

PARKWAY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL 2020-2021 RETURN TO SCHOOL



CHRIST CHARACTER COMMUNITY



RETURNING TO CAMPUS

Parkway Christian School strongly agrees with the [American Academy of Pediatrics](#) that schools are crucial to child and adolescent development and well-being. Schools provide children with so much more than academic instruction. School communities like Parkway provide social and emotional skills, opportunities for physical activity, spiritual guidance, as well as many other benefits. Most people agree that in-person, on-campus learning provides students with the optimal learning environment.

Parkway has always been a safe and healthy place for our students and staff. This comprehensive plan outlines the ways in which Parkway plans to provide in-person, on-campus learning in the healthiest way possible. This plan was created from countless sources including but not limited to: the [Centers for Disease Control](#), Broward County, the Florida Council of Independent Schools, and more.

Parkway plans to be open five days per week and proceed as normal as possible while maintaining the health and safety of all our constituents. However, we understand that in-person learning may not be the best option for many families during this time. The mission of Parkway Christian School is to create a community among our students, parents, staff and the church. This community provides a sound academic education integrated with a Christian view of God. Parkway remains committed to this mission, both for students who are learning on campus and/or online. The overall health of our Parkway community is our number one priority.

As you read through this plan, you will see a theme of community woven through its pages. Our goal is to remain the strong and vibrant community we are known to be. We plan to include all constituents, including our students, making our school community as safe and healthy as possible.



We have provided links to much of the research supporting our decision making. If you have any questions regarding Parkway Christian School's Reopening Plan, please reach out to the school office and they will direct you to an administrator. This plan will be updated as new guidelines and requirements are given and is subject to change.

NEW SCHOOLWIDE PROCEDURES

CLEANING & SANITIZING

One way we have invested in the health of our campus is by increasing the frequency of cleaning and the availability of sanitation products to faculty, staff and students.

Enhanced efforts include:

- High-touch surfaces around campus will be cleaned a minimum of two times per day (not including being cleaned at the end of the school day). These items include but are not limited to door handles, light switches and handrails.
- Medium-touch surfaces will be cleaned by teachers, staff and students (depending on age) throughout the day. These items include but are not limited to chairs, countertops, water bottle refilling stations, and benches.
- Regular detailed cleaning of all the surfaces in classrooms and hallways will occur nightly. Our cleaning company, The Kleaning Kompany, is using disinfectants deemed effective by EPA's Pathogen Standard.
- The playgrounds and outdoor touch areas will be cleaned and sanitized using an [EPA registered disinfectant](#). In addition, the playgrounds will be fogged with a product that acts as a sealant to keep it safe from COVID-19 every 45 days (product is guaranteed for 60 days).
- Hand sanitizer dispensers have been added to all high-touch areas.
- Students will be encouraged to wash hands often. Teachers will have hand sanitizer in their classrooms.
- Parents are encouraged to have students bring their own hand sanitizer. There are some great refillable bottle options available from retailers like Amazon that can be easily attached to a student's belt loop, backpack or a lanyard.
- Our HVAC systems have been upgraded to include UV-C light sterilization. When the air is cooled, it passes through a chamber of UV light to sterilize the air particles which also helps to keep the AC units mold and germ free.



HEALTH PROTOCOLS

All students and staff will have a daily temperature check before entering the building.

- We will utilize a contactless forehead thermometer.
- A temperature reading of 100.4 or above will result in the student or staff member being sent home for proper care.

In order to comply with the [Broward County Emergency Order 20-21](#) (July 8, 2020) and to follow [CDC Guidelines](#), all upper school (KP - 8th Grade) students, all teachers and all staff will be required to wear a face covering while inside the school building unless eating snack or lunch. The preschool operates as a childcare facility and follows the guidelines set forth by the county and state.

- Students will be given facial covering breaks throughout the day. This may include going outside for some lessons, recess, etc. or removing masks for a few minutes while socially distanced.

Campus signage will be used to encourage proper social distancing.

PROTOCOLS FOR COVID EXPOSURE

(in accordance with guidance from the Broward County Health Department, CDC and the Florida Department of Health)

If your student or a member of your household is exposed; is being tested; or has symptoms of COVID-19, please call your family physician and follow their protocol and then notify the Head of School or Preschool Director.

If a student has a family or household member who tests positive for COVID-19 and the student has tested negative for the virus:

1. The student must be to self-quarantine for 14 days. It is recommended for them to be tested again around day 10. If the test is negative, they can return to school after day 14. If the test is positive, and they do not show symptoms, they must wait an additional 10 days before returning to school.
2. Since the student isn't considered the carrier, there are no actions to be taken within the school except to monitor students who may show symptoms.

