

# General Questions

## What are the hours of operation for Full Armor Christian Academy?

- Full Armor Christian Academy will be open for regular business hours Monday - Thursday, 7:30 am to 4:00 pm.

## Will the campus be returning to in-person operations this fall?

- Yes! We have additional health and safety measure in place

## Will there be any changes to the 2020-2021 student and/or staff calendar?

- The School Board voted to support the Headmaster's recommendation to keep the approved academic calendar as is. A current copy of the academic calendar can be found at [www.full-armor.org](http://www.full-armor.org) under the 'calendar' tab.
- There are no other changes to the student calendar. The staff reporting dates will not change.
- In order to get in our instructional minutes, please note that during the months of August and May, Full Armor will operate a five-day school week; this has not changed since the school board adopted this schedule in the early part of the year. We will go to school on the Friday's in August and May.
- Our first four-day week starts the week of August 31 through September 3.
- Being that we are a four-day school, if there is a holiday on Monday, we will go to school Tuesday through Friday. (This happens four times this school year.) This first Tuesday through Friday is September 8 through 11.
- We will also require students on campus for the three service days; September 18, December 3, and March 5.

## Will you allow parent access to the school building for chapel and lunches?

- At this current time, parent access to campus is very limited. For the foreseeable future, parent access during lunch and chapel will be discontinued. I will continue to monitor this and make changes as necessary. It is my every intention to open the campus back up once it is deemed safe to do so.

## Is drop-off and pick-up going to be the same as last year?

### Drop-off

- Morning drop-off will still be held in the same spot, the gym doors from **7:20 a.m. until 7:40 a.m.** We will be taking temperature checks for every student prior to entering the Warrior Gym and ask that parents do not drive off until cleared to do so by the teacher. If you arrive *after* 7:40 a.m., I ask that you park your vehicle and walk your student(s) into the building and proceed to the front office. Every guest coming in any Full Armor building will be required to stop in the front office for a temperature screening. The tardy bell will ring at **7:50 a.m.** Please be patient with us as this is a new procedure.

### Pick-up

- Pick-up procedures will be held at the Warrior Gym. We will not be using the front building (Bethel Church) for pick-up of *any* grades. All grades will be picked up from the Warrior Gym. I ask that you do not get in the pick-up line early until your child's class is dismissed (see times below) for the day. If you arrive early, I ask that you park in an available spot and wait until the appropriate time. Please have your car tags ready, which you will receive at tonight's *Meet-the-Teacher*. Again, please be patient with us as this is a new procedure.

### Student Dismissal Times

- **3:20 p.m.** K4-1st Grade
- **3:35 p.m.** 2nd-5th Grade

- **4:00 p.m.** Middle and High School

## **Will my child need to bring a water bottle to school?**

- In our attempts to limit exposure from one student to the other, it has been decided that our water fountains will be turned off.
- I am encouraging every student to come to school with a *clear* sports bottle filled with water. If the bottle needs to be filled throughout the day, which I hope it will, then our staff will be glad to assist them in refilling them.

# **Health and Safety**

## **What safety measures are in place at Full Armor Christian Academy?**

- Personal hand-hygiene is being emphasized. The old phrase goes, “Keep your fingers out of the holes in your head” will be stressed.
- Hand sanitizing and disinfectant wipe stations are being placed throughout all buildings.
- Signage has been placed throughout the campus to promote CDC guidelines, including social distancing, washing your hands, and covering your cough.
- Students, faculty, and staff will complete a health screening form before returning to campus.
- Daily temperature checks will be completed before parents/guardians drive away from the school.
- The entire school will, as before, be sanitized on a nightly basis.
- 2 additional cleaning teams were hired and will be on campus to disinfect high traffic common areas.

## **Will face-coverings be required at Full Armor Christian Academy locations this fall?**

- Working in conjunction with the school board, it is Full Armor’s decision to make face coverings *optional*. If it is your desire to have your child in a face covering, I support you. If it is your desire that you do not have your child in a face covering, I support you. Please have your child come to school with a covering, if you choose to do so.

## **Will the school provide face coverings to students?**

- Through federal grants in partnership with the local ISD, Full Armor Christian Academy has received a proportional share of PPE. These are to be used in emergency situations.
- If desired by the parents, faculty, and staff, we encourage these to supply their own face coverings.

## **Will you be taking my temperature every day?**

- It is the position of Full Armor Christian Academy to assess every student, parent, faculty, staff, or any guest and have their temperature screened before going further into the building. If you access the main building, report directly to the front office for a temperature screening. If you access the Warrior Gym, proceed directly to the athletic office and wait for temperature screening.
- If your temperature is elevated, I ask you to wait a few minutes and then have it re-checked.
- If the second reading is still high, our staff will check using an ear thermometer.
- If it is still high, we will politely ask you to leave the campus and return when you are not showing signs of being ill.

## **How will classrooms and instructional spaces be adequately disinfected and cleaned?**

- We are cleaning and sanitizing all spaces to minimize the ability of the COVID-19 virus to spread. Our facilities team has developed rigorous sanitation procedures and processes.

## **What should I do if I feel ill or am showing symptoms of COVID-19 after being exposed to someone who tested positive?**

- If you feel ill or are showing symptoms after being exposed:
  - Make an appointment with your healthcare provider.
- **Important Reminders:**
  - If you have symptoms such as a cough, fever, or other respiratory problems, contact your primary care doctor first.
  - Practice social distancing. Stay indoors and avoid contact with others, just as you would with the flu. Those with contagious diseases should stay home from work or school until they are well.

## **If someone on-campus tests positive for COVID-19, what plans are there for isolation and contact tracing?**

- Full Armor Christian Academy works closely with state and local health officials for all contact tracing efforts and infectious disease protocols. Faculty and staff will be expected to monitor symptoms and contact their primary care physician if symptoms arise.

## **What happens if there is a “second wave” of COVID-19 during the school year?**

- We will continue to closely monitor conditions locally and regionally. A resurgence of COVID-19 at any time between now and the end of the fall semester *may* cause a change to any of these plans.
- In a recent letter issued by Attorney General Ken Paxton, states that the decision to close the campus or remain open is left up to the local school governing body.

## **Academics**

### **How will instruction be offered to students who are required to isolate due to close contact of COVID-19? Will I have a choice between home-based learning or in-person instruction for each of my courses?**

- We will handle this on a case-by-case basis.

### **With social distancing requirements, how will class sizes be affected?**

- Classes will be in spaces that allow for adequate social distancing between students and faculty. Full Armor Christian Academy has space allowable for the current student population.

### **Are you still offering campus tours?**

- We are offering on-campus tours. We ask that if you do not feel well or have been exposed to COVID-19 to schedule a time to visit when you are healthy. You may set up an appointment with our admissions office by calling 903-644-8489.

## **Athletics**

### **Will athletic events take place this fall?**

- In compliance with the TAIAO (The Texas Association of Independent Athletic Organizations), Full Armor Christian Academy is planning on resuming athletics as planned with a few exceptions. Sports schedules continue to be modified as other school districts adjust their schedules.
- Full Armor's Archery Program is put on hold until further notice.