

# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

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## **CAMPUS ARRIVAL AND MOVE IN**

### **When should my child arrive on campus?**

Our arrival schedule has been adjusted to allow for on-campus quarantine and to ensure appropriate social distancing during the move-in process.

- **August 15-19 — Early Boarding Registration** // Early arrival for International Students, Domestic Boarding Students from outside New England, and for all Boarding Proctors. This early arrival window allows students from outside of New England to quarantine on campus for 14 days, as required by State officials. During this quarantine period, the school will not offer a formal program, but within the requirements of quarantine, we will allow access to some school facilities, provide meals, and conduct regular check-ins.
- **September 1 — Day Student Registration** // Registration will be conducted by appointment to ensure appropriate social distancing.
- **September 2-4 — Registration for All Other Students** // Registration will be conducted by appointment to ensure appropriate social distancing.

### **When should we make travel arrangements?**

Students need to make travel arrangements as soon as possible. The online classes are only available as an emergency alternative for families struggling to arrive on campus. The campus is open early to international families starting August 15th.

### **How will registration be conducted this year?**

Registration will be conducted for each student group (international and long distance boarders, domestic boarders, and day students) by appointment to ensure appropriate social distancing.

### **What are the quarantine expectations when returning to campus?**

Students traveling to campus from outside of New England will be asked to arrive 14 days before orientation as part of a State of New Hampshire required quarantine period.

### **What does quarantine look like for students coming to campus early?**

During quarantine students should still have fun, get to know one another, and stay

active! We want you to build relationships, get to know campus and be safe. From the start of the year, however, you will need to commit to following the safety precautions that are in place.

When you are in your room you do not have to wear a mask if you are more than 6' from another person (ie: roommate). Whenever you leave your room, you will need to put on your mask until you are outside or eating AND more than 6 feet from another person. To make this easier, we want you to get outside as much as possible and will plan our activities with this in mind! Sleep is important, so you don't need to get up until brunch. There will be opportunities for you to work out, play games, or read in the sun. Some dinners will be held at outside BBQs where we can spread out. There are lots of spots to relax and hang out safely on campus and outdoor chairs to move to the shade or the fun!

- Campfires and s'mores
- Outdoor movie nights
- Yoga on the quad
- Delivery services for shopping: Amazon, Walmart and Hannaford supermarket shopping
- Strength and conditioning on the turf
- eSports
- Art projects
- Outdoor games
- Hikes on campus trails
- Virtual learning sessions to get a jumpstart on school

Each dorm will have a student proctor available to help host students and help with training for the activities and services on campus. Our goal is to help educate students how to quarantine and social distance appropriately so we can have a healthy environment all year long.

## **HOUSING GUIDELINES**

Make sure to check [updated "What to Pack" guidelines](#).

### **How should I send packages to my child?**

For packages and mail order purchases, the student delivery address is:

<<Student Name>>

Tilton School

15 High Street

Tilton NH 03276

Student personal mail should be addressed to:

<<Student Name>>

Tilton School

30 School Street

Tilton NH 03276

### **What furniture is in the students' room?**

Each student is provided with a bed, desk, chair, and bureau with a lockable drawer for valuables.

### **Are sheets and bath towels provided?**

No, your student should plan to pack his or her own sheets and towels.

### **What size sheets do we need for the beds in the dorms?**

Our mattresses are "Extra Long Twin" size.

### **Are fans provided in the rooms?**

Fans are not provided.

### **Can students keep food in their rooms?**

Yes, students are allowed to keep food in their rooms as long as it's properly stored and in sealed containers. Refrigerators are allowed only for seniors, proctors, and MacMorran Scholars.

### **Can Students have TVs in their rooms?**

Yes. TVs and game consoles are permitted.

### **What is recommended for Technology?**

Students should have a smartphone and domestic calling plan in order to integrate with our campus safety alert app and for the sign-in/sign-out communication app (REACH). Please refer to other recommendations and requirements on the [Accepted Students page](#) on our website.

## CLASSES AND PROGRAMS

### Will Tilton School open for in-person instructions this fall?

Yes. Our first day of in-person classes is set for September 7, 2020. School operations have been modified in response to guidance from the CDC and state and federal officials: we have on campus policies in place designed to maximize the health and safety of our community and minimize the spread of COVID-19. Such policies include measures to de-densify the campus, reduce the size of gatherings, disinfect shared spaces with high frequency, and provide daily health and wellness checks. These and other routines will represent a “new normal” at Tilton School for the 2020-2021 school year.

### When is the first day of school?

Tilton School is scheduled to open for in-person academics on September 7th.

