

2020-21 Returning Safely to Campus

A GUIDE TO REOPENING RAVENSCROFT



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OUR PLACE-BASED EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCE

The Ravenscroft Community, guided by our legacy of excellence, nurtures individual potential and prepares students to thrive in a complex and interdependent world.

Ravenscroft is committed to delivering our mission through an educational experience deeply rooted in **on-campus programming** while also providing learning options for those that are unable to be on campus due to significant health risks of the student or a family member in the residence.

In order to safely and effectively reopen campus, Ravenscroft is assessing information, acting decisively and developing guidelines and procedures in service of our community. The following are our principles for reopening campus.

Principles for Reopening Campus

- Protect the health and safety of students and employees
- Be compliant with government orders
- Utilize guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)
- Establish effective use of spaces and places to support physical distancing
- Provide students with some familiarity of school routines for learning
- Set clear expectations for everyone

First Days of School

If government restrictions are lifted, Ravenscroft will hold our first day of school on campus on **Thursday, Aug. 13, 2020**. In addition, Ravenscroft will provide Safety Procedures Training for students on **Tuesday, Aug. 11, and Wednesday, Aug. 12, 2020**.

Important: These dates for the first days of school are different from the previously published start date.

We anticipate ending the school year as planned on Thursday, June 3, 2021. While our priority is to be on campus as much as possible, we are also preparing for potential interruptions and may need to adjust the calendar accordingly. As always, we will remain communicative and provide you with more information when and if needed.



Safety Procedures Training

TEACHING STUDENTS NEW PROCEDURES

Returning to campus is going to look and feel different for us. Ravenscroft is implementing many changes to support physical distancing and the best practices necessary for schools to reopen safely.

To ensure everyone is familiar with these changes, along with our new safety protocols and guidelines, **Ravenscroft is providing all students schoolwide with Safety Procedures Training on Aug. 11 and 12.** During the training, students will learn and practice the procedures and guidelines, in person and in their setting, to become familiar with new routines in smaller groups before the first official day of school, Thursday, Aug. 13.

ALL students in PreK-12 will receive training on either Aug. 11 or 12, based on the schedule below:

Last Name	Date	Time
Last Names Starting with A-L	Tuesday, Aug. 11	8 a.m.-noon
Last Names Starting with M-Z	Wednesday, Aug. 12	8 a.m.-noon

Faculty and staff will receive professional development throughout the summer and safety procedure training on Monday, Aug. 10, 2020.

To support physical distancing, Ravenscroft is making adaptations to campus which include (and are not limited to) establishing directional traffic patterns into, out of and throughout all campus buildings; spacing of desks in classrooms; and restricting gathering sizes and occupancy in meeting spaces and places.

We will provide more details about the procedures, guidelines and training, including:

- Arrival and dismissal expectations
- Entering and exiting classrooms and buildings
- Materials use
- Lunches and snacks
- Recess and outdoor breaks
- Healthy hygiene practices
- Buses and transportation services

Additional Program Information

EXTENDED DAY, ATHLETICS, FINE ARTS AND MORE

Ravenscroft is looking forward to resuming our regularly planned programs. Each program will maintain the same safety protocols and guidelines, including physical distancing, as the rest of campus.

Extended Day and Middle School Check-in/Check-out

Extended Day, our before- and after-school program for PreK through eighth-grade students, will resume with the new school year. We are also planning to resume Middle School Check-in/Check-out, a program for Middle School students to do homework after school. Parents should continue monitoring school communications for any updates and information about these programs.

Athletics

Our goal is to resume summer training programming for varsity athletes in the next few weeks. Our ability to do so is determined by government orders and the guidelines provided by the North Carolina Independent Schools Athletic Association (NCISAA). The Athletic Department will put out a summer schedule soon. At this time we are still waiting for additional information regarding formal competition for 2020-21. Please continue to follow school communications for updates and additional information.

Fine Arts

The Fine Arts Department will resume programming and private lessons upon the start of school.

