



Delmarva Christian Schools Reopening Fall 2020-2021

The incredible team of board members, administration, faculty, and staff continue to closely monitor information as it is presented. As a result, we are developing a thorough COVID-19 Preparedness Plan that is meant to:

- Describe expectations of the school towards providing a safe learning environment for all stakeholders
- Detail expectations of the students in their participation of upholding the safe learning environment
- Explain expectations of parents in their role to providing a safe learning environment

Key factors towards developing this plan are:

- Reliance upon God's grace and wisdom during this planning process
- Care for each stakeholder's physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual wellness.
- Collection and analysis of information provided by Centers for Disease Control, State of Delaware Office of Education, Department of Public Health, Association of Christian Schools International, American Academy of Pediatrics, and other regional private Christian schools
- Input from parent/student survey, inclusion of teacher feedback, perspectives of the leadership team, and oversight of DCS Board of Directors
- Desire to return to "traditional" education while attending to current COVID regulations
- Flexibility to respond to COVID changes that require "non-traditional" education.



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Social Distancing

- *Close personal contact will need to be avoided while on campus. This includes handshakes, hugging, seating arrangements, and movement in common spaces.*
- *Early Learning Center will not be expected to follow all social distancing protocols.*
- *Classroom seating will be arranged to accommodate 6 foot distancing requirements.*
- *Students will be arranged in smaller groupings, often called pods, cohorts, or bubbles, to meet spacing requirements.*

Sanitization and Cleaning

- *Disinfectants will be supplied to classroom teachers for daily use.*
- *Hand washing and sanitizing will be strongly encouraged.*
- *DCS HVAC systems will continue to meet industry standards and room ventilation will be maximized when possible.*
- *Facilities will be cleaned thoroughly, daily.*

Health

- *All employees will be required to complete personal screening prior to arrival on campus.*

- *All parents are expected to implement daily screening processes, including temperature checks and assessments of symptoms prior to arrival on campus.*
- *On-site healthcare by our registered nursing staff will be provided to any individual demonstrating symptoms while on campus. Communication with the appropriate family member will occur promptly and the individual will be isolated from others.*
- *DCS continues to collect and analyze data regarding the use of masks, especially when, where, and appropriate age groups.*
- *Any person experiencing a fever, difficulty breathing, dry cough, sore throat, or a new loss of taste or smell is expected to stay home and seek medical attention with their family doctor.*
- *Should a positive COVID case arise, the individual will be required to quarantine for a period of time and possible exposure will be communicated with the appropriate people.*



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Academics

- *Rigorous instruction will continue in each classroom.*
- *Student collaboration and discussions will adhere to social distancing guidelines.*

Campus Visitors

- *In order to limit the number of people on campus, visitors will be restricted. New pick-up/drop-off procedures at the Milton Campus will be communicated as we near the first day of school.*
- *Parent/teacher conferences will be held virtually.*

Common Spaces

- *Lunch will occur within classrooms.*
- *Transitions between classes will be limited and monitored.*
- *PreK-8 will participate in recess with their cohort groups only.*

Non-traditional Learning

- *In the event we are required to close doors and activate our non-traditional learning protocols, teachers will clearly communicate with parents and children expectations for instruction, work completion, and resources available.*
- *DCS is working now to streamline our platforms to ease efficiency.*

We appreciate your awareness that parts of this plan are general statements. As information continues to be collected and analyzed, details and specific procedures will take shape; therefore, we will continue to communicate updated plans as the summer progresses.