

# BLAIR ACADEMY COVID-19 REOPENING PLAN, EXPECTATIONS & PROTOCOLS

## A MESSAGE FROM HEAD OF SCHOOL CHRIS FORTUNATO

Dear Blair students and parents,

If this global pandemic has taught us anything, it is that being “all in” and “all together” have never been more important, and we are making every effort to ensure our community’s safe return to Blair Academy for the fall semester. We simply cannot wait to welcome you to campus in August and embrace all that is best about Blair together on our hilltop. No doubt, after these many months apart, we will all return to Blair with a deeper appreciation for the transformative experiences and meaningful relationships that come from learning and living together on our beautiful and historic campus.

Of course, protecting the health and well-being of all members of our community is our highest priority, so campus life must look different this fall. But the Blair community has a long history of overcoming challenges and making sacrifices for the greater good, and we are confident that the strategies we are adopting will allow us to continue to offer students an exceptional educational experience and vibrant community life. More than ever before, our daily actions and choices will impact the health and well-being of classmates, faculty and staff, as well as our ability to remain together for the fall semester. Given that our safe return to in-person teaching and learning will require some online components and not every Blair student is able to return to Blairstown immediately, we are excited to introduce new technologies that will connect us in new ways. Whether we are physically together or not, Blair is committed to being flexible and accessible in supporting students and families as we adjust to this “new normal” of Blair life.

For those who will return to campus, we ask for your partnership in abiding by a host of collective community expectations designed to keep everyone on our hilltop healthy and well. The COVID-19 expectations outlined on the School’s reopening plan webpage ([www.blair.edu/reopening](http://www.blair.edu/reopening)) are also included in our Student Handbook as an addendum. Please note that our plans take into account the guidance and direction provided by the state of New Jersey, our local health department, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and consulting physicians with expertise in infectious diseases. These expectations are to be followed until otherwise indicated and supersede any specific policies in our existing Student Handbook. Given the fluid nature of the pandemic, we will make adjustments quickly as needed and will keep all families updated as we proceed through the school year.

While much has been done from a planning, logistics and public-health standpoint, the responsibility lies with all of us to fully commit to the following practices:

- **Physical distancing** of six feet
- **Wearing masks** whenever inside buildings or in public outdoor spaces, including the core of campus (except while eating in the dining room, when inside one’s

dorm room, during athletic activities and when away from the core of campus)

- **Washing hands** carefully and frequently
- **Completing daily self-health screenings and temperature checks** to actively monitor for symptoms of illness

We ask families to complete a form indicating when they plan to arrive on campus and their intentions for the fall semester by Friday, July 24, to help guide us in our planning ([www.blair.edu/arrival-intentions](http://www.blair.edu/arrival-intentions)). We also ask that all community members sign the Buccaneer Pledge ([www.blair.edu/pledge](http://www.blair.edu/pledge)) acknowledging receipt of our reopening plan expectations and signifying an understanding that they apply to each of us. We know from working with adolescents that 100-percent perfect compliance is not possible, and we have no desire to address lapses through our formal disciplinary system. However, we will take repeated failure to meet core community health expectations seriously, up to and including required time away from school. We are optimistic that our students' care for one another and wish to do right by their teachers and classmates will carry us forward toward a healthy and safe 2020-2021 school year.

Thank you again for your support and partnership during this unprecedented time, and please be in touch with any questions or concerns. I invite you to participate in our upcoming Parent Town Hall meeting on Wednesday, July 22, at 8 p.m. EST to further discuss our reopening plans. While certainly no one anticipated Blair's 173rd year opening with these protocols in place, the deep care and connection that make the Blair community so special have never been stronger, and we all look forward to joyfully reuniting on campus next month.

