

Immanuel Ev. Lutheran School

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COVID-19 RETURN TO SCHOOL POLICY

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IELS IS PLANNING TO OPERATE A LITTLE DIFFERENTLY THIS YEAR IN RESPONSE TO THE COVID -19 PANDEMIC.

We are excited to have everyone back at school starting August 13, 2020. We do understand that the school day will not return to “normal” and some health measures will be in place. Keep in mind that we will continue to follow state and panhandle mandates and all is subject to change at any time.

HEALTH MEASURES:

- Parents will be asked to screen your children at home for temperatures of 100.4 or greater, shortness of breath, cough, sneezing, body chills, headache, sore throat, sudden loss of taste/smell, vomiting and or diarrhea. If your student is experiencing any of these symptoms in the past 24 hours, please keep your

student home for at least 24 hours and notify the school of symptoms and further instructions. Students with a positive COVID-19 may be asked to quarantine away from school for 14 or more days and will be required to have a note from their primary care provider before returning to school.

- Students will have their temperature checked upon entering the building by a staff member.
- Masks will not be required. However, if you wish your student to wear a mask, they may bring a mask from home and wear it at school unless it becomes a distraction. If Parents are needing to enter the building, they must wear a mask at all times.
- Social distancing will be implemented where possible in the classrooms, recess lines, lunchroom seating, and or other activities. Furthermore, students will not travel to other classrooms, the teachers will be the only ones to move about to other classrooms. Students will not be able to use the drinking fountain. Please have your student bring a water bottle of at least 20 ounces of water to be filled at home. It is recommended they have another one in their backpack to switch out if they need to. Please wash water bottles everyday.
- Cleaning policies have been updated. Students will be required to wash hand/sanitizer throughout the day. Students desks/chairs will be cleaned throughout the day.
- If your student has a compromised immune system, please contact the school for further health measures to meet your student's needs. Online learning may be available to those students with a medical

504 plan. Please see your student's teacher and or head teacher for further information.

- Parents we are asking that you drop your child off at the door and not enter the building unless absolutely necessary. We will also close lunch to minimize exposure as much as possible. More information to come as to picking up your child from school at the end of the school day.

We know this is a difficult and anxious time for students, parents and staff. IELS will continue to provide an excellent education while providing a safe environment. We can't do this without your help and support. Please contact the school if you have any questions and or concerns. We will do our best to communicate changes and further details as we move forward.

God bless,

IELS School Board