

COVID-19 Preparedness and Response Plan

(Executive Order 2020-142 District Preparedness Plan Template)

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Preparedness Plan Introduction

In accordance with and under the direction of the Michigan Association of Christian Schools (MACS), Skeels Christian School will adhere to the following Preparedness Plan for the upcoming school year 2020-2021. We will also be referencing and following the Executive Order laid out by Governor Whitmer of Michigan as it applies to non-public schools. Please see Executive order 220-142 for further information.

Preparedness Plan Assurances

Skeels Christian School agrees to meet all of the following requirements of Executive Order 2020-142 as it applies to non-public schools.

- ✓ Skeels Christian School assures that when it provides in-person instruction to its students without disabilities, the school must also provide in-person instruction to its students with disabilities, consistent with their individualized education programs (IEPs).
- ✓ Skeels Christian School assures that when schools are closed to in-person instruction, the school will strive in good faith and to the extent practicable, based upon available resources, technology, training, and curriculum, as well as the circumstances presented by COVID-19, to provide equal access to any alternative modes of instruction to students enrolled in our program.
- ✓ Skeels Christian School assures that during **Phase 1 or 2** of the *Michigan Safe Start Plan* it will close its buildings to anyone except: (a) school employees or contractors necessary to conduct minimum basic school operations consistent with a Preparedness Plan, including those employers or contractors necessary to facilitate alternative modes of instruction, such as distributing materials and equipment or performing other necessary in-person functions. (b) Licensed child-care providers and the families that they serve, if providers follow all emergency protocols identified by the state.
- ✓ Skeels Christian School assures that during **Phase 1 or 2** of the *Michigan Safe Start Plan* it will suspend athletics, after-school activities, and inter-school activities.
- ✓ Skeels Christian School assures that during **Phase 1 or 2** of the *Michigan Safe Start Plan* it will provide for the continued pay of school employees while redeploying staff to provide meaningful work in the context of the Preparedness Plan.
- ✓ Skeels Christian School assures that during **Phase 3 or 4** of the *Michigan Safe Start Plan* it will prohibit indoor assemblies that bring together students from more than one classroom.
- ✓ Skeels Christian School assures cooperation with the local public health department if a confirmed case of COVID-19 is identified, and agrees to collect the contact information, per our lawyers advisement, for any close contacts of the affected individual from two days before he or she showed symptoms to the time when he or she was last present in school.

Preparedness Plan

In accordance with Executive Order 2020-142 a plan must include all the following parts:

- A.** The policies and procedures that the District will follow when the region in which the district is located is in **Phase 1, 2, or 3** of the *Michigan Safe Start Plan*.
1. Describe how the district will offer alternative modes of instruction other than in-person instruction and a summary of materials each student and the student's parents or guardians will need to meaningfully access the alternative modes of instruction included in the Preparedness Plan. If the Preparedness Plan relies on electronic instruction, the Preparedness Plan must consider how the district will aid students who lack access to computers or to the internet. This is also in the Continuity of Learning and COVID-19 Response Plan submitted in April. You may want to update and link to this plan in your response below.

Skeels Christian School during **Phase 1 or 2** will be using the Zoom method for on-line learning. Each family who does not have a device in which to access the on-line learning program will be issued one from the school to use during **Phase 1 or 2**. At this time Skeels Christian School does not provide internet access to its families. Physical textbooks and worksheets will be made available at regular intervals.

- B.** The policies and procedures that the District will follow when the region in which the District is located is in **Phase 4** of the Michigan Safe Start Plan. Those policies and procedures must, at a minimum, include:
1. **Face coverings** (p. 22)
 - a. Please describe how the district will implement **requirements** for facial coverings that at a minimum require the wearing of face coverings, except during meals and unless face coverings cannot be medically tolerated, for:
 - i) All staff and all students in grades preK-12 when on a school bus.
 - ii) All staff and all students in grades preK-12 when in indoor hallways and common areas.
 - iii) All staff when in classrooms.
 - iv) All students in grades 6 and up when in classrooms.
 - v) All students in grades kindergarten through grade 5 unless students remain with their classes throughout the school day and do not come into close contact with students in another class.