*Chris Fortunato & the Blair Academy Reopening Task Force*

## FALL 2020 REOPENING BLAIR: PLANS & PROTOCOLS

*Working Together to Stay Together*

As we prepare for the opening of Blair's 173rd year, being "all in" and "all together" as members of our School community have never been more important. We are making every effort to ensure a safe return to campus for the fall semester, and we are looking forward to reuniting on the hilltop to live and learn together, embracing all that is best about the Blair experience.

Of course, protecting the health and well-being of everyone at Blair and in our surrounding community are our highest priorities, so, campus life must look different this fall. We are confident that our School community will quickly adapt to our "new normal," which includes numerous strategies to guard everyone's health and safety and exciting new classroom technologies that will connect us in new ways. More than ever before, our daily actions and choices will impact those around us, as well as our ability to remain together for the fall semester.

Here we detail our current reopening plans for the 2020-2021 school year. Our administrative team continues to closely monitor ongoing developments around the

coronavirus pandemic. As we receive further guidance from state officials and health experts, we will keep families informed of any adjustments needed to protect our community.

We hope this information will answer all of your questions about how we will resume in-person instruction, athletic training, arts programs and dormitory living while protecting the health and well-being of our students, faculty, staff and the larger community. Please don't hesitate to contact Blair's student life office with questions or concerns at (908) 362-6121, ext. 5600, or [reopening@blair.edu](mailto:reopening@blair.edu).

### *What protocols has Blair put in place to promote health & safety on campus?*

- **Limited campus access:** As a protective measure, access to campus is limited and health screenings are required upon entry (see below for details).
- **Face coverings:** Wearing a face covering is critical to significantly impact our community's sustained health. Thus, all individuals on campus are expected to wear a double-layer face covering whenever inside buildings (students may remove their masks when they are in their own dorm rooms and when in the act of eating, showering, brushing teeth or during other times of self-care). Masks must also be worn in all outdoor spaces across campus, with the following exceptions as long as appropriate physical distance can be maintained:
  - When seated within a designated "mask break" circle
  - When on Blair's golf course, campus trails or Park Street
  - During certain supervised athletic activities
  - When visiting with faculty on the porches/lawns of their campus residences
- **Physical distancing:**
  - Classrooms and common areas have been de-densified to allow for physical distancing (minimum six feet of separation).
  - Dormitory access is limited to the faculty members and students associated with the dormitory. Access to each floor is limited to the members of the "cohorts" who reside there.
  - The Romano Dining Hall offers multiple seating options, including line service and grab-and-go options; everyone is required to adhere to physical distancing measures inside the dining hall, as well as specifically assigned meal times.
- **Cleaning/personal hygiene:**
  - Frequent hand washing is required.
  - Hand-sanitizing stations have been installed across campus.
  - The housekeeping staff is cleaning facilities with increased frequency.
  - Additional appropriate, effective cleaning supplies are available for individual use.
- **Testing:** Testing will be divided into two categories: diagnostic (if a student is sick) and surveillance (broad testing within a population, for example within a

dormitory “cohort”). Diagnostic testing will be performed at the Blair Academy Health Center, with results returned within 24 to 48 hours and isolation of positive COVID-19 cases. We will engage in surveillance testing as appropriate, factoring in conditions on or around campus, the guidance of infectious disease experts, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and local public health officials.

- **Health screen & temperature check:** All faculty, staff and students are required to complete a daily health screen via the Clear 2 Work app. The daily health screen includes the following questions:
  - Have you had an elevated temperature in the past 48 hours (elevated = 100.4 or higher)?
  - Have you been recently diagnosed with COVID 19?
  - Are you showing any of the following symptoms?
    - Cough
    - Fever
    - Chills
    - Muscle pain
    - Sore throat
    - Loss of taste
    - Loss of smell

*\*Close contact is defined as being within approximately six feet of a COVID-19 case for more than 10 minutes; close contact can occur while caring for, living with, visiting or sharing a healthcare waiting area or room with a confirmed COVID-19 case or having direct contact with infectious secretions of a COVID-19 case (e.g., being coughed on).*

