



# Covenant Academy Plan for Re-Opening

To promote the health of our students and faculty, changes will be made in three primary areas: the physical environment, our procedures, and our behaviors or habits.

## Our Physical Environment

This summer, we have replaced our water fountains with water bottle filling stations. We are also adding hand sanitizer dispensers throughout our buildings. We are procuring the needed cleaning and sanitizing supplies to ensure clean spaces each day. Another physical change that will be implemented next year is limited class sizes. Fewer students will be in each classroom, allowing for more social distance between students.

## Our Procedures

Our procedures will be guided by advice from the Department of Health and the CDC. Currently, they recommend different procedures based on the level of viral community spread in a region. When we begin school in August, we will not have any times of large group gatherings. This may change as the year progresses and community spread slows.

### Daily Procedures

When we begin school, students will not gather in the Grammar School lobby or in the Upper School hallways at the beginning of the day. Our doors will open at 7:40, and students will go directly to their classrooms after a temperature check. Temperatures will be checked at the front doors of both buildings with touchless thermometers. Students who have a temperature above 100 will not be permitted to go to their classrooms. Students will also be asked if they have had any symptoms before coming to school. Student temperatures will be taken again at lunch time using touchless thermometers.

During the day, staggered dismissal times will be used between classes to limit the number of students in the hallway. A staggered dismissal schedule will also be used at the end of the day. Grammar School students will be dismissed in carpool at 2:50. Upper School student drivers will be dismissed at 3:10. All other Upper School students will be dismissed beginning at 3:15.

### COVID Procedures

Should someone on campus be diagnosed with Covid-19, the areas in which that person had contact will be sanitized and people with whom that person had contact will be notified. We will follow the guidance of the Department of Health. The Department of Health will make recommendations based on the level of exposure within the school. They may recommend one of the following procedures:

#### Level 1

Disinfection of a Targeted Area – If minimal exposure occurs, a targeted area will be cleaned and disinfected.

#### Level 2

Short-term Closure – Close the facility for 1-2 days for deep cleaning.

#### Level 3

Extended Closure – This would be used if there were a high level of exposure on a wide scale among students. The building would close for 14 days.

## Educational Procedures

When we begin school in August, parents may choose for their student to be on campus for instruction or participate in Remote Learning for the first Quarter of school because of Covid-19 concerns. As the situation with Covid-19 improves, students will be transitioned to On Campus learning. The Remote Learning option will be re-evaluated each Quarter.

The Remote Learning Plan will also be used if an emergency closure of schools in our state occurs. In addition, students who are absent from school for sickness or quarantine may use the Remote Learning Plan to continue learning while they are out.

## Our Behaviors and Habits

Students and faculty will be expected to behave responsibly and respectfully to protect the health of others around them. The expectations will be clearly communicated, and teachers and students will be trained in these expectations. As with our procedures, these behavior expectations will be modified based on the level of viral community spread. Behavior expectations as we begin school will include:

People who are sick should not come to school.

If a student or family member is directly exposed to Covid-19, the Department of Health asks that the family self-quarantine for 14 days. Direct exposure means direct, unmasked contact within 6 feet of someone confirmed to have Covid-19. If you or your child is exposed to Covid-19, please let the school office know immediately. Your child should not return to school until 14 days after the exposure. If your child should need to quarantine, you may use the Remote Learning resources to help your child continue learning at home.

People at school who are in shared spaces where social distancing is not possible will wear masks. Masks will be worn when arriving to school, in the hallways, and when leaving school.

Hand sanitizer will be used regularly. Hand sanitizer will be used before and after the use of shared equipment or shared spaces (computers or microwaves).

Hand washing will take place before eating, after recess, and after using the restroom. Students will be expected to wash their hands for at least 20 seconds with soap.

Students will be asked to maintain social distance as much as possible throughout the day.

Students who have symptoms of Covid-19 should seek the guidance of a physician. Students will follow treatment guidelines set by the physician. Students may return to school with written documentation from their physicians. CDC guidelines suggest that children sick with Covid-19 may return to school when ALL the following criteria have been met:

There are 3 days of no fever AND respiratory symptoms (cough, shortness of breath) have improved AND 10 days have passed since symptoms first appeared.

## Resources

<https://dph.georgia.gov/>

<https://dph.georgia.gov/contact>

<https://www.cdc.gov/>

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/reopening-schools.html>

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