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

After careful consultation with representatives from the VDH, the VCPE, and the VAIS, our Returning to Campus Safely Committee presented the following recommendations to the Rural Education Foundation Board of Trustees, and after presenting these changes, the Board of Trustees offered their full support to the immediate implementation of the following adjustments regarding mitigation strategies on campus to ensure compliance with Governor Youngkin's Executive Order No.2:

- Fuqua School recommends, but does not require, the wearing of masks by students in classrooms and in areas where social distancing is not possible, in accordance with Executive Order No. 2.
- Employees of Fuqua School are no longer required to mask indoors in accordance with Virginia standards set by the Department of Labor and Industry.
- Students who travel by school bus are no longer required to wear masks which aligns with the updated guidance from the CDC.

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 when a positive case of COVID-19 is identified on campus.

QUARANTINE PROTOCOL

Regardless of vaccination status, a student exposed to COVID-19 outside of the home will quarantine for 5 days. On the 5th day, or soon thereafter, he/she should take a COVID19 test. Should the results be negative, he/she may return to campus (results should be sent to the division head). Should a non-vaccinated or vaccinated student test positive for COVID-19, he/she will also quarantine for 10 days. In addition to these policies, students, regardless of vaccination status, who are exposed to COVID-19 by someone who lives within their household will guarantine 15 days and take a COVID-19 test within the final 5 days of quarantine, and receive a negative result, in order to return to campus. At this time, home testing kits may be used, with a picture of the results submitted to your division head, in lieu of a PCR or rapid test.



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 afterschool 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), classroom volunteers, field trip chaperones, and classroom guest speakers will need to receive prior approval from the division head and/or Head of School before entering instructional spaces. All classroom volunteers, field trip chaperones, and classroom guest speakers that come into direct contact with our students must be fully vaccinated and provide a COVID-19 Vaccination Record Card, or provide proof of a negative COVID-19 test result within 48 hours of contact with students. These visitors are recommended, but not required, to wear a mask. Fugua School also recommends, but does not require, the wearing of masks by visitors to campus for school-related activities such as awards programs, concerts and performances, indoor sporting events, etc.





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 a student is in quarantine due to exposure or is positive for COVID-19, or if 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.





ENCOURAGING HEALTH PROTOCOLS:

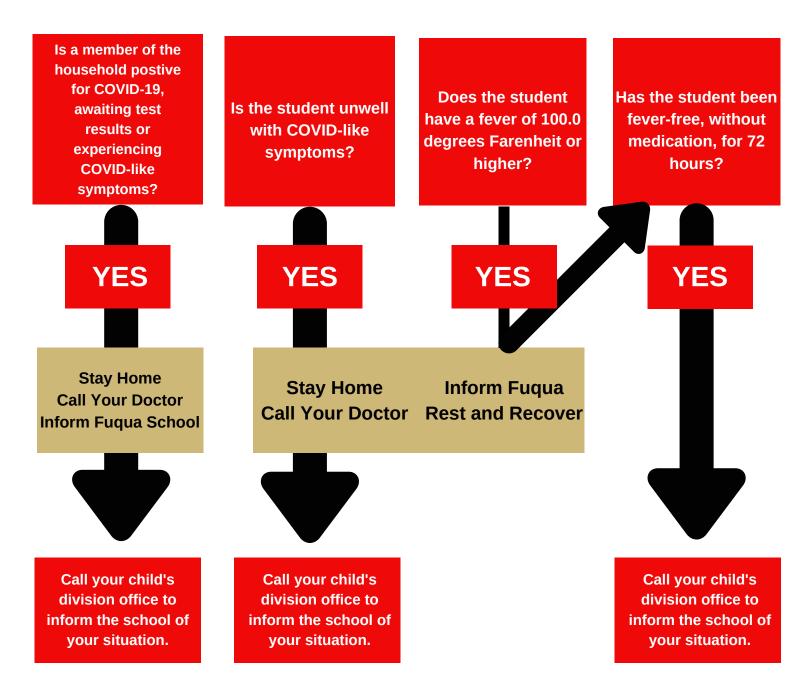
- Visually show and practice maintaining recommended social distancing
- Wearing a face covering when indoors, regardless of vaccination status



OUR HEALTH AND WELLNESS

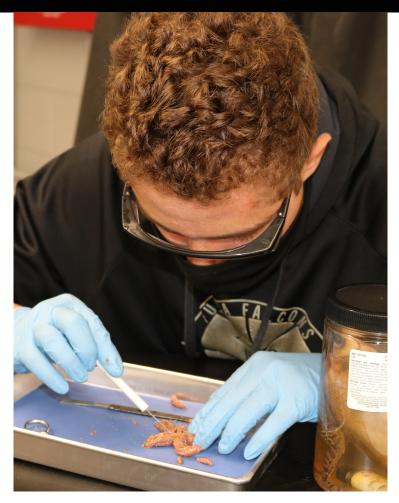
DECIDING WHEN TO STAY HOME

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.



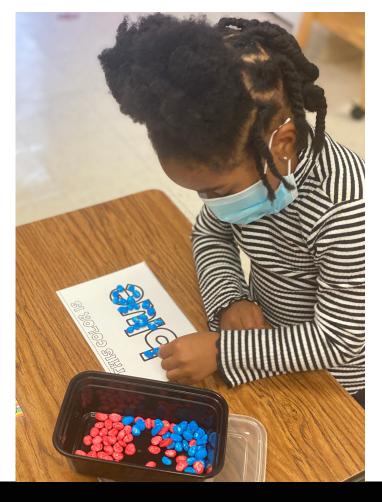


FUQUA SCHOOL'S Commitment to you



Even putting forth our best efforts, we recognize there may be circumstances beyond our control and anticipate the possibility of COVID-19 cases and staffing shortages which could impact our on-campus programming.

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



SEE YOU SOON, FALCONS!!!!!



EVERY DAY IS A GOOD DAY TO BE A FALCON!

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

GO RED! GO BLACK! GO FALCONS!



If you have any questions, please contact:

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