If the answer is “yes” to any of the above questions, then day students and faculty and staff members who live off campus should remain at home. Campus residents should remain in their dorm rooms or residences. Anyone with a “yes” answer should call the Blair Academy Health Center. Employees should also notify their supervisor and call their personal healthcare provider. If the answer is “no” to all of the health-screen questions, then students, faculty and staff members must next visit one of the facial-recognition temperature screen kiosks located throughout campus (day students and faculty and staff members who live off-campus must complete the on-campus temperature screen immediately upon arrival, while boarding students and residential faculty must complete the temperature screen before proceeding to any public space on campus, including the dining hall or first-period class). If the on-campus temperature screen detects a fever, students should immediately report to the Health Center. Employees should return to their homes and call the Blair Academy Health Center.

- **Contact tracing:** If a positive COVID-19 test presents, we will initiate contact tracing in partnership with the Warren County Health Department, commence quarantine procedures and begin deep cleaning of infected areas. Our director

of health services and several faculty and staff members have been trained in contact tracing; in coordination with our local health department, they will act to identify those who may have been exposed to the virus and will work to contain the spread of infection. Contact tracing will be conducted in a manner that respects the privacy of any Blair community member who tests positive.

### *What are Blair's specific expectations as students prepare to return to campus?*

#### Pre-arrival expectations

- We expect ALL students to limit their risk of exposure in the 14 days before they return to Blair. This includes wearing a face covering in public spaces, practicing physical distancing from anyone outside their household and adhering to excellent hand hygiene. Social gatherings should be avoided and trips outside of the house should be limited to necessities. We expect every family to commit to and comply with physical distance and self-quarantine measures. Your compliance greatly impacts the safety of our entire school community.
- It is important for families to remain up-to-date with evolving CDC ([www.blair.edu/cdc](http://www.blair.edu/cdc)) and state of New Jersey travel guidelines ([www.blair.edu/state-of-nj](http://www.blair.edu/state-of-nj)). Students who live outside of the United States and in some domestic U.S. locations with high infection rates should be prepared to quarantine for 14 days and monitor for symptoms upon arrival in New Jersey and before coming to Blair.
- It is absolutely imperative that the 2020-2021 health forms are completed by August 1. Students will not be able to complete the registration and move-in process in the absence of completed forms.

#### Testing

- Students are **required to be tested for COVID-19 five to seven days prior to their return to Blair**. The Blair Academy Health Center sent a saliva test kit to the residence (or temporary hotel/homestay) of all students. Faculty and staff were tested before students arrived on campus and will continue to be tested on an ongoing basis moving forward.
- If a test result is positive for COVID-19, the student, faculty or staff member must remain at home for at least 14 days and work with the director of health services to determine a re-entry plan.
- When students arrive on campus to register, Blair will conduct PCR nasal swab testing. If students test positive when they arrive on campus and cannot go home, they will be immediately isolated on campus until they can be picked up by their parent or guardian and will remain in their care until the student is COVID-free. We have limited isolation space where, if necessary, a student can stay until COVID-free.
- Beyond registration day, Blair will conduct PCR nasal swab testing for all students seven-to-10 days after arrival, if individual students show symptoms of COVID-19 and at other intervals to be determined by our health-services

team. Blair will charge student accounts \$125.00 for testing on registration day, at the beginning of the second semester and in the instance of a parent's specific request, but the School will cover the cost of any other surveillance testing throughout the school year. Symptomatic COVID-19 testing should be covered by individual student's insurance companies.

### Registration dates

Students will register in small groups from August 22 to 28, and we will confirm individual registration and arrival dates by August 17. Registration for day students will be completed virtually, and the student life office will be in touch during the week of August 17 with more specifics.

