

Return-to-Campus Parent Webinar

August 4, 2021

Agenda

- Executive Summary (Head of School Steve Murray)
- Health and Wellness (Medical Director Bruce Kraut)
- Campus and Residential Life (Dean of Students Devondra McMillan)
- Athletics and Co-curriculars (Dean of Athletics and Co-curricular Education Tripp Welborne)
- Q & A

Executive Summary

- **Our return-to-campus plans anticipate all Lawrenceville students in classrooms and residential settings, operating as close to normal as possible**. We will continue to prioritize the health and wellbeing of our community members as we evaluate and advance these plans and as we seek the best for all.
- **Of course, we need to be prepared to adapt and shift our approach** as new information comes in, as our understanding of COVID and specifically the Delta variant continues to improve, and as we track the prevalence in our community, county, and region.
- **The School is evaluating multiple contingencies** so we can respond effectively to changing conditions, in both the short- and long-term.
- **These contingency plans may require enhanced mitigation methods**, including, for example, widespread surveillance testing, widespread mask wearing, a curtailment of off-campus travel and travel sports participation, a shift to grab and go dining, de-densification strategies in the classroom.

Executive Summary

- **The good news is**:
  - We've done this before and that means we can do it again.
  - We have a track record of careful, prudent decision making based on science and medical expertise.
  - Our decision making and planning will continue to be guided by the CDC and NJDOH, as well as our work with the leading environmental consulting firm the School worked with throughout 2020-21.
  - And, in spite of break-through cases and the very worrisome spread of the Delta variant, the vaccines are proving remarkably effective in doing exactly what they were designed to do.
  - The Delta variant is not disrupting highly vaccinated communities in a serious manner at this point.

Executive Summary

The Lawrenceville School's return-to-campus plan for fall 2021 is dependent upon all eligible individuals being fully vaccinated against COVID-19, which was the basis for our vaccine mandate that we communicated in May. The only exemptions we are granting are for medical and religious reasons.

- Current self-reported vaccination rates (August 2021) are:
  - 99% of faculty (1 application for exemption)
  - 91% of full-time staff (17 applications for exemption)
  - 98% of students (18 students have received religious or medical exemptions)

- **Proof of vaccination** must be submitted to the Health and Wellness Center.
- **During Phase 0/onboarding period of August 20-September 5**, all community members will wear masks and participate in twice-weekly onboarding testing.
- **School gathering sizes** will be determined by state and federal capacity guidelines and in alignment with the School's health and safety protocols.

Health and Wellness

The following measures will help ensure the School has reliable data regarding the presence of COVID-19 on campus prior to the start of classes. The results of these measures will inform how we proceed in classrooms, Houses, co-curriculars, and other aspects of the Lawrenceville experience.

Pre-Arrival

- *All students* are required to practice COVID-cautious behaviors 7 days prior to arriving to campus.
- *All students* are required to submit a negative pre-arrival PCR test 3-5 days in advance of arriving to campus.
    - Those who receive a positive pre-arrival test result will isolate at home and will not come to campus.

Onboarding

- *All students and employees* will undergo twice-weekly onboarding testing during Phase 0/onboarding period of 8/20-9/5.
- *All students and employees* will wear masks indoors during Phase 0/onboarding period of 8/20-9/5. Masks are optional outdoors for all.
- *All unvaccinated students and employees* will continue to wear masks indoors and be tested twice-weekly through the School's surveillance testing program. Surveillance testing will be conducted utilizing the Mirimus pooled saliva testing regimen, as in the spring.

Health and Wellness

Contact Tracing and Symptom Tracking

- The School will discontinue the use of **POM Readers and the symptom tracking app**. COVID-cautious behaviors and **self-monitoring for symptoms** remain important layers of defense against spread of the virus.
- The School will continue its **COVID-19 reporting dashboard** to report positive cases and close contacts: www.lawrenceville.org/dashboard.
- Only those who test positive or are identified as close contacts of a positive case will be notified directly.

Isolation and Quarantine

- We will continue with isolation procedures and utilize traditional contact tracing protocols for identified positive cases of COVID-19.
- At this time, in alignment with CDC guidelines, quarantine measures will apply to unvaccinated contacts of a positive case. Vaccinated individuals who are identified as close contacts will be asked to self-monitor for symptoms for 14 days following last contact, will be tested, and may be asked to wear a mask during that monitoring period.

Campus and Residential Life

Student Opening Schedule

- Saturday, Aug. 21: Pre-season 1A (football, ropes course instructors)
- Friday, Aug. 27: Pre-season 2A (Student Council, Prefects, Honor Council)
- Saturday, Aug. 28: Pre-season B (invited athletes, music/drama/art students)
- Tuesday, Aug. 31: Second Form arrival, move-in, and orientation
- Wednesday, Sept. 1: Non-pre-season Third-Fifth Form student arrival, move-in, and orientation
- Thursday, Sept. 2: Orientation continues
- Friday, Sept. 3: Academic orientation (short-period schedule - all classes meet)
- Sunday, Sept. 5: Convocation
- Monday, Sept. 6: Classes begin

Move-in

- The School does not require vaccination for family members during move-in
- All family members, including the student, must wear masks during move-in

Campus and Residential Life

Other Details

- Houses will be fully populated, and day students will have full access
- Hybrid dining with grab & go option to eat in house tents and distanced seating inside Irwin
- Off-campus permissions
- In-person and hybrid Parents Weekend in October
- House Olympics, fall musical, in-person club meetings, community potluck, Hill Weekend
- With Merv-13 filters in each building and air purifiers with HEPA filters in each classroom, + high vaccination rates, our classrooms are low-risk environments and our plan is to conduct daily, in-person learning this year.
- Classrooms will be fully repopulated (temporary desks out; Harkness chairs/desks and chairs back in)
- Cameras and speakers will remain in classrooms in case we need to provide a temporary technology accommodation for a student or teacher unable to attend class in person because of COVID conditions (illness/quarantine/isolation)

Athletics and Co-Curriculars

Interscholastics and Co-Curriculars

- We plan to provide interscholastic competition and a robust list of co-curricular offerings
- Performing Arts, Religious Life, and Community Service will operate as fully as possible, in accordance with government guidelines and School wellness protocols
- Outdoor practices and games remain our preferred option for co-curricular activities
- At this time, masks are required indoors, with the exception of swimming and water polo athletes, during all training and competition
- Interscholastic competition may include schools with varying mask and vaccination policies
- Club and organized off-campus activities remain a viable option for students. However, the School is considering some level of screening testing for these individuals.

Pre-season

- As noted, interscholastic *pre-season 1A* (football and ropes course instructors) participants arrive **August 21**; *pre-season 2A* (student council, prefects, honor council) participants arrive **August 27**, *pre-season B* (invited athletes, music/drama/art students) participants arrive **August 28**. Detailed schedules for these days were sent in the July 28 back to school message to parents.

Communication Resources

- Next communication: week of August 16
- All parent webinars and communications are posted at www.lawrenceville.org/reopening
- The COVID-19 reporting dashboard can be accessed at www.lawrenceville.org/dashboard
- Important contacts:
  - Devondra McMillan, dmcmillan@lawrenceville.org, *campus & residential life*
  - Dr. Bruce Kraut, bkraut@lawrenceville.org, *health & wellness*
  - Tripp Welborne, twelborne@lawrenceville.org, *pre-season, athletics, co-curriculars*
  - Yangyang Daniell, ydaniell@lawrenceville.org, *international families*
  - Communications Office, communication@lawrenceville.org, *general questions*



Questions?