

**Safe Return to In-Person Instructional and Continuity of Services Plan**  
**Zion Lutheran Christian School Corvallis, OR**

1) Universal and correct wearing of masks

Zion will follow OHA's rule requiring face coverings for students, staff, and visitors in all indoor school settings during school hours (8:00-3:30). Face coverings will be made available to individuals who do not have access to them. Each classroom will have a designated, supervised space, away from peers, where students can take up to a 15 minute break from wearing face coverings. Face covering break areas will be disinfected after use. Certain accommodations for medical needs or disabilities may be necessary.

2) Modifying facilities to allow for physical distancing (e.g., use of cohorts/podding)

Zion will practice 3 feet of physical distancing to the extent possible while indoors. Classroom groups (Kindergarten, 1/2, 3/4, 5/6, 7/8) will serve as cohorts. Zion has a limit of 24 students per classroom.

Bathroom usage will be staggered to prevent mixing of cohort groups.

Hallways will be designated as one way with arrows. Hallway markers will keep students physically distant while waiting in the hallway.

3) Handwashing and respiratory etiquette

Signs promoting proper handwashing will be posted near sinks. Signs promoting proper respiratory etiquette will be posted in each classroom. Students will be provided age appropriate handwashing and respiratory etiquette education. Respiratory etiquette means covering coughs and sneezes with an elbow or a tissue. Tissues shall be disposed of in a garbage can, then hands washed or sanitized immediately. Students will be directed to wash or sanitize hands upon entering the classroom, after recesses, before and after lunch, after using the restroom, and as a part of good respiratory etiquette.

4) Cleaning and maintaining healthy facilities, including improving ventilation

Zion's facility (classrooms, common areas, offices, table surfaces, bathrooms, and activity areas) will be cleaned and disinfected daily and throughout the day as needed.

Sanitizing stations are located at each entrance of the school building. Desks will be sanitized between middle school cohort groups. Staff will sanitize hands between middle school cohort groups. Surfaces (e.g., desks, dry erase boards, door handles, etc.) will be disinfected as needed throughout the day.

Air purifiers are located in each classroom and in school offices. Windows will be opened when possible to improve ventilation. Ventilation systems will be checked and maintained regularly by maintenance staff.

#### 5) Contact tracing in combination with isolation and quarantine

Homeroom teachers will track daily attendance through Zion's electronic attendance program. Students who leave campus during the day or arrive late will be tracked by the school office. Visitors and volunteers will be tracked by the school office.

The principal's office has been designated as Zion's primary communicable disease isolation area. It will be used for students who are symptomatic. Symptomatic students will remain at school until a designated adult can pick them up, ideally within an hour. A staff member will be assigned to supervise students who are symptomatic.

Zion will follow ODE, OHA, and LPHA guidelines for quarantining when students or staff test positive for COVID-19.

#### 6) Diagnostic and screening testing

All K-8 students will enter through the west entrance. Parents/guardians will answer screening questions before students may be dropped off. Students identified as potentially symptomatic will remain with parents/guardians to be taken home. Upon entry, students will go directly to their cohort group and wash hands. Students arriving after drop off times will enter through the main entrance and will be screened by the office staff.

Zion's office staff has been registered and trained to administer on-site COVID testing. Symptomatic students who have consented to the on-site testing program will be tested by the trained office staff. Students who have a positive test result will remain at school in isolation until a designated adult can pick them up, ideally within an hour.

Symptomatic students who have not consented to on-site testing will remain at school in isolation until a designated adult can pick them up, ideally within an hour, and may not return to school until independent testing has been completed.

#### 7) Coordination with state and local health officials

Zion Lutheran Christian School follows the published Communicable Disease Policy as posted on our school's website: [www.zioncorvallis.com](http://www.zioncorvallis.com). The LPHA will be notified of any confirmed cases of COVID-19 or any cluster of any illness among students or staff and will cooperate with the LPHA recommendations. Zion will coordinate with the LPHA as needed in regards to communication with staff and school families.

## 8) Vaccinations

Zion Lutheran Christian School will comply with Oregon's recent mandate requiring all faculty and staff of K-12 schools to be fully vaccinated by October 18<sup>th</sup>. Individuals who wish to volunteer at Zion will need to show proof that they are fully vaccinated.