During boarding student registration, each day will be divided into two arrival/ registration timeframes, from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. and from 1 to 4 p.m., with no more than 50 families arriving per day. Students are expected to wear face masks at all times except when in their own dorm rooms, when eating meals or when using the restrooms until their PCR nasal swab test results are received by the Health Center. Parents are also expected to wear face coverings on the day that their child or children register. Parents will be asked to remain outside of the dormitories while prefects, faculty and staff help students move in. Once move-in is complete, one parent will be permitted to visit his or her child's room before departing campus.

- Saturday, August 22: Returning international students (10th & 11th grade)
- Sunday, August 23: Returning international students (12th grade) & new international students
- Monday, August 24: Senior Class Council, Prefects, Be Well, Blue & White Key Society members
- Tuesday, August 25: New non-international boarding students (specific students TBD)
- Wednesday, August 26: New non-international boarding students (10th, 11th, and 12th grade students)
- Thursday, August 27: Returning 10th-grade boarding students
- Friday, August 28: Returning 11th-grade boarding students
- Saturday & Sunday, August 29-30: Orientation
- Monday, August 31: Classes start

### Orientation

Orientation for small groups of students will take place in the days leading up to orientation weekend. Orientation will focus on establishing our expectations for personal health, physical distancing and respect for all community members while at the same time building personal relationships for support, guidance and mutual growth.

## ***What measures has Blair put in place to support members of the community who test positive for COVID-19?***

### Response to positive test

- We continue to develop our health and safety protocols based on evolving recommendations and standards. The School has onsite COVID-19 testing capacity. Rooms for isolating students have been set aside within and near the Blair Academy Health Center, and we have the capacity for additional isolation, if necessary, on campus.
- If a student is diagnosed with COVID-19, he or she will be admitted and isolated at the Blair Academy Health Center. We will ask parents or designated emergency contacts to pick up the student within 12 hours to self-isolate at home. The student will remain at home until he or she recovers and meets the CDC's return-to-community guidelines ([www.blair.edu/return-to-community-guidelines](http://www.blair.edu/return-to-community-guidelines)). If the student is not able to stay with his or her emergency contact, we will work with families to ensure safe accommodation. In addition, as soon as a student or employee is diagnosed with COVID-19, we will inform the Warren County Public Health Department and support its contact tracing. Any close contacts of the infected person will be quarantined, and, in the case of students, their families will be notified immediately. We will work with our housekeeping team to ensure that all potentially exposed spaces are deep cleaned according to CDC guidelines.
- If a student needs medical attention beyond what can be provided on campus, he or she will be transported to a local hospital. Our first line of emergency room care is Newton Medical Center.

## ***What will dormitory & school life look like during the fall semester?***

### Dormitory “cohorts”

Students will be grouped into cohorts of 12 students within their dormitories. These cohorts are smaller than the “household” groups we originally envisioned to more effectively limit the potential spread of illness. Individual cohorts will be assigned staggered times for use of bathrooms for showering and morning/evening routines. Students will need to wear masks whenever outside of their dorm room, but we plan to provide opportunities for students to have unmasked time with their respective cohorts, maintaining physical distancing, after we have completed the first several weeks of the school year on campus.

- For the first two weeks on campus, boarding students will participate in all activities, including dining, with their dorm cohorts as we complete our first rounds of on-campus COVID-19 testing.
- After the first several weeks of the school year, we anticipate cohort members will not be required to wear masks when participating in adult-supervised outdoor activities that allow for proper physical distancing from other groups and six feet distancing from one another in the cohort.
- At times when members of more than one cohort share a space (i.e., during

some indoor activities or dorm meetings), proper physical distancing measures will be observed and face masks will be used. Many of these events will likely happen outside under tents.

- Students will have the opportunity to spend time with others outside their cohort as long as they are following Blair's mitigation protocols.

### Dining services

- While we have plans for physically distanced dining in the Romano Dining Hall, we will be prepared to adjust the dining-service plans if necessary. The dining hall will offer multiple seating options, including line service and grab-and-go options; everyone will adhere to physical distancing measures inside the dining hall, as well as specifically assigned meal times.

