19 are improving.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>● Person has symptoms of COVID-19 but has received a negative test for COVID-19* or has visited a health care provider and received an alternate diagnosis that would explain the symptoms of COVID-19. Person can return to school when: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ It has been at least 24 hours since the person had a fever (without using fever reducing medicine);<b>AND</b></li> <li>■ They have felt well for at least 24 hours.</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Absences due to Health Screening restrictions will not be counted as school day absences.</li> </ul>
Isolation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● In order for a student/staff who tested positive for COVID-19, and has been in isolation for a minimum of 10 days, to be allowed to return to campus they must be able to answer YES to the following questions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Complete a minimum of 10 days of isolation since the individual first had symptoms?</li> <li>○ Has it been at least 3 days since the individual had a fever (without using fever-reducing medicine)?</li> <li>○ Has it been at least 3 days since the individual's symptoms have improved including cough and/or shortness of breath?</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Instructional Toggling	<p>Closure:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● If a cluster of Covid-19 appears on the campus we will close the relevant building(s) for a minimum of 24 hours to conduct a school-wide deep cleaning and “toggle” instruction during those days. This will allow for unaffected areas to continue on campus instruction.</li> </ul> <p>Software:</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● In order to ensure a smooth transition at any time in the future that the school may need to shift from campus-based to home-based instruction, all teachers will be proficient in the use of the following online tools:</li> <li>● <b>LMS - Google Classroom:</b> This Learning Management System (LMS) will be utilized for posting all assignments and communications regarding assignments.</li> <li>● <b>SIS - FACTS Family Portal:</b> This Student Information System (SIS) will host all grade-book information as well as all parent communication.</li> <li>● This communication platform may be used for live dialogue and conferencing. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ JK-2nd grade- Zoom</li> <li>○ 3rd - 12th grade- Google Meet</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Technology:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● We request that all families have access to one device per student, with internet connectivity.</li> <li>● In the case of toggling to remote learning, Ipads will be made available to students as needed on a first come, first serve basis.</li> </ul>
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Any questions regarding COVID-19, should be directed to Mrs Eagle.  
[neagle@northhillschrisitan.com](mailto:neagle@northhillschrisitan.com) or 704-636-3003, ext. 108

**Temperature Screening for Faculty and Staff**

-Each faculty/staff member must use their RFID Card to scan the temperature screen to check in as well as to check their temperature and also scan your card when leaving campus. If you are unable to locate your sticker, please contact Mrs. Eagle

**Health & Wellness Commitment:** students that are not feeling well, experiencing one COVID-like symptom-headache, sore throat, runny nose, fever or persistent cough should contact Teresa Miller in lower school and Sonya Parrish for upper school.

Each classroom will have the following:

- Thermometer- if someone isn't feeling well, please take their temperature to verify a temperature of 100+ before calling Mrs. Miller or Mrs. Parrish.
- Mask- if someone is experiencing symptoms of COVID they must wear a mask until they leave campus.
- Hand Sanitizer
- Air Purifier
- Disinfectant Spray
- Paper Towels

**Daily Temperature Checks & Health Screenings:** Before a student enters a building, NHCS will check temperatures and screen for COVID symptoms in the carline. In the event a student

does not pass the screening, ask them to pull up and retest the temperature. If their temperature isn't below 100F they must leave campus.

Parents are not permitted to enter the buildings during drop off and pick up-unless approved in advance by administration.

### **Seating Charts**

-seating charts are required for each class - this will help in the event of contact tracing. If you make a change please let Mrs. Eagle know immediately to avoid unnecessary quarantine. NHCS recommends that all faculty and staff be vaccinated to prevent disruption in the classroom and reduce quarantine. However, we also believe the choice to be vaccinated or not is your choice. Please note if you were at risk of exposure, Mrs. Eagle will ask you whether or not you are vaccinated to determine your quarantine time.

Links for Testing Sites: <https://www.rowancountync.gov/1590/Testing-Information>

NHCS has applied for a certificate allowing us to do our own testing. Once approved more information will come.

Link for Vaccine Sites: <https://www.rowancountync.gov/1656/Vaccine-Information>

Link to schedule vaccination:

[https://www.novanthealth.org/home/coronavirus-resources/covid-19-treatment/vaccine.aspx?utm\\_campaign=p:van\\_a:nh\\_b:null\\_d:null\\_s:brand\\_c:inst-overall\\_k:null\\_i:brand\\_m:none\\_g:nc\\_n:nu ll\\_t:cta-learnmore&utm\\_source=Vanity&utm\\_medium=billbd&utm\\_content=GetInformedatgetvaccinated.org&ecid=n20cmbovebbobnc](https://www.novanthealth.org/home/coronavirus-resources/covid-19-treatment/vaccine.aspx?utm_campaign=p:van_a:nh_b:null_d:null_s:brand_c:inst-overall_k:null_i:brand_m:none_g:nc_n:nu ll_t:cta-learnmore&utm_source=Vanity&utm_medium=billbd&utm_content=GetInformedatgetvaccinated.org&ecid=n20cmbovebbobnc)

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Please be vigilant in your decisions regarding close contact, as you are needed here.

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