Skeels Christian School will not be requiring the use of face coverings during any Phase. However, any student or staff member may wear a face covering anytime they chose with no fear of ridicule. Instead all classrooms have been social distanced, to the best of our ability. All common areas have been eliminated. Students will remain with their classes throughout the day unless those in grades 1-6 are outside for recess.

2. Hygiene

Please describe how you will implement the **requirements** for hygiene protocols from the *Return to School Roadmap* (p. 22-23).

Skeels Christian School will provide adequate supplies to support healthy hygiene behaviors (including soap, hand sanitizer with at least 70% alcohol for safe use by staff and students, paper towels, tissues,

and signs reinforcing proper handwashing techniques). Teach and reinforce handwashing with soap and water for at least 20 seconds and/ or the safe use of hand sanitizer that contains at least 70% alcohol.

3. **Cleaning**

Please describe how you will implement the **requirements** for cleaning protocols from the *Return to School Roadmap* (p. 27).

Skeels Christian School will clean frequently touched surfaces including light switches, doors, and benches. Bathrooms will be cleaned regularly and at least every 4 hours. Libraries and art classrooms will not be used. Computer labs will be wiped down after each class. Students desks will be wiped down after each class period. Playground equipment will be cleaned as usual. All cleaning products will be stored out of the reach of students.

4. **Athletics**

Please describe how you will implement the **requirements** for athletics protocols from the *Return to School Roadmap* (p. 27).

Skeels Christian School will proceed with athletic guidance provided by the rules and regulations of the MACS association. Spectators will be encouraged to social distance themselves from those not in their household. Proper hygiene will be practiced before and after every practice or event. All equipment will be disinfected before and after use. Each participant will be required to provide their own water bottle and have it clearly labeled with their name.

5. **Screening**

Please describe how you will implement the **requirements** for screening protocols from the *Return to School Roadmap* (p. 24).

Skeels Christian School will be taking temperatures each morning at the door. Any student with a temperature of 100.4 or greater will be returned to their vehicle. A student will need to be fever free for 24 hours without the aid of medication in order to return to school. Staff will conduct daily self examinations including temperature checks.

6. **Testing**

Please describe how you will implement the **requirements** for testing protocols from the *Return to School Roadmap* (p. 25).

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7. Busing and Student Transportation

Please describe how you will implement the **requirements** for busing and student transportation protocols from the *Return to School Roadmap* (p. 28).

Skeels Christian School does not provide busing or transportation for our students.

C. Describe the policies and procedures that the district will follow when the region in which the district is located is in Phase 5 of the Michigan Safe Start Plan.

Skeels Christian School will maintain the above policies for all areas during Phases 3, 4 and 5.

1. Indicate which highly recommended protocols from the *Return to School Roadmap* the district will include in its Preparedness Plan when the region in which the district is located is in **Phase 5** of the *Michigan Safe Start Plan*.

Skeels Christian School will maintain the above policies for all areas during Phases 3, 4 and 5.

2. Indicate which highly recommended protocols from the *Return to School Roadmap* the district will not include in its Preparedness Plan when the region in which the district is located is in **Phase 5** of the *Michigan Safe Start Plan*.

Skeels Christian School will maintain the above policies for all areas during Phases 3, 4 and 5.

D. After considering all the protocols that are highly recommended in the *Return to School Roadmap*, please indicate if a school plans to exclude protocols that are highly recommended for any of the categories above in **Phase 4.**

Yes

Final Steps for Submission

Date of Submission to Skeels Christian School Board : August 11, 2020

Name of Non-Public Leaders Submitting Plan: Mary Owens and Jaime Hunt

Signature of Skeels Christian School Chairman of the Board:

Randy Clark