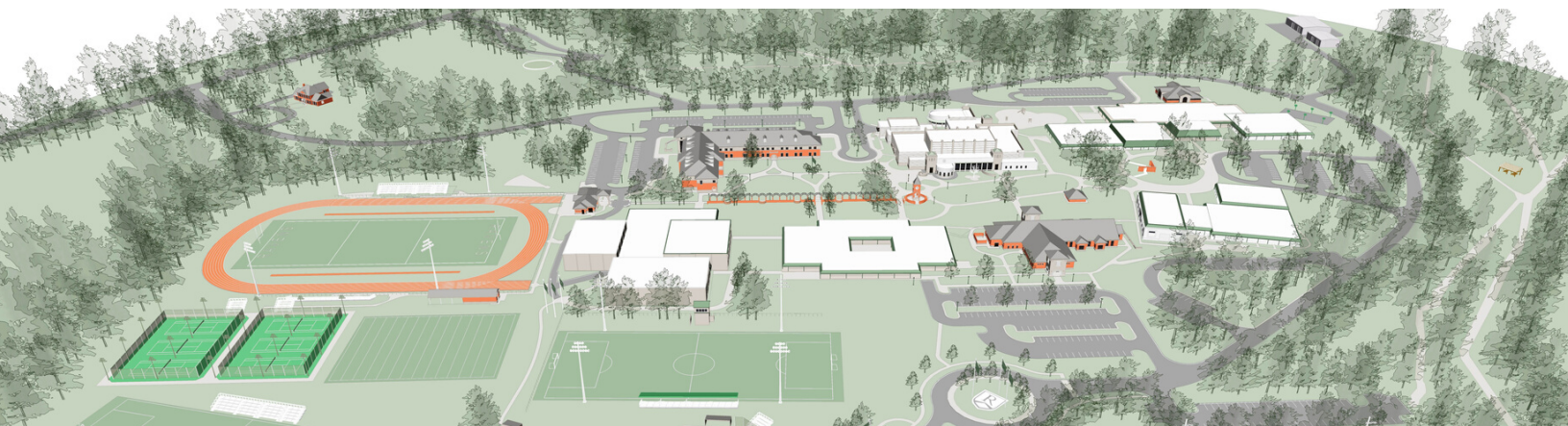
Volunteering and Visitors

In order to minimize risk and maintain a healthy environment for our students and teachers, we will begin the school year by strictly limiting access to campus buildings to students, teachers and essential personnel. While we understand that some members of our community may be disappointed, it is important to note that we will not resume on-campus or in-classroom volunteer opportunities right away.

Lunches and Snacks on Campus

As we start our school year, students will be eating in their classrooms or another designated space, as we will not be using the Dining Hall.

Our food service provider, Flik Dining Services, is prepared to provide our students with nutritious lunches.



Our Hybrid Learning Model

EXPANDING THE REACH OF THE CLASSROOM

Among Ravenscroft's many capabilities is our ability to serve and engage our community in ways that are flexible and accommodating while still delivering on our mission.

Our approach to the hybrid learning model does not change our mission to nurture individual potential and prepare students to thrive in a complex and interdependent world; rather, we are expanding our capabilities so that everyone in our community is able to benefit from a Ravenscroft education and experience continuity.

Ravenscroft has made significant investments in technology and professional development of our teachers in order to continue delivering a high-quality educational experience regardless of the location in which teaching and learning take place.

What is Hybrid Learning?

Ravenscroft provides a place-based education with teaching and learning experiences on campus. While we understand the on-campus experience is the most suitable approach for the majority of our students, we also recognize that some families may not be able to have their children return to campus for reasons related to the virus. In order to support all of our students, Ravenscroft will use technology to extend the reach of the classroom beyond the physical space on campus, providing real-time access to students who are at home. Students will be able to access the classroom remotely and maintain their daily learning schedule.

What is a Hybrid Classroom?

Every classroom serving PreK-12 will be equipped with technology (a camera, microphone and speaker) designed to create a more immersive experience for those students learning remotely. When students are absent for a day, week or longer, they are still able to actively participate in their classes, learn, ask questions and get feedback in real time.



Our Health and Wellness

WE ARE IN THIS TOGETHER

The changes Ravenscroft is making to spaces and places on campus to accommodate physical distancing are only one aspect of supporting a healthy campus environment. Keeping our campus healthy is a collective effort, one we are asking everyone in our community to support. With everyone's understanding and cooperation, we have a much better chance of minimizing risk and maintaining a healthy environment for our students, employees, families and the community.



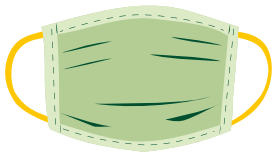
Health and Wellness Pledge: A Family Commitment

All families must commit to supporting Ravenscroft's health, wellness and safety protocols and must agree to keep children home when they are not feeling well, have COVID-like symptoms or have potentially been exposed. Each family will be required to complete the Ravenscroft Health and Wellness Pledge, which will be made available through the Magnus Health Portal in early July and must be completed with the other medical documents required for the start of school.



Daily Temperature Checks at Home

To further support a healthy campus, we are asking families to perform daily temperature checks of their children before coming to school for the day. If a student has a temperature of 100.0 °F or higher, they should stay home. We are investigating ways to conduct daily health surveys which would include validating student temperatures. Please continue to monitor communications for additional information.



Requirements for Face Coverings

We view the use of cloth face coverings as an important way that we, as a community, can slow/stop the spread of the virus and protect each other. Students will be required to bring a cloth face covering to school every day. Use of the covering will be determined based on physical distancing.

