

August 1, 2021

Dear CLA faculty, staff, and parents:

Last year at this time we were full of uncertainty, but today, we are incredibly thankful that—by God’s grace—we have had no cases of COVID-19 on campus and thus were able to conduct in-person classes all year. We thank Him and give Him all the glory for it!

As we look toward a second school year during the pandemic, we first would like to publicly acknowledge Mr. Rimel’s effective leadership throughout the crisis. By recognizing the seriousness of the threat, by researching best practices (at a time when reliable information was scarce), and by formulating effective protocols for us to follow, he has become one of the most significant of the human instruments the Lord employed to protect us. We deeply appreciate his efforts, in this area as well in all others.

Second, we would like to thank all of you for your diligence in implementing these protocols; you too were agents of the Lord in keeping us safe. We especially thank our parents for keeping sick children home, and we especially thank our faculty and staff for navigating the complexities of SDLP.

Third, we are thankful that today we have effective tools to deal with this pandemic, the foremost being safe and effective vaccines, with complication rates less than a thousandth of one percent. Currently, the vast majority of US COVID hospitalizations involves unvaccinated Americans, showing that these vaccines are effective even against the delta variant. In addition, high vaccination rates are important for preventing the emergence of more-dangerous variants, and they also protect the health of those who (for medical reasons) cannot themselves be safely vaccinated.

Therefore, to provide a safe environment at Christian Liberty Academy,

- **We strongly urge all faculty and staff to get fully vaccinated**, if they have not done so already; and
- **We strongly urge our parents to do the research** to make an educated and responsible decision for their family on this matter.

We recognize, of course, that medical conditions keep some people from being vaccinated—and that children under 12 are not eligible for the vaccine. This does make it all the more important to vaccinate those we can, specifically to protect those whom we cannot. To avoid any misunderstanding, however, please note that CLA is *not* requiring vaccination as our official policy—only strongly recommending the measures listed above.

Finally, let us continue to remember that “the horse is prepared against the day of battle, but safety is of the Lord” (Proverbs 21:31). We must faithfully take all wise precautions, even as we pray earnestly for the Lord’s continued protection and deliverance.

Sincerely,
The Board of Directors
Christian Liberty Ministries of Hawaii