Returning Safely to Campus 2021-2022







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RETURNING SAFELY TO CAMPUS



WE ARE COMMITTED TO PROVIDING A CONTINUED PROGRAM OF INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE DURING COVID-19. TO DO SO, WE WILL CONTINUE TO INSTITUTE A MULTI-LAYERED MITIGATION APPROACH TO PROTECT THE HEALTH AND WELLBEING OF OUR STUDENTS AND STAFF. THIS DOCUMENT HIGHLIGHTS OUR PLANS OF PREPAREDNESS FOR ANY SCENARIO WE MAY FACE. EVEN IN THE MIDST OF CHANGE, WE REMAIN DEDICATED TO ENSURING THAT EACH STUDENT CONTINUES TO REACH THEIR BOUNDLESS INDIVIDUAL POTENTIAL.



PRINCIPLES FOR RETURNING SAFELY

-Protect the health and safety of students and staff

-Comply with government recommendations from the Center for Disease Control (CDC), the Virginia Department of Health (VDH), and the Virginia Center for Private Education (VCPE)

-Set clear expectations







HEALTH MITIGATIONS

FACE COVERINGS

Over the last few weeks, there has been an increase in positive COVID-19 cases in our area. This increase in positive cases is a direct result of the Delta variant now being in our area, and the Delta variant is more contagious and a real cause of concern for both vaccinated and unvaccinated individuals.

As a result, our Returning to Campus Safely Committee has elected to exercise more precautionary measures regarding face coverings and to follow the recommended CDC and VDH guidance (universal face coverings indoors for all faculty, students, and staff) to begin the 2021-22 school year.

Our hope is that this additional measure will help us better protect the health and well-being of our students, staff, faculty, and families, and to remain safely in-person, on campus, and able to provide our students with an excellent educational experience without interruption.

CLASSROOMS

Classrooms will be modified to allow for adequate spacing between desks for the recommended 3-feet of physical distancing between students. Our campus has large outdoor spaces, including outdoor classrooms, which may be used as additional instructional areas when weather permits.

FACILITIES

Facilities staff will continue to monitor ventilation in all buildings with proper filter replacements, use of air scrubbers and opening doors and windows when possible. Classrooms and common spaces will continue to be sanitized daily. A deep cleaning of classrooms or common spaces will occur should a positive case of COVID-19 be identified on campus.

QUARANTINE PROTOCOL

Students, faculty, and staff that have a copy of their COVID-19 Vaccination Record Card may submit a copy of this card to their division office. Submission of this card is voluntary. Should a student or faculty member be exposed to COVID-19, vaccinated individuals (with a vaccination record card) are no longer required to quarantine. Should a student, faculty, or staff member be exposed to COVID-19 or show COVID-19 symptoms, non-vaccinated individuals will be required to quarantine per the policies of Fuqua School.



HEALTH MITIGATIONS



FALCON CARE & UPPER SCHOOL LIBRARY

Falcon Care, our before and after school program for grades PK-5, will continue this school year. Families will need to pre-register to take advantage of this opportunity. Space is limited. The upper school after-school library hours, for middle and upper school students, will continue to be suspended at this time. Middle and upper school students should make arrangements to leave campus by 3:15 pm. We will continue to provide a bus to take middle school students up the hill for after-school sports practices. Parents should continue to monitor school communications for any updates and information regarding these programs.

ATHLETICS

It is our goal to resume regular season programming for middle school, junior varsity, and varsity athletics. Our ability to do so will be determined by government orders and guidelines provided by the Virginia Independent Schools Athletic Association (VISSA) and the Virginia Colonial Conference (VCC).

LS/MS SPECIALS & ELECTIVES

Our lower school specials classes and our middle and upper school electives will resume. At the lower and middle school levels, specials and elective classes will be held in the specials' teachers' classrooms with recommended physical-distancing measures in place.

VISITOR POLICY

During school hours (8:00 am-3:30 pm), all visitors will need to receive prior approval from the division head and/or Head of School before entering instructional spaces. All visitors on campus that may come into contact with our students must be fully vaccinated and provide a COVID-19 Vaccination Record Card when entering the offices to check in. This includes parent volunteers and chaperones.

FIELD TRIPS

Students will be allowed to attend field trips. The face covering policy of the venue will be upheld by all faculty, staff and parent chaperones. As with all other visitors on campus, those chaperoning a field trip must provide the school proof of COVID-19 vaccination to attend.





ADDITIONAL PROGRAM INFORMATION

ARRIVAL AND DROP OFF

All students should arrive to campus no earlier than 8:15 am. Those lower school students arriving prior to this time should report to Falcon Care in the LS/MS Gym. Please note that Falcon Care requires preregistration and drop-ins are not permitted. At the lower and middle schools, teachers, administrators, and assistants will open doors to let students out of their vehicles, and will provide guidance with traffic and student flow. Parents will not be permitted to park and walk students into the lower/middle school classrooms at this time.

VIRTUAL LEARNING

Fuqua School will no longer be offering the option of virtual learning unless there is an event that requires us to pivot to virtual learning. During any period of temporary virtual learning, we remain committed to delivering on our mission by providing students with a high-quality, student-centered learning experience, and communicating clearly and consistently to the Fuqua family.

LUNCH AND MS/US BREAK

PK-12 lunches, lower and middle school break, and upper afternoon snack must be ordered in advance using RenWeb no later than 8:30 am the day these items are served.

FALCON WELLNESS AGREEMENT

Each family will be required to complete the Fuqua Wellness Agreement, which will be made available prior to the start of the school year. And, families will agree to keep their child(ren) home when they are not feeling well, have COVID-19 symptoms, or have potentially been exposed. Those who have experienced any of the above should contact your child(ren)'s division head.