If a student is found to be positive for COVID-19, then the following actions need to take place:

1. If the student is in school at the time, isolate and have the parent pick up the student.
2. The student must quarantine for 14 days.
3. If the student does not develop symptoms, they can return to school after 14 days.

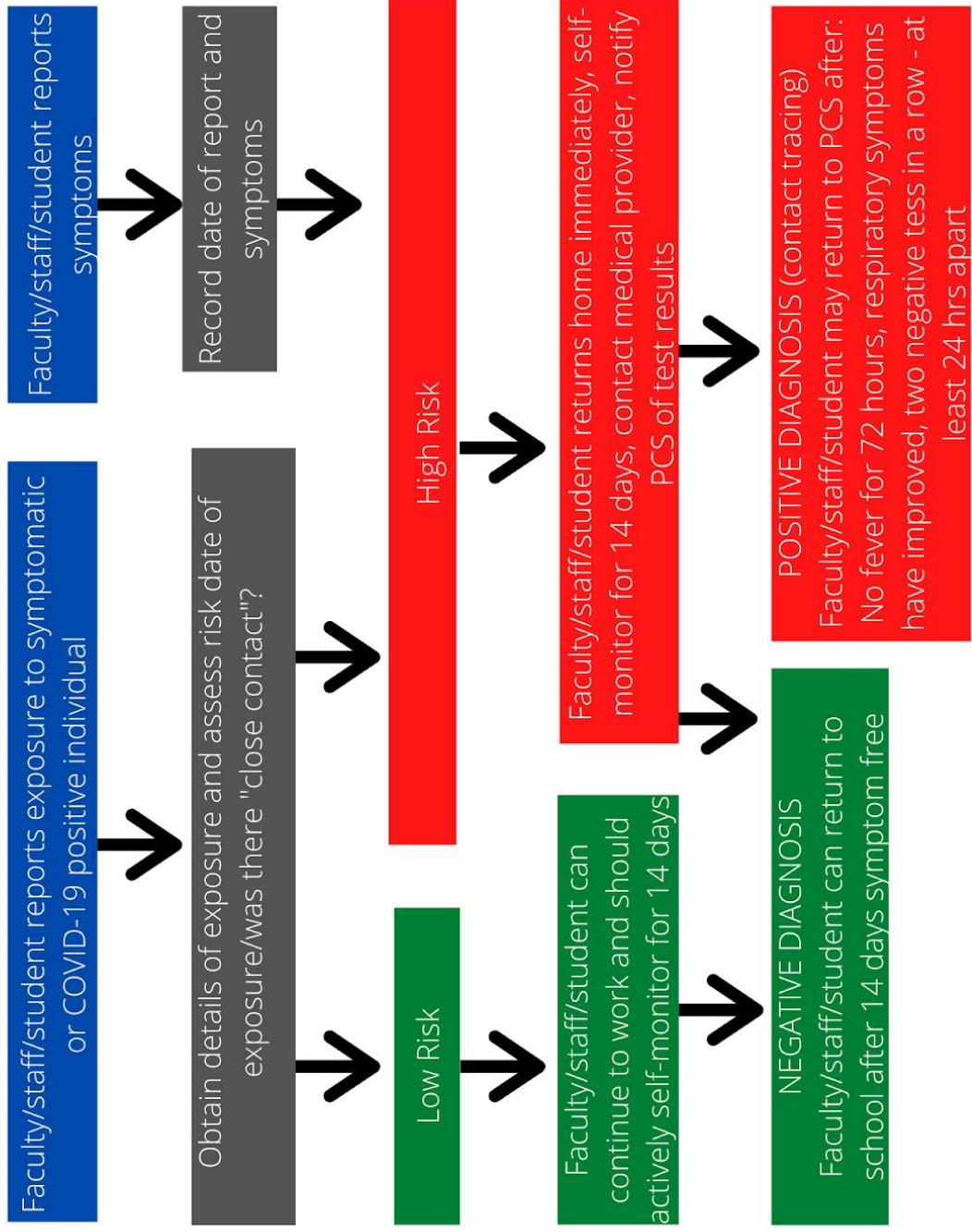
4. If the student develops symptoms, they can be with others after
 - a. 3 days with no fever and without the use of fever-reducing medication **and**
 - b. Respiratory symptoms have improved (e.g. cough, shortness of breath **and**
 - c. 10 days since the symptoms first appeared
5. Each classmate who has been with the students within the last 48 hours, and each teacher who has been in the room with the student giving instruction, and any other staff member who has had contact (in an enclosed area > 15 minutes) with the student, must self-quarantine for 14 days and monitor for symptoms.
6. If symptoms appear, then testing is required for that person immediately.
7. It is recommended for those under self-quarantine to be tested around day 10.
8. Deep cleaning and disinfecting should take place 24 hours after notification.
9. Room use can begin after disinfecting.

