



County of San Diego Elementary School Waiver

Application for a Waiver to Re-open In-Person Instruction for TK-6 Elementary Education.

Please submit one application for each local educational agency or equivalent. If applying on behalf of a school district, please submit one application for the elementary schools in the district that are seeking to reopen for in-person instruction. If applying for an independent, private, faith-based, or charter school, please submit an application for each school.

If all documentation is not included application can not be processed.

Once the waiver is approved, your information will be posted on the County of San Diego website, <http://Coronavirus-sd.com/K12Schools>

School Name

Calvin Christian School

District name

Private School

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Type

Private School

Grades to be Reopened

1

2

3
4
5
6
K

Number of Students in Reopening Grades

170

Number of Staff at Reopening Sites

21

Proposed Reopening Date

08/27/20

Labor Organization

Staff and faculty were surveyed by the COVID-19 school task force in July. The task force membership has staff/faculty representatives. Pending permissions, 78% desire returning to in-person teaching, to meet the needs of students in not only the most efficacious way, but also most consistent with our mission. Of the remaining 22% (including the one staff who responded no about returning), all simply desired clarifications to health procedures and policies as this survey was conducted prior to the school's release of its detailed return to school plan. Our plan strictly enforces all the CDC and CDPH guidelines. Since the school's release of the plan, >95% of staff have agreed to support in-person learning. We have only a couple of elderly staff who are in higher risk with Covid-19, and options will be provided to accommodate their needs.

Parent Organization

Calvin is a parent-run school, with a Society of people from local churches who support our school and select our 9 member board, all of whom are currently parents and/or grandparents. The two core churches represented in our organization wrote letters in support of receiving this waiver (United Reformed Church and Crossroads Church); see attached. They are strongly in favor of re-opening our school for in-person learning. Calvin Service Group is our central parent-teacher fellowship organization (please see attached letter from the Service Group president [REDACTED]). Our COVID-19 task force called Calvin August Return Team (CART) has several parents included and they conducted a family survey. The survey had excellent participation (>85%) and the parent feedback was >87% in favor of a return to school. The CART task force recently produced the return-to-school plan (posted on our school website). Finally – we do not receive any government funding for our school program; the educational program is funded entirely from families paying tuition, and donation. Thus, we have not collected signatures because we have already received tuition payments from nearly all families. There is no stronger picture of support for in-person school opening than willingly paying the tuition bill. Our families are specifically paying for in-person education.

Community Organization

Our families collectively represent roughly 70 churches in the northeast Escondido area. We also have a close relationship with a retirement community adjacent our school, named Meadowbrook. Additionally we have a relationship with an organization that recruits a few foreign students in our school annually. Please see attached letters of support from some of these groups, as well as our most up-dated version of our School Re-Opening Plan.

1. Published on Webpage

<https://www.calvinchristian.school/parent-resources/our-return-plan/>

(NOTE: By Tues morning 8/18 this webpage will reflect the latest version of our re-opening plan – the one which is attached to this attestation waiver application)

1.A) Webpage Section/Page

pg 4, 5, 6, 7, 8

1.B) Webpage Language

from pg 4 “Calvin followed state and national recommendations and invested in many up-grades to our campus. In many ways, Calvin has gone above and beyond the recommendations (i.e. CDC & CDPH) in order to make best use of our 24-acre campus.”

2. Distance Learning

YES

2.A) Distance Learning Section/Page

pg 9, 15

2.B) Distance Learning Language

from pg 9 – “provides time for faculty to plan and organize for the following week, particularly aiding those students not present for in-person learning”

From pg 15 FAQ section “To serve each family, we will provide a distance learning solution. This will be different than the full remote learning conducted at the conclusion of the last year, but it will provide any student or family access to the daily in-person instruction.”

3. Physical Distancing

YES

3. A) Physical Distance Section/Page

pg. 4, 10

3. B) Physical Distancing Language

from pg 4 "Outdoor classrooms: Calvin purchased huge tents for use as outdoor classrooms. The tents will enable students to socially distance, six feet or greater, while participating in multiple classes. These tents and other outdoor shaded areas will also be utilized for learning as needed.

from pg 10 "Lunch: Outdoor lunch tables are spaced throughout both campuses. Students will be expected to maintain social distancing during lunch. Each campus will utilize various physical distancing plans. Hot lunch will still be available with Calvin kitchen staff members handing out meals and drinks. All tables will be cleaned and sanitized between groups. In-class Each classroom will be arranged to meet social distance guidelines - six feet or greater. Some classes will meet in non-traditional spaces on campus to ensure distancing. Chapel is an important time for our students. Chapel will be held outside under a tent or in the Heritage Center with compliant spacing. Every effort will be made to limit the sharing of supplies. On occasion, when sharing occurs, cleaning and disinfecting will be utilized between uses."