AFTERNOON DISMISSAL

Lower and middle school parents should form a double car line on the gravel road beside the football field, and will be directed to the pick-up point after the buses have departed. Parents are not permitted to park and walk in to pick up their child from campus. Upper School parents should park along Barber Street until the buses leave campus and then proceed to the Bell Tower to pick up their child.



HELP US SUPPORT A HEALTHY CAMPUS



YOU CAN HELP!

Creating and maintaining a healthy campus environment is essential and is going to require everyone's support and participation. Families can help reinforce safety protocols with their children by:

TEACHING HEALTHY HYGIENE PRACTICES:

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





MAINTAIN PREVENTATIVE HEALTH PRACTICES:

- Continue regular doctor visits and well-child appointments.
- Keep immunizations and physicals current.
- Encourage outdoor physical activities.

HELP KEEP CHILDREN EMOTIONALLY SAFE:

- Ask how children are feeling and give them space to ask questions.
- Maintain a routine at home to provide stability.
- Provide reassurance that the adults in their lives are there to support their well-being, both physically and emotionally.
- Reach out for help. Our school counselors are available through the school year to provide support to your child and family.





SOCIAL DISTANCING

ENCOURAGING HEALTH PROTOCOLS:

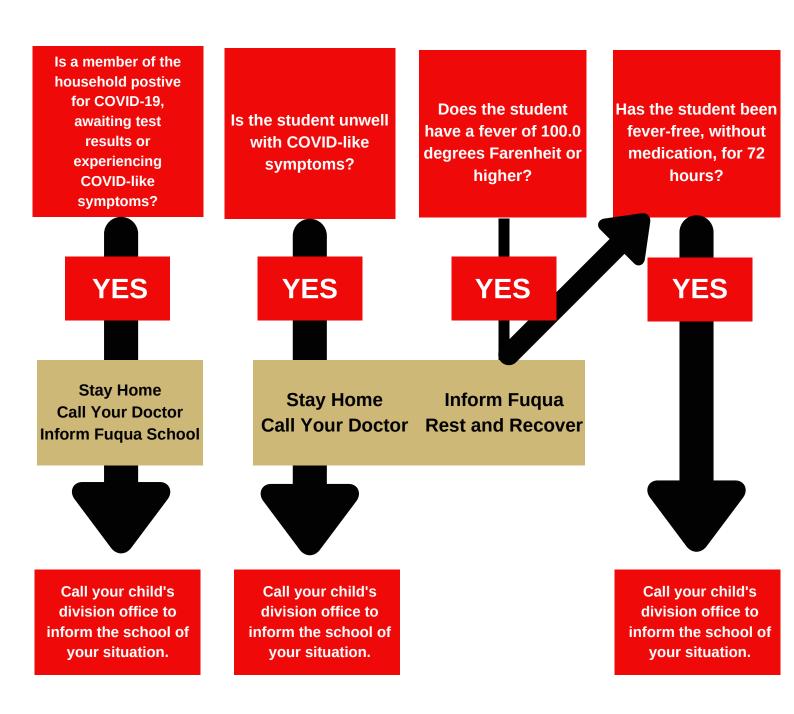
- Visually show and practice maintaining recommended social distancing
- Wearing a face covering when indoors, regardless of vaccination status



OUR HEALTH AND WELLNESS

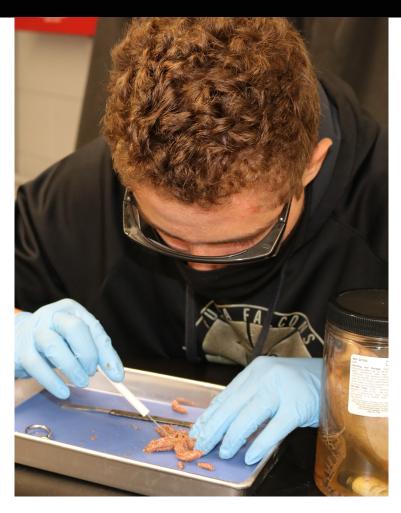
DECIDING WHEN TO STAY HOME

Knowing when to keep a child at home from school is a very important part of keeping our campus community safe and healthy. To help, we have outlined key protocols to help families determine when a child should stay home.



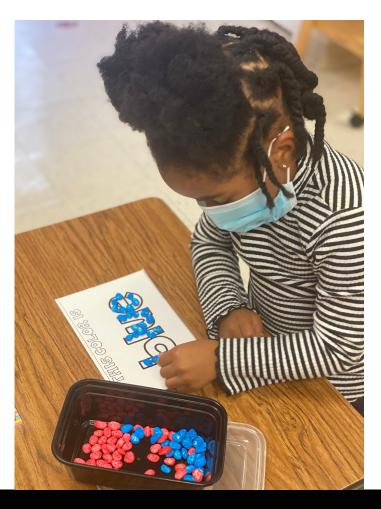


FUQUA SCHOOL'S COMMITMENT TO YOU



Fuqua School reserves the right to alter our multi-layered prevention strategies should COVID-19 cases become prevalent, or we see increasing trends in the school or surrounding community.

Even putting forth our best efforts, we recognize there may be circumstances beyond our control and anticipate the possibility of COVID-19 cases which could impact our oncampus programming. In the event that we are notified by government officials or the health department of the need to close campus, the school will continue virtually.



SEE YOU SOON, FALCONS!!!!!



WE CANNOT WAIT TO SEE YOU!

We hope that you have had a wonderful summer. We will see you on August 12, 2021 for the first day of the school year!

Please be sure to monitor school communications for updates and additional information on our COVID-19 policies.





If you have any questions, please contact:

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