



DCS RE-ENTRY PLAN FOR 2020-2021

“TRAIN UP A CHILD IN THE WAY HE SHOULD GO; EVEN WHEN HE IS OLD HE WILL NOT DEPART FROM IT.” PROV. 22:6 (ESV)

RE-ENTRY PLAN

Our highest priority is to protect the health, safety, and well-being of our DCS community, while continuing to offer an extraordinary academic experience.

- We will begin the 2020-2021 school year on our campus August 10, 2020, following our regular schedule.
- We are modifying our campus environment and operations with enhanced health and safety measures.
- We will utilize Google Classroom for both in-person and virtual days to meet the needs of all of our students.
- We are monitoring information from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC), the South Carolina Independent School Association (SCISA), as well as other state and local officials to make careful, sound decisions.

OUR TIMELINE



July

- Our Task Force continues to finalize the DCS Re-entry Plan.
- Our Re-entry Plan will be shared with families on July 22, 2020.



July - August

- Our faculty continues to participate in professional development to prepare for on-campus, modified, and full distance learning models.



Late July -
Early August

- Our families will receive an Open House Schedule for students to visit our campus before the new school year.

THE PROCESS

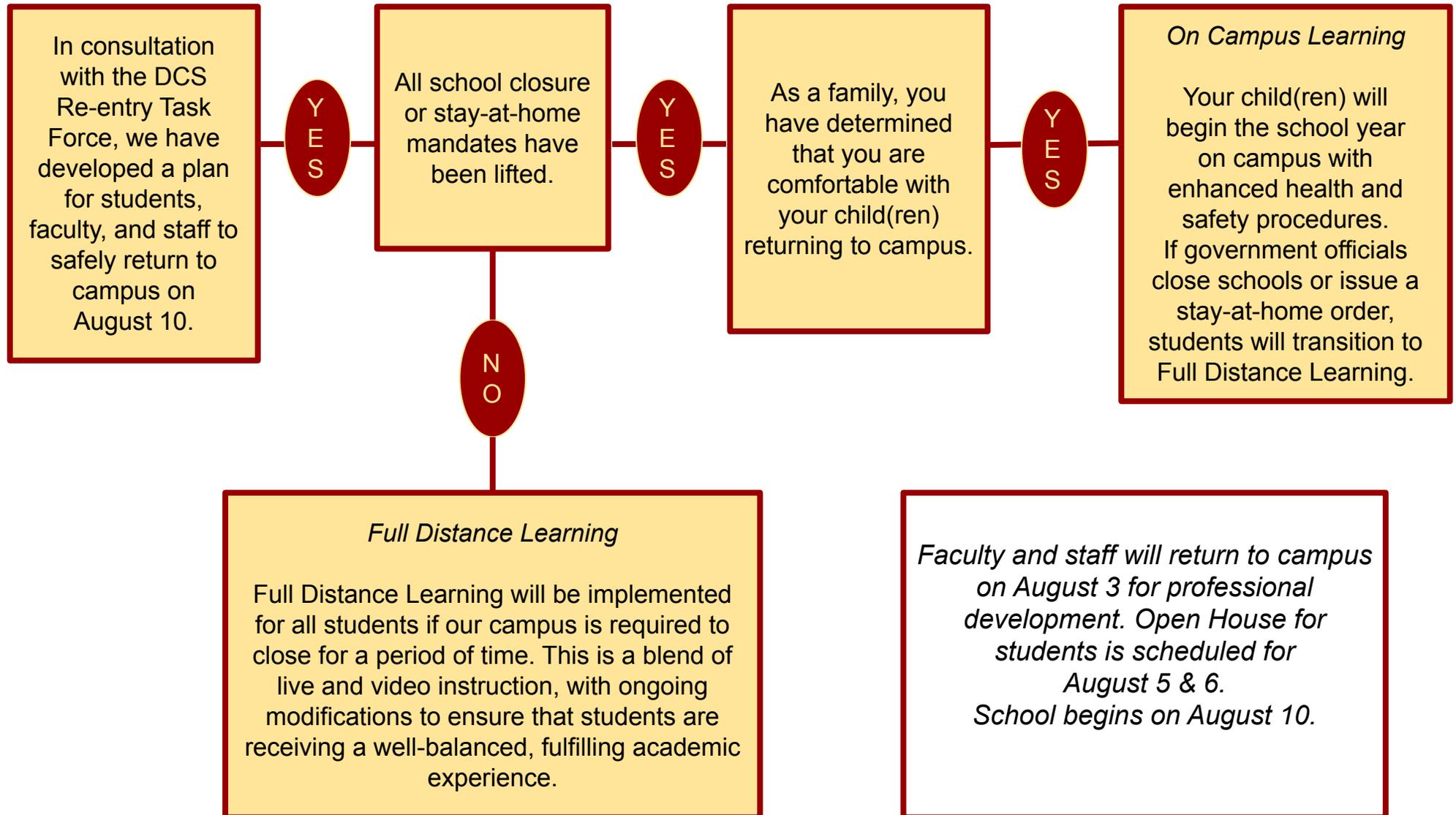
Dillon Christian School has established a Re-entry Task Force composed of school leadership, Board members, and medical professionals who have determined a re-entry plan that prioritizes the health and safety of our DCS community. We will continue to keep you informed as we finalize this plan based upon updated information and public health guidelines.