### What will the academic day look like?

Our modified academic schedule features three longer classes (labeled A-J) per day, five days a week, in a rotating schedule of periods that repeats over each two-week period.

#### Week One

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
7:15-9:00	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast
8:00-9:50	A	D	G	J	C
10:05-11:55	B	E	H	A	D
11:30-1:30	Lunch	Lunch 12:15-12:45 Meeting: Health / Wellness	Lunch	Lunch 12:15-12:45 Meeting: Student Government	Lunch
1:00- 2:50	C	F	I	B	E
3:00-3:30	Free	Free	Free	Free	Free
3:30-5:45	Afternoon Program	Afternoon Program	Afternoon Program	Afternoon Program	Afternoon Program
5:15-7:00	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner
7:30-10:30	Study Hours/Activity Block Sign-Ups	Study Hours/Activity Block Sign-Ups	Study Hours/Activity Block Sign-Ups	Study Hours/Activity Block Sign-Ups	Study Hours/Activity Block Sign-Ups
8:00pm	School Meeting				

*When athletics events fall on Wednesdays, Class Block I will move to Monday at 3:30pm.*

Of the ten class periods labeled A–J, a typical student will have about half as free periods, and these free periods will be used for advisory meetings, access to campus

amenities like the weight room and library, extra help, club meetings, rest, and socializing.

**Week Two**

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
7:15-9:00	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast
8:00-9:50	F	I	B	E	H
10:05-11:55	G	J	C	F	I
11:30-1:30	Lunch	Lunch 12:15-12:45 Meeting: Health / Wellness Team	Lunch	Lunch 12:15-12:45 Meeting: Student Government	Lunch
1:00 - 2:50	H	A	D	G	J
3:00-3:30	Free	Free	Free	Free	Free
3:30-5:45	Afternoon Program	Afternoon Program	Afternoon Program	Afternoon Program	Afternoon Program
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8:00pm	School Meeting*				

*When athletics events fall on Wednesdays, Class Block D will move to Monday at 3:30pm.*

## HEALTH & SAFETY

### Where can I find the best information about New Hampshire and COVID-19?

The New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services has a [COVID-19 specific website](#). The New York Times shows state-by-state details [displayed graphically](#), which can be helpful.

### What new guidelines is Tilton implementing to maximize health?

Tilton has been working with organizations across New England in order to ensure that our campus has a comprehensive plan to maximize the health of Tilton students on campus this year. Our plans include:

- test all students for COVID upon arrival to campus
- maximize single rooms for boarding students
- increase cleaning schedules
- increase dining hours, and ensure social distancing during meals
- create one-way traffic patterns throughout the campus
- limit class sizes

## **Will students and employees need to wear face coverings or masks?**

Yes. We will require our students and colleagues to wear face coverings/masks. Students should bring several masks they feel comfortable wearing for long periods of time and that can be laundered after each use.

## **Should students get tested for COVID-19 before campus arrival?**

Yes, we ask that all students arrive on campus with a negative COVID test result dated within the last seven days. FDA approved PCR testing should be used. Students who test positive for COVID, who have any symptoms, or have been exposed to symptomatic or COVID-positive individuals should delay their return to campus and contact the school for additional instructions.

## **If a student has tested positive for COVID-19, while on campus, what is the procedure for medical treatment? Will Tilton take any action to screen and prevent contacted peers from infecting others?**

Tilton's health department will care for any student who has tested positive for COVID, and contact tracing will locate anyone who was in close contact with that student. Quarantine and isolation policies are planned, and we have a dedicated space for COVID patients in our on-campus health center. We have two hospitals near our school if needed. Unfortunately, there is no cure for Covid-19, but we hope there will be several approved treatments by fall.

## **COLLEGE COUNSELING**

### **What about the SAT/ ACT?**

Tilton School is now officially open as a test site and will be open:

- For the ACT on September 12 and October 24
- For the SAT on September 26, October 3, and November 7.

As a reminder, when considering which tests to take, it is important to be thoughtful and strategic. Please speak with your college counselor for recommendations. Taking a practice ACT and SAT with Revolution Prep will allow us to make informed

recommendations and they are free. You can explore dates & register [here](#). For additional information and questions, contact Mercedes Lake at 781.916.8668 or [Mercedes.Lake@revolutionprep.com](mailto:Mercedes.Lake@revolutionprep.com).

### **How can I get updated information?**

You should expect more communication from the College Counseling Office providing guidance and educational content. Moving forward, all communication will be sent through [Scoir](#), our college management database. In order to receive this information, you must officially register your account. You should have already received an activation email, if you have any trouble with your account please contact Joy Jones at [jjones@tiltonschool.org](mailto:jjones@tiltonschool.org).