

# Fellowship Christian High School

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## Student Illness Policy

The intention of this policy is to provide a healthy and safe environment for our students. Some illnesses and situations require a student to be absent from school to prevent the spread of infection to others and to allow the student time to rest, recover and be treated for the illness. In order to maintain academic excellence and help keep our students and faculty healthy, Fellowship Christian High School requires adherence to the guidelines and directions of this policy.

### Entering school building:

We recommend that staff/students/parents do a daily self-assessment at home before coming to school. Do not send your student to school nor come to campus yourself if you or your student is exhibiting two or more of the following symptoms:

**Fever or chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, diarrhea.** *Note: symptoms may appear 2-14 days after exposure to the flu, stomach virus, COVID-19, or other common viruses. If there is exposure, please inform the school.*

- If a student misses school due to an illness, he/she may return to school after a symptom-free period of 24 hours (including a fever 100.3 or lower without fever-reducing medication) or with a doctor's note.
- If a student develops symptoms during the course of the school day, a parent/guardian will be contacted and asked to pick the student up as soon as possible.
- The parent/guardian needs to maintain direct contact with the school in the event that the student is diagnosed with any communicable disease so the school can take appropriate steps to protect the entire student population.

If a student needs to take medication (prescribed or OTC) during the course of the school day, FCHS may not dispense medication except with a completed Medication Authorization Form. Please also refer to the FCHS Handbook\_regarding Daily Attendance and Tardiness policies or contact the office with any other questions.

### In the facility:

- All classrooms and common areas including the lunch room will be disinfected regularly.
- Classroom and hallway doors will be open to allow ventilation and airflow.
- Students may bring their own water bottles to be used throughout the day.
- Upon entering a classroom, hand sanitizer will be available for students to use.

*(Note: These procedures are continually updated as the guidelines change. Last update: 8/15/2022)*

FCHS admits students of any race, color, national, and ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally afforded or made available to students at the school. FCHS does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national and ethnic origin in administration of its educational policies, admissions policies, scholarship and loan programs, and athletic and other school-administered programs.

***Equipping students to think and live purposefully according to a Biblical Worldview.***