If a staff member is found to be positive for COVID-19, then the following actions need to take place:

1. If the staff member is in school at the time, they must leave the campus immediately.
2. The staff member must quarantine for 14 days.
3. If the staff member does not develop symptoms, they can return to school after 14 days.
4. If the staff member develops symptoms, they can be with others after
 - a. 3 days with no fever and without the use of fever-reducing medication **and**
 - b. Respiratory symptoms have improved (e.g. cough, shortness of breath **and**
 - c. 10 days since the symptoms first appeared
5. Each class the staff member instructed, or each area the staff member has been working and any other student or staff member who has contact (in an enclosed area > 15 minutes) with the staff member within the last 48 hours, must self-quarantine for 14 days and monitor for symptoms.
6. If symptoms appear, then testing is required for that person immediately.
7. It is recommended for those under self-quarantine to be tested around day 10.
8. Deep cleaning and disinfecting should take place 24 hours after notification.
9. Room use can begin after disinfecting.



COVID-19 FLOW CHART



LIFE ON CAMPUS

In order to reduce group sizes and limit the number of contacts each student has on campus, we will be implementing the following:

REDUCED GROUP SIZES

- All students will be dropped off in the carline.
- There will be no gathering in the breezeway in the morning.
- Elementary and middle school lunch times will be staggered with appropriate social distancing measures while in the lunch line and eating in the cafeteria. Outside options will be used throughout the week.
- Field Trips are on hold until further notice.
- Before and after school enrichment activities including Come Play Us and Friday Dance Parties are on hold until further notice.
- Social distancing will take place in classrooms and around campus whenever possible.
- All Chapel services will occur weekly with one class attending, socially distanced while Chapel is Live Streamed to the rest of the school.

REDUCED CONTACT

- Preschool students must bring snacks, lunch, and refillable water bottles daily. Elementary and middle school students may bring lunch or order hot lunch. The selling of snacks will be temporarily suspended. Students should bring a snack from home.
- The use of the microwaves in the lunchroom will be temporarily suspended.
- Until further notice, lunch will not be able to be dropped off once the student has entered the school building and there will be no communal lunch box storage.
- Lunch times and locations will be modified to reduce cross contact.
- On-campus visitors will be limited to those who are critical to school operations. Parents will be required to use carline for student drop-off and pick-up.
- The use of shared equipment such as classroom book sets and art supplies will be reduced and eliminated when possible.
- Faculty will travel to classrooms where possible.
- Communal gathering inside the school gates before or after school will be temporarily suspended.
- Please help us limit or reduce late drop off and early sign out by being on time and scheduling appointments after school.
- In order to minimize cross contact, traffic patterns will be adjusted in the hallways and communication will be utilized to have the least amount of students in the hall at one time.
- Water fountains will be covered. Students MUST bring a water bottle with them to school each day. Water bottles will be refilled using our touchless water bottle filling stations.

THE STUDENT EXPERIENCE

PK2, PK3, & PK4 (PRESCHOOL)

- Parents and caregivers will not be allowed inside the building.
 - While we understand that our teachers and staff need and want to stay connected to our Parkway Families, we will be implementing a **carline drop-off and pick-up system** that will ensure we are keeping everyone safe and healthy.
- Specials Classes will be offered in the preschool building only and will be held in open-air areas to support social distancing for teachers and students. Computers will be held in the Computer Room, and will be sanitized between each class. Classes will be shortened to accommodate for cleaning.
- Due to the physical size of the preschool classrooms, changes have been made to classroom sizes in order to stay within 'Groups of 10' Guidelines suggested by the CDC.
- All soft/fabric materials have been removed from the classrooms and will need to remain in storage until the CDC Guidelines change.
- Only one class at a time will be allowed in the hallways to provide distancing between other children/staff members.
- Students will use an acrylic divider for table time activities and lunch.
- Aftercare will be limited ONLY to families that are registered for a full-day program. No "drop in" aftercare will be allowed.
 - Children who will be staying for Aftercare will be placed in classes together to facilitate the guideline that mandates students not switch groups during the day.
- The preschool has added an additional outdoor area to the south side of the building to act as an additional outdoor classroom, provide an additional recess location, and outdoor option for free play.



