



Good Afternoon Parents,

I hope everyone is having a good week and enjoying their summer. I wanted to provide an update in several areas. We know the pandemic is a temporary situation and cannot wait to see your children in August and return to normal schooling.

Reopen Plan

- The details for the Reopen Plan will be on the website by the end of the week. I have also attached a pdf version for you to review; however, it may not be as user friendly as the website version.
- Covenant will refine its Reopen Plan as we receive additional information from the Governor, TEA, CDC, and applicable governmental authorities. We thank you in advance for your flexibility and understanding given the fluidity of our situation.
- For the Reopen Plan to work most effectively, we will need the support and cooperation from our strong Covenant community of families. Please do not send your child to school if he/she is sick or is exhibiting COVID-19 symptoms.

Court Ruling about Fall Schooling

- I also wanted to make you aware of a ruling that is wonderful for Covenant. On Friday, Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton clarified responsibilities related to private schools. The main impetus for this ruling derived from certain Texas counties (Dallas, Travis, Hidalgo, Cameron, Laredo, El Paso, etc.) requiring both public and private schools to only distance learn in the Fall.
- As a result, the Texas Association of Private Schools and Catholic Schools entered into discussions with the state. The state has now clarified that even if Texas counties require public schools to distance learn, private schools are exempt. This is very exciting news for Covenant as we can proceed with in person learning regardless of county mandates!

Face Coverings

- I wanted to provide additional details on the face coverings. Face coverings are not limited to masks but also include face shields, gaiters, and buffs.
- Covenant would prefer the face coverings be in school colors; however, we also want your student to find a face covering that is comfortable, so any tasteful mask is acceptable. We had initially told some parents that only solid colors would be acceptable,

but certain masks do not come in solid colors; thus, we are allowing for a broader array of options.

- If your child has a medical condition, claustrophobia, or a disability that prevents him/her from wearing a face covering, please contact Nurse Prudhomme (sprudhomme@covenantknights.org).
- We understand that it will be challenging for students to wear a face covering for 8 hours a day, so we are looking at some creative options. For example, we will provide students mask breaks during class where they can go outside and remove their masks. Additionally, some classes (PE, recess, lunch, humanities) will **sometimes** meet outside so students do not have to wear masks (we have held some humanities classes outside with our 11th and 12th graders for years and it has worked effectively).
- We have a new approved parent vendor, Tish Moore, who is selling both regular and Covenant logo masks. I know we have had requests for Covenant logoed masks, so we wanted to provide you an option. The link to the website is <https://l-danielle-designs.myshopify.com>. Please note, these masks are optional and not required by Covenant.

I realize that we are experiencing significant change in our Covenant community and want to thank you for your flexibility and prayers. It is such a blessing to partner with you!

Warm Regards,

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