4. Stable Cohorts

YES

4. A) Stable Section/Page

pg 16 (FAQ Section)

4. B) Stable Cohorts Language

from pg.16 "WHAT WILL RECESS OR BREAK LOOK LIKE? Students will be grouped by their class or a dedicated cohort to reduce the number of others they interact with throughout each day; they will have limitations on which areas they can use." WILL STUDENTS REMAIN IN SMALL GROUPS? Each class will be a stable cohort throughout the day. The school has an ideal student-to-teacher ratio in the elementary grades to permit this to work effectively."

5. Face Coverings

YES

5.A)Face Covering Section/Page

pgs. 4,5,6,7,8

5.B) Face Covering Language

NOTE: There is too much to copy & paste across all of these pages - please read all of each of these pages (4-8) for the specific up-dated language. Specifically -- this is quoted from page 8:

"FACE COVERINGS: Every person on campus must possess a clean face covering. In accordance with the state mandate, when social distancing is not possible, or indoors, it must be worn. This includes passing periods, in restrooms, pick-up and drop-off areas. All students grades 3-12 will be required to wear a face covering

throughout the duration of the day, except during meal times and when outdoors if physical distancing can be maintained. Grades K-2 are strongly encouraged to wear a face covering. Face coverings must cover the nose and mouth. Students are exempt from wearing a face covering if they fall within the CDPH guidelines for exempt individuals. Students who refuse to wear a face covering, but who are not exempt, will not be permitted to remain on campus and will be given the option of distance learning. At check-in, students will be reminded to wear their face covering and avoid touching it. The school will have a supply of additional masks to provide to students who inadvertently arrive to school without a face covering. Patterns and designs on face coverings must comply with the dress code. It is recommended that parents send their child with an additional face covering to replace a face covering that may be soiled or lost during the school day. It is acknowledged that some students and staff may choose to wear facial coverings beyond Calvin's requirements. These individuals will be fully supported."

6. Cleaning and Disinfection

YES

6. A) Cleaning and Disinfecting Section/Page

pg 6 (see also p. 9 and 15)

6. B) Cleaning and Disinfecting Language

from pg. 6 "Cleaning: High-traffic areas such as lunch tables, light switches and door knobs/handles will be frequently cleaned throughout the day. Elementary desks will be sanitized at recess and lunch. Junior high and high school desks and tables will be sanitized between classes. Each evening the custodial team will thoroughly disinfect each campus. Deep cleaning will be done on a weekly basis. Calvin will reserve one day a week for deep cleaning and sanitization."

7. Entrance, Egress and Movement

YES

7. A) Entrance/Movement Section/Page

pgs 9, 10

7. B)Entrance/Movement Language

NOTE: There is too much to copy here -- please read both pg 9 and 10 of our plan completely for the exact language to verify our strict compliance with all guidelines.

8. Health Screenings

YES

8. A) Health Screening Section/Page

pgs. 7, 12, 13

8. B) Health Screening Language

pg 7 “The school will conduct temperature screening of all staff, students and volunteers prior to entry to campus. We ask that families partner with us in this approach and perform all symptom screening prior to arrival on campus.”

8. C) Language for Symptomatic Students or Staff

pg 7 “Any student, staff or volunteer that fails screening will be sent home and Covid-19 testing will be recommended. This person must be symptom free for a minimum of three days before returning to campus.”

From pg 13 “Student, staff or volunteer who develop symptoms while on campus: Any students or staff exhibiting symptoms will immediately be required to put their face covering on and wait in an isolated area until they can be transported home or to a healthcare facility, as soon as possible. COVID-19 testing will be recommended. Areas (classrooms, bathrooms, offices) used by any sick person will be closed off and not used before cleaning and disinfection”

9. Healthy Hygiene Practices

YES

9. A) Healthy Hygiene Section/Page

pgs 4, 7, 10

9. B) Healthy Hygiene Language

from pg 4 “Sanitizer and hand-washing stations -- Hand sanitizer stations will be located in all classrooms. Additional soap and water hand-washing stations will be available in shared spaces for students.”

From pg 7 “Personal hygiene: Hand washing is one of the best ways we can prevent the spread of respiratory illnesses including COVID-19. Good hand hygiene includes washing hands for 20 seconds and drying thoroughly. Soap and water must be used upon exit from the restroom. Hand sanitizer is acceptable where access to soap and water are limited.”

