Planning Matrix for Re-opening:
Guidance for Christian School Leaders

This matrix was developed to help ACSI Christian school administrators and their Task Force members make decisions about reopening school in the fall. It includes prompts about six major areas: Physical Plant, Schedule, Academics, Spiritual Formation, Social-Emotional, and Health and Support Services. It was specifically developed to create a Continuity of Learning Plan for Christian schools. While many decisions will need to be based on the guidance that is available from state, local, and federal resources, private Christian schools do have some additional aspects to consider.

This matrix is flexible. It can be used by any size school using any delivery model for the fall. The columns range from 100% online, to two versions of hybrid (split between in school and at home), to full-time at school with some modifications (while there’s no vaccine). This is in a spreadsheet format so that schools can add columns and rows, as needed. There are ideas, examples, and resources included from over 30 different sources. There is also a working area for your school’s Task Force to draft their specific responses to items and keep track of additional ideas and resources. Once it is complete, the draft and resource areas can be deleted, and the main part of the spreadsheet will turn into a color-coded communication device. Because of the multiple nature of the columns, parents and others in the community can see the school’s plan to move from one delivery system to another, should conditions change. Directions for using the matrix are included in the Introduction tab.

Finally, this is version 1.0. As schools use it, I expect I will receive more resources and suggestions for how to improve it. I look forward to hearing from you!

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Access the ACSI Matrix here:
https://acsipdp.s3.amazonaws.com/Misc/ACSI+Planning+Matrix+for+Reopening+School.xlsx

Instructions for using the matrix:
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