

CORAM DEO CLASSICAL SCHOOL HEALTH POLICY

Recognizing that inherent risk of contracting an infectious disease exists any time groups of individuals assemble together, Coram Deo Classical School (CDCS) has implemented a health policy to minimize these risks for students and faculty.

Sick Policy

Parents are the best judges of whether their child's state of health is appropriate for school attendance. However, please keep in mind that while your student may be capable of class participation despite illness, his/her attendance may expose others to significant health risks. For example, CDCS students have, at various times, been immunocompromised due to their own medical conditions; these students may experience a heightened risk of severe complications from even minor infections. Recognizing these principles, the following guidelines may be helpful to parents making a determination on behalf of their child:

1. A child should not attend classes if he/she has had a fever within 24 hours of the start of the school day. Fever is defined as a measured temperature greater than or equal to 100.5 degrees Fahrenheit.
2. A child should not attend classes if he/she has experienced vomiting or diarrhea within 24 hours of the start of the school day.
3. In general, please avoid sending children to school with known infectious or contagious conditions. Unexplained rashes or skin lesions should be evaluated by a health care provider to determine if they are contagious and constitute a barrier to school attendance.
4. Please ensure that any open wounds are covered with an appropriate dressing.
5. Generally, the risk of transmitting an infectious disease decreases sharply after 24 hours of antibiotic therapy. Consult your child's physician for the best guidance about when a return to school is appropriate following initiation of medical therapy.

Vaccination Policy

Appropriate vaccination protects not only your child, but other children and faculty, from many infectious diseases, some of which may be serious or life-threatening.

All students entering or attending Kindergarten through 12th grades at Coram Deo Classical School must be immunized against those diseases specified by the Georgia Department of Human Resources for schools in the State of Georgia.

Parents/guardians are responsible for seeing that their children are properly immunized and providing written proof of such immunizations in accordance with

Georgia law (Official Code of Georgia Annotated, Section 20-2-771). A student who has not received required immunizations may continue to attend classes provided that the parents/guardians provide written proof that the student is in the process of completing the required immunizations and that immunizations are being scheduled with the shortest intervals recommended in the current Official Immunization Schedules.

Specific information about immunization requirements may be obtained from your child's healthcare provider or is accessible at <http://dph.georgia.gov/immunization-section>

Exceptions to the vaccination policy for health-related or religious reasons will be considered on a case-by-case basis by the CDCS Board.

ALLERGY POLICY

Anaphylactic and other severe allergic reactions are increasingly common. CDCS recognizes that avoiding allergens ("allergy triggers") and managing allergic reactions have become a necessary daily routine for some of our students. We rely upon parents to communicate all medical information that may be necessary for avoiding and managing the allergic reactions of their children enrolled at CDCS. Such information should be provided by email or written communication to the CDCS administration and the student's teachers prior to the start of the school year or immediately after it is medically determined. Required information includes:

1. A list of any known allergens for the child.
2. A description of the child's typical allergic symptoms.
3. Instructions for the initial medical management of any allergic reactions. This includes a list of medications, dosing instructions, and circumstances under which they should be administered by CDCS staff. Parents are responsible for ensuring such medications (e.g., epinephrine [EpiPen®], diphenhydramine [Benadryl®], etc.) are available to CDCS staff for use as needed. Parents must also provide authorization for CDCS staff to administer these medications in accordance with the instructions they provide.
4. Instructions for necessary ongoing medical care if the child fails to respond to the initial intervention in item 3 above.
5. Written permission to distribute allergen information specific to their child to other CDCS parents to reduce the likelihood that allergen-containing items are inadvertently brought into the classroom by other students.

Parents will be notified by phone as soon as possible (via the emergency contact information they provide) if their child suffers any significant allergic reaction during the school day.