KP - 5TH (ELEMENTARY)

- Students will enter their classroom immediately.
- Students will remain in their classrooms with their teachers.
- Some specials teachers will travel to the classrooms while classes may travel to specials classrooms that are able to effectively sanitize between classes.
- Lunch times and locations will be modified to reduce cross contact.
- Teachers will take advantage of outdoor opportunities as much as possible.
- Students are encouraged to bring a refillable water bottle for our touchless water bottle refill stations. The mouthpiece of the water fountains will not be in use.
- Students will be required to carry their own backpacks as Safety Patrols and backpack bins will be temporarily suspended.
- Clear acrylic plastic dividers may be used when social distancing interferes with academic and social emotional learning.

6TH - 8TH (MIDDLE SCHOOL)

- We will continue to follow our normal Silver Blue block schedule while reducing movement when possible.
- Procedures will be in place to have a minimal amount of students changing classes as possible with sanitation processes being followed before the next class arrives.
- Lunch and Tribe times will be modified to reduce congregation and group size.
- Teachers will take advantage of outdoor opportunities as much as possible.
- Students are encouraged to bring a refillable water bottle for our touchless water bottle refill stations. The mouthpiece of the water fountains will not be in use.
- There will be no communal storage of lunchboxes. Students will be required to carry lunch with them throughout the day.
- Clear acrylic plastic dividers may be used when social distancing interferes with academic and social emotional learning.



ATHLETICS

Parkway Christian School Athletics is working in collaboration with athletic departments throughout South Florida, the FHSAA, and is following local state and federal guidelines to develop a comprehensive approach to maximize health and safety while engaging in sport activities. These guidelines may change based on current trends, data and needs.

START DATE

We are targeting August 10 to begin allowing some Parkway athletic teams to host on-campus tryouts and conditioning.

PREPARING FOR INTERRUPTIONS

Parkway is preparing for possible periods of interruption to on-campus learning. We cannot predict or answer the question of if we will be mandated to close. Our goal is to have our classrooms remain open, healthy and consistent for both the students and their families. Governmental authorities and public health officials may recommend or require an interruption of physical operations. Should this occur, we will transition to remote learning for everyone immediately.

In addition, we are planning ahead in the event of a temporary quarantine of a class and the seamless transition between in-person and online learning. Parkway will be using a combination of the following to support Distance Learning and On-Campus Learning.

DIGITAL PLATFORMS

G Suite - GSuite for Education is our schools' communication and collaboration tools for learning anywhere, anytime and on any device.

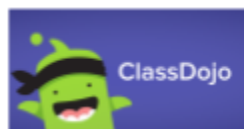
Google Classroom - Google Classroom allows teachers to create classes, distribute assignments, assess and provide feedback on student work.

Google Meet - Google Meet is a video-communication service developed by Google.

Google Sites - All three schools will utilize websites created from Google Sites to act as a communication hub for parents and students who are in school or online to receive lessons, schedules, etc.

Class Dojo - ClassDojo is an educational technology communication app and website. It connects primary school teachers, students and families through communication features, such as a feed for photos and videos from the school day, and messaging.

Rediker Portals - Upper school learning management system that allows parents to see student progress and communicate with teachers and staff.



ON CAMPUS OR DISTANCE LEARNING?

Parkway Christian School recognizes that some families may not feel comfortable or may not be able to have students return to the physical classroom in August. The administration has developed two different re-entry options for families.

Families who elect the Distance Learning option must notify the school on or before Monday, July 27, 2020 via the [Upper School Distance Learning Opt-In Form](#) or the [Preschool Start of School Options Form](#). If we do not hear from your family by July 27th, we will prepare for your child's return to campus on August 17, 2020. Students may transition from Distance Learning to On-Campus Learning by quarter ([see Upper School Calendar](#)) or if a COVID-related need arises.