### Athletics, performing arts & activities

- Athletics, performing arts and co-curricular activities will look different this fall.
- We are developing plans for our theatre, instrumental and vocal groups while accounting for physical distance and utilizing spaces such as the outdoor theatre and some of the large tents placed throughout campus.
- For athletics, we are closely monitoring executive orders and actions of state and local officials, peer schools, athletic league affiliates and the NCAA. We will also look to COVID-19-specific protocols from the National Federation of High Schools and Sports Medicine Advisory Committee to provide the most meaningful opportunities for our student athletes. Currently, the New Jersey Sports Advisory Task Force guidelines call for a delayed start for the fall athletic season with practices starting in September and competitions beginning in October.
- If interscholastic athletic competition is not possible, our team offerings will include developmental opportunities such as skills/drills training, strength and conditioning, small-group-directed coaching, game strategy and potentially intersquad competitions. We will also have a host of wellness and fitness options conducive to social distancing such as yoga, spinning, hiking and other recreational activities.

### Dormitory living

- Dormitory access is limited to the faculty members and students associated with the dormitory. Access to each floor is limited to the members of the "cohorts" who reside there.
- Students are advised not to share items such as towels, toothpaste or personal care items. It is extremely important to label all of your belongings. These items should not be left in the bathroom.
- Windows are required to always be open to increase the flow of fresh air through the dormitory and dorm rooms. Students may wish to pack more sweaters and long sleeves.
- The only items of furniture allowed in a dorm room are a small refrigerator,

plastic storage units and an alternate desk chair (cloth or bean bag chairs are prohibited).

- Room inspections will help ensure each dorm room remains clean, sanitary and free of clutter.
  - We expect students to keep their rooms clean. The dorm staff will inspect rooms each evening at 10 p.m. for general cleanliness (i.e., they are wiped down, free of garbage and no clothes strewn on the floor). The dorm head or a designated faculty member on duty will give each room special attention on Sunday evenings.

### What to bring & NOT to bring

- What to bring:
  - 10 double-layer cloth or 2-ply masks
  - Enough hand sanitizer and disinfectant wipes to last at least the first two weeks of school, as well as a Swiffer or similar cleaning tool
  - A window fan (the model we recommend can be found at [www.blair.edu/window-fan](http://www.blair.edu/window-fan))
  - Essential clothing that meets Blair dress code requirements (which has been adjusted for the 2020-2021 school year), in addition to comfortable clothing
  - At least one extra set of sheets
- Laundry detergent
  - Small white board and dry-erase marker set (for classes)
- What NOT to bring:
  - Any furniture beyond a refrigerator, desk chair and plastic storage containers
  - Extra clothing that you will not need
  - Any fabric wall coverings or rugs

### ***What policies are in place for campus visitors & campus departures?***

#### Family visits

- Parents, other family members and friends are traditionally encouraged to visit Blair at any time throughout the school year, but as we strive to maintain a safe, COVID-19-free campus, we do not envision visits from families being possible until at least October 1. If critical needs arise that require a visit, please be in touch with the student life office. After October 1, parents or guardians may visit only with explicit permission from the student life office. Those visits will include specific protocols and likely take place outside of campus buildings/dormitories in designated outdoor spaces. Families will not be able to freely attend sporting events and art performances in person, and official invitations may be required to support campus de-densification. Many events

will be livestreamed. While we will not hold Family Weekend in the fall, we will arrange for virtual family conferences with teachers, advisors, monitors and coaches, and we hope to offer an opportunity for a spring Family Weekend

- Campus visits for prospective family tours and interviews continue to be suspended until further notice. Instead, Blair is directing prospective students and parents to a host of virtual offerings, including video tours, a digital campus website ([www.blair.edu/digital-campus](http://www.blair.edu/digital-campus)) and regular Zoom calls. Families interested in learning more about Blair or scheduling a virtual interview/tour should email [admission@blair.edu](mailto:admission@blair.edu) or call (800) 462-5247.

