

COVID-19 SAFETY AND HEALTH MEASURES

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CREATING AND MAINTAINING A HEALTHY ENVIRONMENT

Daily Health Screenings

Upon entry to school each morning, members of our school staff will serve as health screeners to take the temperature of every student using Temper-Sure devices. All employees who will be working on campus will also have daily screenings. We are in conversation with healthcare software companies to determine the best app to assist with health screening. Every student will need to have this filled out prior to the start of school in order for us to share information quickly with parents in the event that a child has a fever above 100F. Students with fevers will go home until the fever has subsided. We have added additional sick rooms to accommodate students who must wait for their parents to pick them up. Families can assist the school by keeping students home in the event of fever.

Face Coverings

In accordance with guidance from the CDC, Virginia Department of Education, and our school's medical advisors, we will require all students ages 3 and up, all staff, and all visitors to wear a face covering at all times while indoors and in the presence of other people. Face coverings may be removed outdoors but only if physical distancing is maintained. Face coverings must be solid in color with no patterns, writing, or visible markings. Please make sure the face covering is the proper size to minimize the need to adjust throughout the day. At this time, bandanas, neck-gaiters, or neck warmers are not acceptable.

Physical Distancing

Students and faculty will be expected to maintain physical distancing of 6 feet indoors and outdoors. We will deploy staff monitors indoors and outdoors to assist in reminding everyone of this goal. Over the summer, we purchased new furniture and created new "classrooms" using additional spaces across the campuses, such as the LV library, arts and choir rooms, and the auditoriums, to allow for desks to be spaced further apart.

Cleaning and Disinfection

A few years ago, the school upgraded its cleaning services by contracting with The Budd Group, a leading facility service company in the country with over 5,000 employees serving many independent schools across the southeast. The Budd Group has hired two additional disinfectant technicians to assist the School with cleaning protocols. We have worked extensively with them this summer to implement a thorough cleaning process and a disinfection program that is safe, environmentally-friendly, and in accordance with Center for Disease Control (CDC) recommendations.

Air Quality

Although the CDC indicates the primary means of COVID-19 transmission is person-to-person, and while not definite at this time, there is evidence that smaller aerosolized particles might be robust enough to live and eventually transmit through HVAC systems. We are therefore working closely with Southland Energy and Enviser to create new

protocols to ensure improved air quality and flow. These efforts focus on maximizing outside air supply and distribution, increasing particulate filtration, UV light disinfection, and alternative filter technologies where needed.

Campus Movement

Students and teachers will maintain a specific pattern through the hallways and buildings with signage and arrows marking which ways to enter and exit the building. We are trying to minimize the movement of students and teachers through the campuses to minimize exposure and maximize the effectiveness of our response in the event of someone contracting COVID. As we are a school that encourages student independence and trust, this will be a major cultural shift but a necessary mitigation tactic. We will deploy hall monitors during heavy traffic times to encourage compliance. We are assessing our transportation policies and protocols for buses and student drivers and will report on those plans in the coming weeks.

COVID Testing

At this time our medical advisors are not recommending students, faculty, and staff submit negative COVID test results prior to attending classes. The school is in discussions with our medical advisors and several companies who provide COVID testing. Very soon we will announce optional opportunities provided by the School for students and faculty to be tested on a regular basis. These plans are still in process.

Nurses and Healthcare Facilities

We have hired added a full-time Upper School Nurse/All School Health Coordinator to oversee and implement health and safety policies, procedures and protocols as it relates to COVID-19 and all health-related matters, CDC compliance, health department collaboration, Magnus Health, and all health education for our students, families and employees. We have also hired an additional full-time Learning Village nurse to provide on-campus clinical care, medical expertise, and health education for our students, families and employees. Our nurses will soon communicate the protocols and action steps to be taken in the event of COVID exposure or known cases of COVID on campus. There will be additional spaces for isolation in the Learning Village and a new health center located on the Greenway Rise campus for Upper School and residential life students.

Visitors, Major Events and Campus Activity

We will continue to limit the number of outside visitors to our campuses including college counselors, prospective families, tutors, guest lecturers, and others who would have regularly visited the school when in session. All major indoor and outdoor events that normally would attract a large number of people are being re-scheduled or are currently on a "to-be-determined" basis. This includes Convocation (rescheduled for early 2021) and Fall Family Picnic (Oct. 16; TBD). Divisional Curriculum Nights (MS: 9/10; US: 9/17; LS: 9/24) will be online. All external rentals are currently also on hold.

STUDENTS, FACULTY, FAMILY ACTIVITY

Preparing to Return

As our re-opening draws nearer, we will send more detailed information including instructional videos showing what school will look like for our students and teachers. In the weeks leading up to opening day, we encourage families to take these additional steps:

- **Practicing with Face Coverings, Physical Distancing and Screening**

Prepare your child for wearing a face covering for extended periods of time while at home and reinforce the practice of physical distancing when around others, especially their peers. We encourage you to add temperature taking to your morning routine in the days leading up to school and once we open. Even though we will have screeners each morning, your help in recognizing COVID-like symptoms and keeping your child home will help ensure a smooth at-school screening process and mitigate risks for students and faculty.

- **Handwashing**

As students will be washing hands and using hand sanitizer more frequently while at campus, we encourage families to teach and reinforce handwashing for 20 seconds while at home and use hand sanitizer more frequently. While many spaces will be equipped with hand sanitizer, we ask that all students carry their own.

- **Quarantine Before Returning to Campus**

The School is not requiring, nor can we enforce, quarantining prior to school opening. However, we strongly recommend all of our families to consider quarantining for 14 days leading to August 20. This means severely limiting exposure to other people and practicing physical distancing when out of the house.

ONLINE LEARNING

Families who wish to explore opting out of on-campus learning and pursue online learning due to concerns and personal risk factors related to COVID should contact their respective Division Head by Friday July 31. For Grades PS-4: Lisa Keeler, lkeeler@stab.org; Grades 5-8: Marie Reed, mreed@stab.org; and Grades 9-12: Peter Quagliaroli, pquagliaroli@stab.org.