

Migrating Your Child back into the School System

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How do I find information about the school's safety plan?

Every school, district, and state has different regulations and guidelines. It is best to gain information from a school district's webpage directly. The media can be scary. Reliable information is most likely found on your county health department's webpage.

Should I choose in person or virtual learning?

Virtual learning will not be the same as it was in the spring. Thankfully, schools are more prepared! Make sure to gain all the information you can about your schooling options. Your student may need a parent at home to achieve academic gains through virtual learning this year. Every student has different needs. If your student is extroverted, they may need the socialization of other students in the classroom. Above all, make the decision that is best for you and your family.

When should my student quarantine?

If your student exhibits any Covid 19 symptoms (which can be found on the CDC's website), it is best for them to stay home from school. Keep your student at home until a test can be given and the result is negative. If they have had contact with a person with Covid 19, your student should self-isolate for at least 14 days. Communicate with your student's teacher during this time. Absences can usually be eliminated from your child's record if the work they missed is completed.

How many masks should my student have every day?

Prepare your student with at least two cloth masks or three disposable masks per day. Cloth masks need to be washed weekly.

Tips

- Students should never share supplies. Make sure your student is well stocked with any school supplies they may need (pencil, crayons, glue, etc.).
- Prepare your student for how different this school year will be. The school environment they are returning to is vastly different from the environment they left in March.
- If your student is virtual learning, find ways for them to have safe contact with their peers in other ways.
- Equip your in person learners with their own hand sanitizer, a lanyard to hold their mask, and water bottles (school water fountains will most likely be closed).
- Reassure your student daily that they are loved, they are safe, and that Jesus is their protector.