We understand that prolonged use of cloth face coverings could be difficult and even inappropriate for some students (especially our younger students), and we hope to provide flexibility based on meeting physical distancing criteria. We also know there will be students on campus who will wear face coverings for longer periods of time, including students who are directed to do so by their healthcare providers.

Important for all students:

- Bring a cloth face covering to school every day.
- Students will be asked to wear their face covering when physical distancing is not possible.
- Many students will choose (or need) to wear masks all day.

Our Health and Wellness

CONSIDERATIONS WHEN YOUR CHILD FEELS SICK

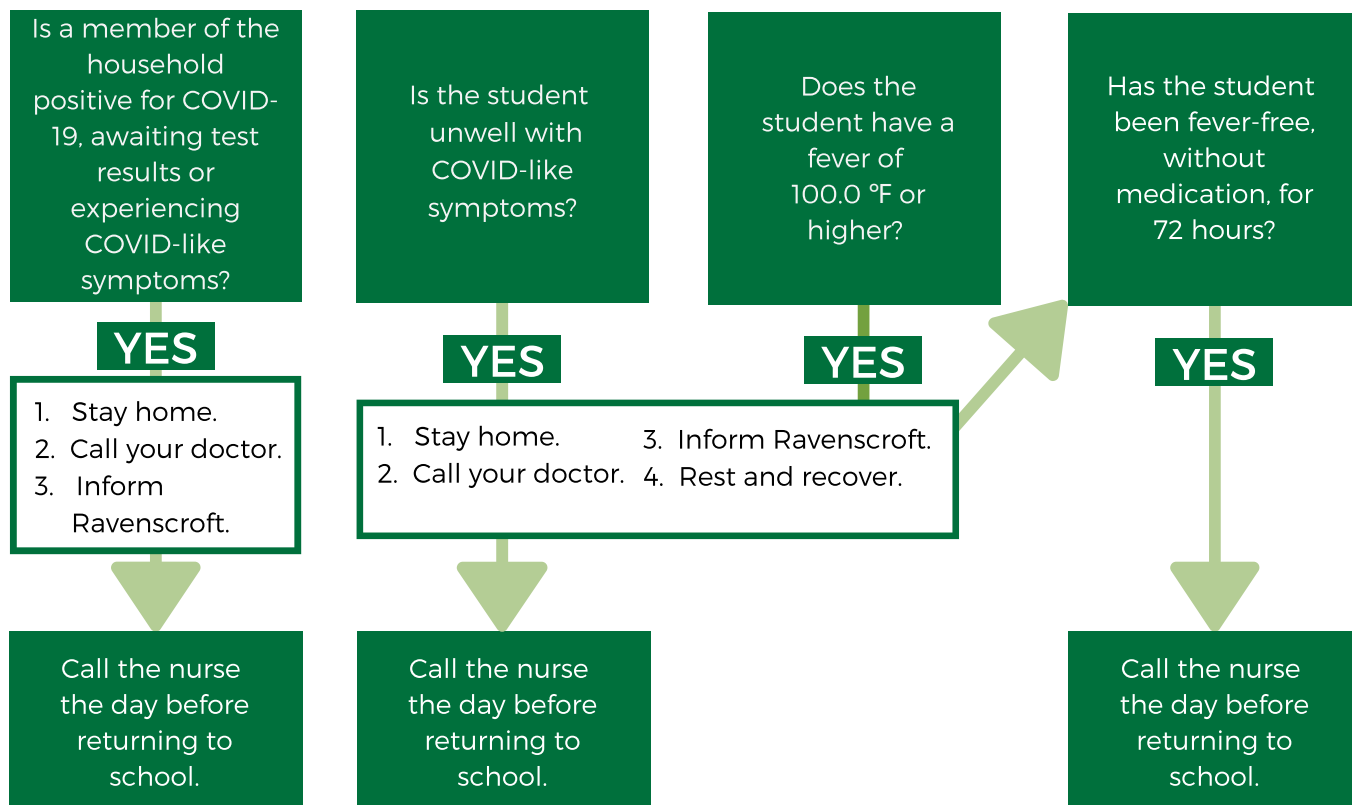
New Lower School Health Annex

We are adding a new health annex to the Lower School to create additional space and distancing for students with various ailments and symptoms. Our healthcare team will work closely with the division assistants to manage and monitor the number of students in both the Jones Health Center and the Lower School Health Annex.

Important: If a student is sent to one of the health areas and is running a fever, coughing or experiencing shortness of breath, they will not be allowed to return to class. Jones Health Center and the Lower School Health Annex will have designated places for sick students, and they will remain there until they are picked up by a parent or guardian.

Deciding When to Stay Home

Parents agreeing and knowing when to keep children home from school is a very important part of keeping our campus healthy. To help, we have outlined key protocols to help families determine when a child should stay home.



Important: If at any point the student is feeling well enough, they may participate in school remotely until returning to campus.