### Off-campus travel

- Although we plan to limit off-campus travel to prevent the spread of illness, we recognize that individual students have independent, non-school affiliated activities that require off-campus travel. These activities will be permitted as conditions allow and with permission from the student life office. When students return to campus, they will be screened and, if Blair determines it is necessary, tested and quarantined.
- Trips to local businesses such as Gourmet Gallery, Dale's Market and the Blairstown Inn will not be permitted for the first two weeks of the school year. We will have a process in place for students to order food for delivery from local establishments, and we will revisit our policy on businesses specific to the village of Blairstown two weeks after all students have returned to campus. If an allowance is made, it will be predicated on mask-wearing, strict adherence to physical distance and proper compliance. We ask that day students also restrict their travel during the academic year to limit their potential COVID-19 exposure. Since boarding students will mostly remain on campus, we expect day students to remain at home except for essential purposes.

### *What will the day student experience be like?*

Day students are vital members of our school community, and we strive to ensure their robust participation in the life of our campus. Day students will have the opportunity to fully engage in Blair activities, including on weekends, but will be required to complete an at-home health check before coming to campus, as well as an on-campus daily temperature screen.

Out of an abundance of caution, we are taking a step-wise approach to the start of classes to allow time for mitigation efforts to become routine for everyone on campus. This means a phased-in approach to in-person instruction:

- Classes will begin as scheduled on August 31, but for the first week, classes will be virtual for all students. Classes will be virtual for day students through September 12.
- Boarding students will begin in-person instruction on September 7 according to their regular schedules.
- Day students will begin in-person instruction on September 14.

Beginning September 14, day students will be invited to have breakfast and lunch on campus, and we plan to offer dinner as well, likely in early October. Day students will have designated spaces around campus to store their belongings and access to desk space—specifically, in Timken Library, Hardwick Hall and Blair Commons—for study and occasional online classes.

Drop off & pick-up: Parents should drop off their child(ren) at the stone staircase leading from Park Street to the rear of Clinton Hall. If a day student cannot be dropped off at the Park Street stairs for any reason, please contact the student life office. We chose this location because it is convenient for families and will minimize campus traffic. Arriving students must stop at the temperature kiosk on the walkway at the top of the stairs to complete their daily on-campus health screen. Day students who drive themselves to campus should proceed to the Hardwick Hall parking area and utilize the temperature kiosk in the entryway to Hardwick Hall near the clock tower. Regardless of where they are dropped off in the morning, day students must proceed directly to the nearest temperature-check kiosk to complete their daily health screen.

### ***What will the daily schedule & academic experience be like?***

#### Schedule & programming

- Out of an abundance of caution, we are taking a step-wise approach to the start of classes to give us the time for our mitigation efforts to become routine for everyone on campus. This means a phased-in approach to in-person instruction:
  - Classes will begin as scheduled on August 31, but for the first week, classes will be virtual for all students. Classes will be virtual for day students through September 12.
  - Boarding students will begin in-person instruction on September 7 according to their regular schedules.
  - Day students will begin in-person instruction on September 14.
- Blair is committed to pursuing the best possible learning experience for all students, both in the classroom space and through virtual means in the year ahead. At the opening of the 2020-2021 school year, a full student handbook specific to classroom learning will be provided to all families to clarify expectations related to the hybrid learning environment we will employ. We will spend time in orientation and at the start of the academic year reviewing important information and protocols with students to ensure everyone is well-prepared for the year ahead. To view the class day schedule, visit [www.blair.edu/academic-schedule](http://www.blair.edu/academic-schedule).
- Blair's hybrid model maximizes in-person instruction time for students on campus within the structure of the academic day. Students will do the majority of their learning in physical classrooms with optimized air ventilation, abiding by Blair's policies of face coverings and physical distancing. Students who are on campus will also participate in some online learning as a means of de-densifying our classroom spaces. In addition, students who are unable to be present in the classroom for any reason will engage with their teachers and classmates online

through virtual conferencing tools like Google Meet to ensure continuity of learning.

