



# Immanuel Christian Academy

## STANDING OUT IN FAITH

*for Christ, the community, and one another*

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### REOPENING UPDATE #2

Dear Parents,

I pray that you all are well and continuing to stay cool and healthy. I am writing to continue to update you as we try to better understand some of the protocols in looking at a return to school. Since my first update many questions and concerns have surfaced throughout our country with regard to a safe return to in-person instruction. Those concerns have been expressed by parents, educators, and administrators. Addressing those concerns continues to be an ongoing issue and continually in flux.

To help us more fully prepare for whatever is ultimately decided I am including a survey with this email. Please complete the survey as best as you can. You may download it and edit, then return to either Mrs. Czubernat or myself by email. My email address is included below. It is important that we know your thoughts and concerns regarding a return to school. I am also surveying the teachers regarding a return to school.

I will be meeting with the Day School Commission this week. The DSC is our school board. We will also be discussing what a return to in-person instruction will mean for our school. I will let you know of any decisions that the board may make regarding said return. Please be aware that due to our small size, we are able to make some changes with a little less difficulty than a larger school would. We have limited the number of students that will be able to enroll in each classroom, thus allowing us to distance more in the room.

I mentioned in the first update that the Illinois State Board of Education and the Illinois Department of Public Health have issued guidelines regarding the return to in-person instruction. In those guidelines is a list of mandated requirements with which we must comply in order to reopen. The requirements are listed below. For the next set of updates, I will highlight what each one means for our school and what we are doing or need to do in order to prepare for a school reopening. As I also mentioned, we will need your support and adherence in following these protocols. This will allow us all to be healthy and safe.

#### Mandated Requirements

1. Use of personal protection equipment, including face masks is required
2. No more than 50 people allowed in one space
3. Social distancing must be observed as much as possible

4. Daily symptom screening and temperature checks must be done
5. Increase in schoolwide cleaning and disinfecting

Further information for each requirement will be highlighted in future updates.

I know that there continue to be questions and a feeling of unease about what may happen in August. But the health and safety of our children continue to be our number one concern. While we want the best for their education, we also want them to be happy, safe, and well. Thank you, as always, for your continued patience. Please continue to be in prayer for our children, our families, our faculty, and our staff. I thank God each and every day for our Immanuel family.

Blessings,

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