Support a Healthy Campus

FAMILIES CAN HELP OVER THE SUMMER

You Can Help

Creating and maintaining a healthy campus environment is essential and is going to require everyone's support and participation. Over the summer, families can help reinforce safety protocols by:



Teaching healthy hygiene practices:

- Encourage frequent hand washing and use of hand sanitizer.
- Practice coughing and sneezing into elbows.
- Add daily temperature checks to the morning routine.



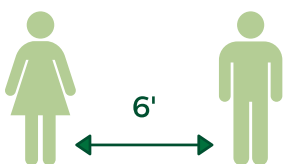
Maintain Preventative Health Practices:

- Continue regular doctor visits and well-child appointments.
- Keep immunizations and physicals current.
- Encourage lots of physical activity and time outside.



Help Keep Children Emotionally Safe:

- Ask how they are feeling and give them space to share and ask questions.
- Maintain a routine at home to provide stability.
- Continue reassuring them that the adults in their lives are there to support their well-being, both physically and emotionally.
- Reach out for help. Our counseling team is available throughout the summer to provide support.



Teaching and encouraging our health protocols:

- Visually show and practice keeping six feet apart.
- Practice wearing a cloth face covering.

Note: Face coverings should not be used on children under two years old or anyone who has trouble breathing or is unconscious or incapacitated.

Prepared for Interruptions

POTENTIAL FUTURE CAMPUS CLOSURES

Even putting forth our best efforts, there remain circumstances beyond our control. We anticipate, based on CDC predictions, possible outbreaks of COVID-19 which could possibly impact on-campus programming in the future. In the event we are notified by government officials or the health department of the need to close the campus, school will continue remotely.

Our Commitment

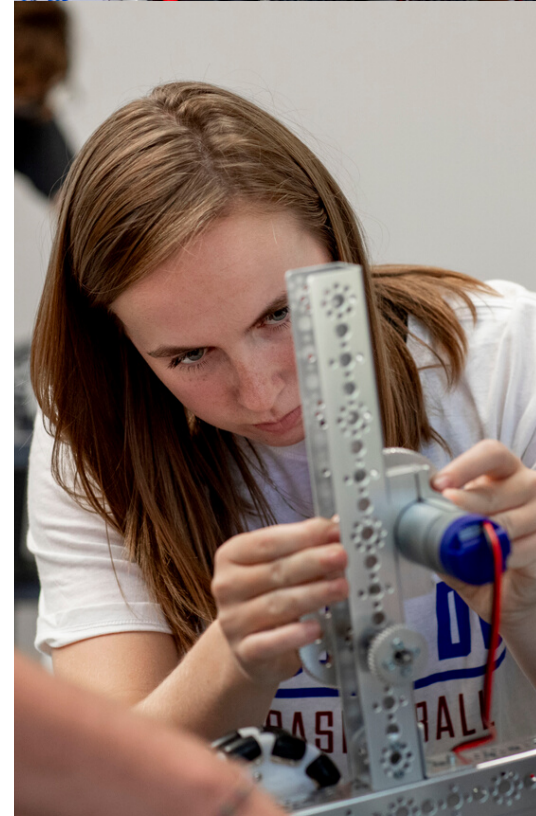
In the event that we are required to limit or restrict access to campus or parts of campus (for example, to restrict access for just one division), Ravenscroft will transition to teaching virtually.

During any period of temporary virtual learning, we remain committed to:

- Delivering on our mission
- Providing students with a high quality, student-centered learning experience
- Communicating clearly and consistently

Tuition and Fees

For campus closures requiring more than 30 days of virtual learning, Ravenscroft will examine extending credits for activities that a virtual environment may restrict the school's ability to deliver effectively.



Professional Development

TEACHERS WORKING TO BENEFIT STUDENTS

Ravenscroft's teachers worked hard to deliver academic continuity this spring, and they continue to make a significant investment in professional development, working over the summer to be prepared for the additional demands of the 2020-21 school year.

There are two major areas of focus:

Curriculum Development

Teachers will take a three-week course on designing, building and teaching lessons and curriculum in a hybrid learning environment. Faculty will develop a shared set of skills in order to build courses so students' learning continues seamlessly whether they are on campus or at home.

Canvas: A New Learning Management System

Ravenscroft is investing in a new learning management system, Canvas, which will provide a common platform for all students in PreK-12. Teachers, students and parents will benefit from a single intuitive, robust destination for all class-related content. Teachers will be trained over the summer. Students and parents will receive training in the first two weeks of school.

This professional development is made possible thanks to the incredible generosity of the Ravenscroft Parents' Association.



See You SOON

REOPENING CAMPUS FOR 2020-21

We can't wait to see you!

We've really missed having everyone on campus and are looking forward to the start of the new school year!

Please be sure to monitor school communications for updates and additional information.

If you have any questions, please contact:

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