We have developed two learning models to implement during this school year:

- On Campus Learning
- Distance Learning

We plan to begin On Campus Learning August 10 for our students. Full Distance Learning will be implemented for all students if our campus is required to close for a period of time.

LEARNING MODELS



STUDENT OPEN HOUSE

The Dillon Christian School campus is going to look and feel different for our students and families. To ensure that everyone becomes familiar with our new health and safety protocols, we will provide an Open House for students on August 5 and 6.

Eighth through twelfth grade students will receive their schedules via their Warriorweb email. Only **NEW** high school students should attend Open House.

We look forward to seeing our high school students on the first day of school.

<i>Alphabetical by Last Name</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>
A - C	Wednesday, August 5th	5:00pm - 5:30pm
D - G	Wednesday, August 5th	5:45pm - 6:15pm
H - L	Thursday, August 6th	5:00pm - 5:30pm
M - P	Thursday, August 6th	5:45pm - 6:15pm
R - T	Thursday, August 6th	6:30pm - 7:00pm
U - Z	Thursday, August 6th	7:00pm - 7:30pm

COMMUNICATING ILLNESS

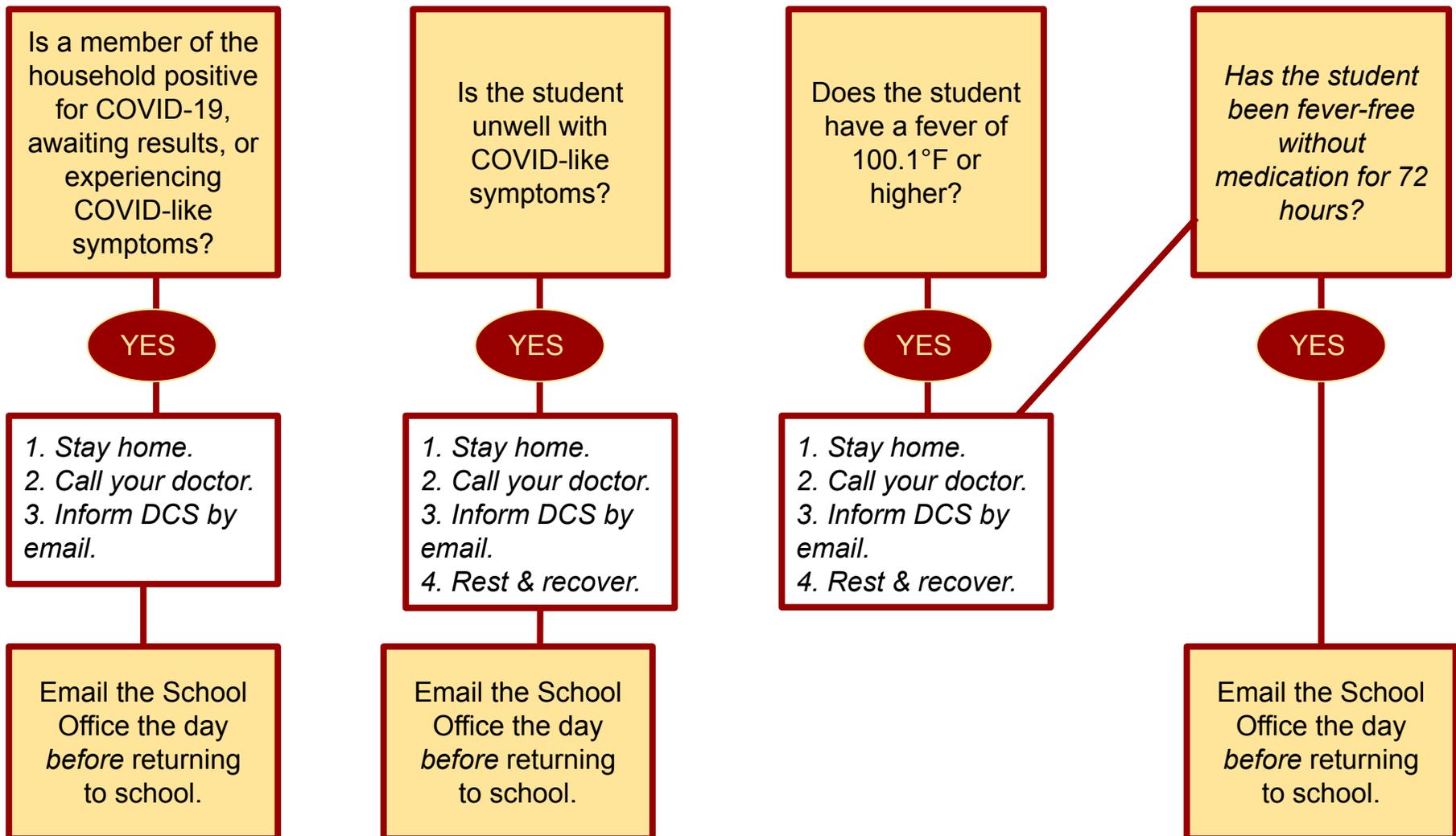
- If a student tests positive for COVID-19, the school will notify the parents of the students in that class that a positive test result has been reported to DCS. The child's name will not be released.
- If a student has a family member living in the home who tests positive, a notification will be sent to the parents of students in those sibling classes.