DISTANCE LEARNING DETAILS

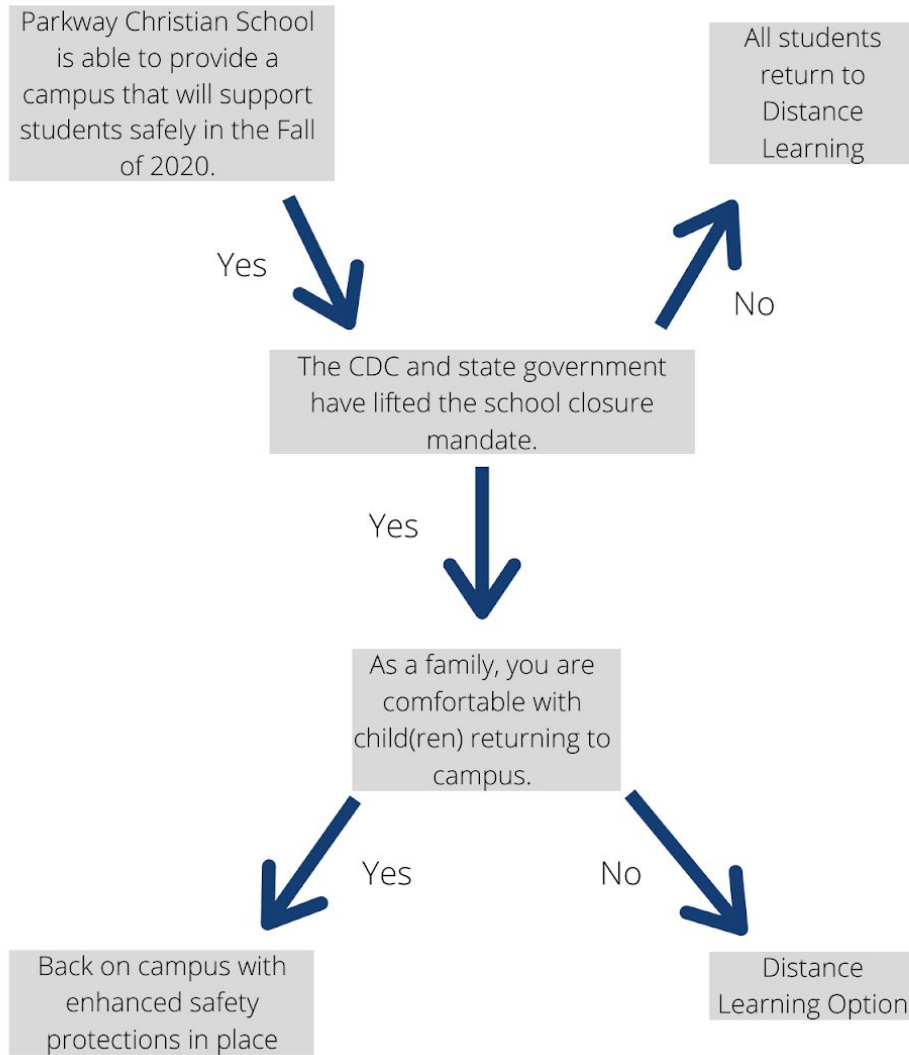
Parkway Christian School has created a Google Site for each age group, grade level or class in order to streamline communication. These websites will be used by on-campus and on-line learners to create a seamless transition between the virtual and physical classrooms. In addition, these sites will help parents navigate student lessons without receiving tons of emails.

[The Florida Department of Education mandated that Distance Learning](#) students receive the same number of instructional hours, the same content and the same level of feedback and interaction that students in a physical setting would receive. With this in mind, Parkway's Distance learning plan will include more Live teaching than in the Spring of 2020. Teachers will use a combination of Live and Recorded lessons for students.

Community is a vital part of Parkway and students participating in Distance Learning will be a part of small group instruction within their designated classes. The goal is for students to receive the high quality instruction Parkway is known for while providing students an opportunity to have time with their teachers.



On Campus or Distance Learning?



HOW YOU CAN HELP US

Creating and maintaining a healthy learning community will take our entire school working together. Here are some things you can do to help us.

- We know that this is not the ideal way to open our doors however, in order for us to maintain a healthy and safe school community we ask that everyone adhere to the plan.
- Check temperatures daily before coming to school.
- Please avoid medicating students for the purpose of attending school
- Any cold symptoms (cough, runny nose, sneezing, fever, body aches, chills, headaches, diarrhea, vomiting, eye discharge), please keep students home until symptom free.
- If your student or a member of your household is exposed, is being tested or has symptoms of COVID-19, please call your family physician and follow their protocol and then notify the Head of School or Preschool Director.
- Please have conversations with your student(s) to help and support the temporary procedures in order to keep us learning together in a healthy environment.
- In order to protect all of our families, please follow the CDC guidelines while outside of school.
- Out of an abundance of caution, the [CDC has instituted a Level 3 Travel Health Notice](#) asking travelers to avoid all non-essential travel. If your student travels internationally, the CDC recommends a 14 day quarantine before returning to work or school.
- Please help us limit or reduce late drop off and early sign out by being on time and scheduling appointments after school.
- Hand sanitizer and Clorox wipes are always needed. We know they are in short supply and have been stocking up all summer. However, if you would like to donate any to the school and/or your student's class, donations will be greatly appreciated.

Thank you for taking the time to read our reopening plan and for partnering with us for your child's education. During this time, we ask that you join us in remembering our school's theme for the 2020-2021 school year, "Love is patient. Love is Kind."

1 Corinthians 13:4.

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