- State-of-the-art technology installed in every classroom will allow remote students to be directly involved in the classroom experience. All Blair classes will be organized using Google Classroom to support students in their learning, regardless of whether they are on or off campus. We will also record all live classes and post videos for students living in different time zones to access at their convenience. Throughout 2020-2021, Blair will be flexible, accessible and intentional about creating and maintaining a teaching-and-learning experience that is connected, cohesive and enriching.

### Weekends

In some respects, every weekend will be a Community Weekend this fall as part of our efforts to limit student departures from campus. We are planning myriad ways to create an enhanced sense of home within dorms and around campus during fall weekends. Think food deliveries, food trucks, big tents for physically-distanced camaraderie, activities conducive to distance (such as golf, hiking, fishing, frisbee golf and outdoor movies) and more ideas that we'll gather from students in the months ahead.

***What if factors outside of Blair's control change these plans for the 2020-2021 academic year?***

### Campus alert levels

Of course, reopening in August (and remaining open) is subject to governmental directives and orders. In addition, our plans are subject to our ongoing assessment of the safety, health and well-being of our students and employees and our ability to maintain the highest standard of care for everyone on campus. That's why Blair, along with 32 other leading northeastern boarding schools, is working with Environmental Health and Engineering (EH&E) to review and audit campus operations and facilities, guide our reopening plan, and advise us on how to best implement CDC and state guidance in the boarding-school environment. EH&E is a trusted partner to many colleges and universities that, like us, seek to support and protect the health of their communities in academic, residential, athletic and arts spaces.

We have developed the phased program on the following page to help guide us on campus protocols.

# BLAIR ACADEMY COVID-19

## CAMPUS PROTOCOL ALERT LEVELS

### RED:

#### VERY HIGH RISK

- Multiple confirmed positive COVID-19 cases among campus residents and/or employees.
- Masks at all times except meals and restrooms.
- Likely return to remote learning.

### ORANGE: HIGH RISK

- Isolated positive COVID-19 cases among students, campus residents, and/or employees following a contact-tracing process.
- Campus protocols as articulated upon arrival, but situation monitored closely to determine if additional safety measures and protocols are enacted.
- Likely no personal/family visitors or campus departures.

### YELLOW: ELEVATED RISK

- COVID-19 cases reported in one or more of the surrounding counties, but not on campus or among anyone connected to employees or day students.
- Campus protocols as articulated upon arrival. Masks when indoors, strict physical distancing, limited visitor access to campus, limited departures from campus by boarding students.
- Ongoing surveillance testing.

### BLUE: MODERATE RISK

- No COVID-19 cases on campus, among those connected to community members nor in surrounding counties.
- Masks required for certain activities, but not all. Emphasis on physical distancing and other protective measures.
- Visitors allowed with screening; pre-approved trips off-campus by students as authorized through a screening process, though surveillance testing may be required upon return to campus.

### GREEN: LOW RISK

- COVID-19 cases in the region are contained.
- Campus protocols adjusted to reflect a normal campus experience.

Blair is currently in the yellow "elevated risk" phase.

*How should I share with Blair my plans for my student's arrival on campus and confirm he or she will be physically present for the fall semester?*

Sign the Buccaneer Pledge

All members of the community must sign the Buccaneer pledge at [www.blair.edu/pledge](http://www.blair.edu/pledge).

Tuition credits

Tuition for any boarding student who either cannot return to campus or elects to take his or her classes virtually will be adjusted from \$66,500 to \$51,500 for the 2020-2021 school year (an amount that will be prorated to reflect partial enrollment or the receipt of financial aid). If government directives and orders force the School to pivot completely to distance learning, Blair will provide a credit similar to that issued to families in spring 2020.