When a student or staff member has a positive test result for COVID-19, the following criteria must be met in order for the student who tested positive along with any individual from the household, as well as any siblings to return to the DCS campus:

1. At least 3 days (72 hours) have passed since recovery and the individual is no longer running fever without the use of fever-reducing medications.
2. Symptoms have been reduced (cough, shortness of breath, headache, etc.)
3. At least 10 days have passed since the date of the COVID-19 test that resulted in a positive test result.
4. A sibling can return to school with documentation of a negative test result.

DECIDING WHEN TO STAY HOME

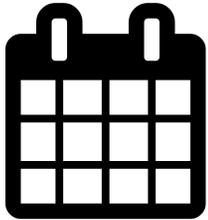
Parents agreeing and knowing when to keep children home from school is a very important part of keeping our campus healthy. To help, we have outlined key protocols to help families determine when a child should stay home.



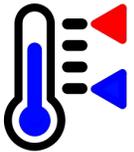
WHEN TO RETURN

- Advise sick staff members and children not to return until they have met criteria for return.
- Students or staff excluded for these symptoms should not return until they have either tested negative for COVID-19 or a medical evaluation determines that their symptoms were more likely due to another cause (e.g. sore throat due to strep throat). In this later case, the individual can return when they meet criteria for that condition. Documentation will be required to return to school.
- Students or staff that require testing for COVID-19 will require a negative test (mouth or nose swab) or similar rapid test that directly detects the virus or must complete the current isolation criteria for COVID-19 to return to school.
- Current isolation criteria for COVID-19:
 - Students and staff who test positive for COVID-19 and persons with symptoms of COVID-19 who do not get tested, should isolate until:
 - Ten (10) days have passed since symptoms started - and –
 - Three (3) days (72 hours) have passed since last fever without taking medicine to reduce fever - and -
 - Overall improvement in symptoms.
 - Those who test positive by a test but do not have symptoms will be required to stay out of school until ten (10) days after the specimen was collected.
 - The criteria above should be used to determine eligibility to return to school. Negative test results are not required after meeting these criteria.

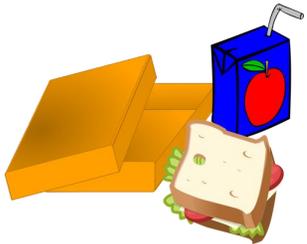
LIFE ON CAMPUS



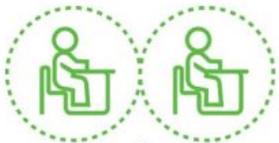
Staggered schedules for arrival and dismissal will be published July 23rd.



