

## **FAITH ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL COVID - 19 POLICY**

**Purpose:** The purpose of this policy is to describe how, when, and where the staff, students, and visitors of the School will be required to wear a mask over their nose, and mouth to reduce the spread of Covid-19 based on the most recent data-driven metrics.

When teachers, staff, and students consistently and correctly wear a mask, they protect others as well as themselves. They also reduce the amount of close contacts who must quarantine and length of quarantine. Consistent and correct mask use is especially important indoors and in crowded settings when physical distancing cannot be maintained. Masks should be worn over the nose and mouth and secured around the ears.

The following policy reflects the latest CDC recommendations on masks:

- Indoors: Proper mask use (covering nose and mouth) is required for all people including students, teachers, staff, and visitors. Children under 2 years of age should not wear a mask.
  - Teachers and staff are encouraged to seek positive, innovative, and constructive methods of correcting and managing all student behavior in an effort to avoid repeated misbehavior regarding students not wearing masks.
  - Following 504 and Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) , accommodations might be made for staff or students with a documented medical condition or disability that prevents them from wearing a traditional face mask.
- Outdoors: Masks are optional, but strongly encouraged during recess and other outdoor activities that do not involve sustained close contact with others.
- School Transportation: All passengers and drivers are required to wear a mask on school buses.



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**To: Faith Academy Charter School Family**  
**From: Faith Academy Charter School, Inc.**  
**Subject: COVID 19 POLICY**  
**Date: August 21, 2021**

On August 20, 2021 at an emergency called meeting the Board of Faith Academy Charter School, Inc. approved a Covid 19 Masks Policy for mandatory use at our campus.

Faith Academy Charter School, Inc. was in communications several times this week with the Rowan County Health Department because of a Covid incident at our volleyball practice. Seventeen students came in contact with someone that tested positive for Covid. The 17 students are now in quarantine. The Health Department explained that unless every student in a classroom having a mask on, and a student test positive, the whole class would have to quarantine. But if masks are worn, only the students within 6 feet for more than 15 minutes of the positive tested student would have to quarantine.

Everyone entering our facilities must wear a protective mask. Masks are not optional and temperature checks will be administered each morning before children exit their vehicles. Those who have a fever will need to be returned home.

**Please see attached policy.**

**The Board will revisit this policy every 2 weeks at board meetings.**

George Wilhelm, Board Chair