From pg 10 “Recess/break time Elementary Campus: Recess is a time in which students play and exercise. Hand washing will be required at the beginning and conclusion of each recess. With our three separate recess areas, students will be able to spread out to play. In order to minimize contact, dedicated play areas will be assigned to smaller cohorts.”

10. Identification and Tracing of Contacts

YES

10. A) Identification and Tracing Section/Page

pg. 13

10. B) Identification and Tracing Language

from pg 13 - "STUDENT, STAFF OR VOLUNTEER HAS HAD CLOSE CONTACT WITH A CONFIRMED COVID-19 CASE: Persons with close contact to a confirmed COVID-19 case will remain in quarantine for 14 days from last exposure and COVID-19 testing will be recommended. Classroom will remain open. CONFIRMED COVID-19 CASE INFECTION: Calvin will notify the San Diego Health and Human Services Agency (HHS). Person with positive case will be isolated and excluded from school for 10 days from symptom onset or test date. Calvin will identify contacts, quarantine & exclude exposed contacts for 14 days after the last date the case was on campus; COVID-19 testing will be recommended. Deep cleaning will be completed where a positive case spent significant time. Calvin's database will only track by case number within each cohort of students. Communication regarding a positive COVID-19 case, those with symptoms, and those requiring isolation will comply with HIPPA regulations."

11. Staff Training and Family Education

YES

11. A) Staff Training and Family Edu. Section/Page

pg 8, 12. (NOTE: Our entire re-opening plan serves as staff & family education that has been carefully researched and prepared by our Board task force - lots of hours spent!)

11. B) Staff Training and Family Edu. Language

From pg 8 "MANDATORY TRAINING: Prior to the school year, faculty and staff will be trained on the proper use of face coverings. Training will include steps to remind students for proper face covering usage and how to promote healthy hygiene practices. Continued training will take place throughout the school year." From pg 12 "PARENT AGREEMENT: Prior to students coming on campus for the first day of school, parents will need to sign a Parent Agreement assuring the school of their commitment to keep children home when they exhibit certain identified symptoms, as mentioned above."

12. Testing of Students and Staff

YES

12. A) Testing Section/Page

pg. 13

12. B) Testing Language

From pg 13 -- "STUDENT, STAFF OR VOLUNTEER WHO DEVELOP SYMPTOMS WHILE ON CAMPUS: Any person exhibiting symptoms will immediately be required to put their face covering on and wait in an isolated area until they can be transported home or to a healthcare facility, as soon as possible. COVID-19 testing will be recommended. Areas used by any symptomatic person will be closed off and not used before cleaning and disinfection. NEGATIVE COVID-19 TEST AFTER SYMPTOMS: May return to campus 3 days after symptoms resolve. STUDENT, STAFF OR VOLUNTEER HAS HAD CLOSE CONTACT WITH A CONFIRMED COVID-19 CASE: Persons with close contact to a confirmed COVID-19 case will remain in quarantine for 14 days from last exposure and COVID-19 testing will be recommended. Classroom will remain open. CONFIRMED COVID-19 CASE INFECTION: Calvin will notify the San Diego Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA). Person with positive case will be isolated and excluded from school for 10 days from symptom onset or test date. Calvin will identify contacts, quarantine & exclude exposed contacts for 14 days after the last date the case was on campus; COVID-19 testing will be recommended. Deep cleaning will be completed where a positive case spent significant time. Calvin's database will only track by case number within each cohort of students. Communication regarding a positive COVID-19 case, those with symptoms, and those requiring isolation will comply with HIPPA regulations."

12. C) Staff Tested Periodically Language

from pg 13 "PERIODIC TESTING: The school will employ surveillance testing in accordance with CDPH guidelines. As lab testing capacity allows, the school will test all staff over a two month period, for example, 50% every month on a rotating basis. If epidemiological data indicates significant increasing community transmission, the school will consider rotational testing of students."

13. Triggers for Switching to Distance Learning

YES

13. A) Triggers to Dist. Learning Section/Page

pg 13

13.B) Triggers to Dist. Learning Language

From pg 13 "COVID-19 OUTBREAK ON CAMPUS: A COVID-19 outbreak is defined as multiple individuals in different classes confirmed to have COVID-19 or at least 5% of campus population are positive within a 14 day period. Should an outbreak occur on campus, the school will work in compliance with the San Diego HHSA to determine the best course of action for resuming in-person learning. This may result in a transition to remote learning for an extended period of time."

14. Communication Plans

YES

14. A) Communication Plans Section/Page

pg. 13

14. B) Communication Plans Language

from pg. 13 "Calvin's database will only track by case number within each cohort of students."

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