On campus temperature screening required for all students, faculty/staff upon arrival at school each day.

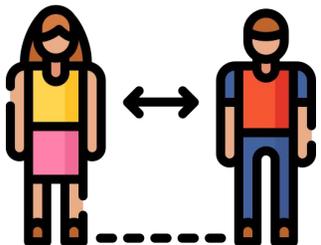


Snacks and lunches will be served in classrooms. Weather permitting, lunch will be served outdoors in the Chapel or other designated location.



Appropriate social distancing will be established in all classrooms.

Appropriate social distancing will be encouraged across the DCS Campus.



Enhanced campus sanitizing and hand hygiene procedures. Hand sanitizer stations throughout campus.



Limited access and required health screening for parents and visitors in campus buildings.



All employees are required to wear a mask and/or face shield indoors.

Parents and visitors are required to wear a mask and/or face shield. It is suggested that students in grades



K5-4th wear masks. 5th-12th grade students are required to wear

masks.



Outdoor space utilized to its full potential.

NEW SCHOOLWIDE PROCEDURES

Reduce Group Sizes

- Students will be grouped in cohorts and remain with the same students throughout the day, with few exceptions.
- Lunch will be served in student's classrooms.
- Postpone field trips until further notice.
- Chapel will be broadcasted to the classrooms across the campus. Other full school assemblies will be postponed until further notice (Pep Rallies, Grandparents Day, Veterans Day, etc.)
- Eliminate/reduce shared equipment and materials.
- Limit the number of students in bathrooms at one time.

Reduce Contacts

- Limited, if any, interaction between grade levels.
- Appropriate social distancing will be established in common areas and classrooms.
- Teachers will travel to students' classrooms for all instruction (Activities included)
- Parents/visitors will have limited access to school buildings.

WHAT WILL SCHOOL LOOK LIKE FOR STUDENTS?

K5-4th Grade: Students will remain in their classrooms with their teacher. Activity teachers will travel to every classroom. Recess will be scheduled by class. Students will have individual supplies. Lunch will be served in the classroom. Lunch and recess times will be individually scheduled to reduce cross-group contact. Outdoor instruction will be maximized.

5th-12th Grade: Students will remain in their classroom, and teachers will travel to every classroom. For example, rather than a 6th grader traveling to math, the math teacher will go to the classroom to teach. Lunch will be served in their classroom or other designated areas. Lunch and recess times will be individually scheduled to reduce cross-group contact. Outdoor instruction will be maximized. Students will have their own individual supplies.

FULL DISTANCE LEARNING OUTLINE

In the event that a stay-at-home mandate has been issued, Dillon Christian School will transition to a Full Distance Learning Model. A Full Distance Learning Model blends daily live instruction with video instruction and a schedule intentionally designed to provide school/life balance, mindfulness, daily reading, writing, and mathematics.

- Google Classroom will be used to access video instruction and activities/student response.
- Daily required classroom Morning and Afternoon Meetings via Google Meet
- Teachers will hold virtual office hours daily.
- Weekly, individual video conferences with teacher.
- Optional live/video for Activity classes.
- Weekly, whole school video Chapel services.
- Weekly, whole school video learning celebrations, assemblies, performances.

Please refer to our Continuation Plan for additional details regarding Full Distance Learning.

FULL DISTANCE LEARNING ENHANCEMENTS

Although it is our goal to have all students on campus, we realize that due to health and safety considerations, there could be interruptions to on-campus learning during the school year. We are prepared with continuation plans and our teachers are ready to pivot to a distance learning model should we be required to do so.

- Significant enhancements have been made to the full distance learning plan that we utilized in the spring 2020.
- Students will be issued a school-provided device with appropriate applications such as Google Classroom, etc. preloaded.

DIGITAL PLATFORMS



FACTS (RENWEB) is our school's student information system and parent portal. Parents can access grades, calendars, announcements, and more.



GSuite for Education is our school's communication and collaboration tool for learning anywhere, anytime, and on any device.



Google Classroom will be used all grades. Teachers utilize Classroom to create classes, distribute assignments, assess, and provide feedback on student work.



Google Meet is a video communication platform that will be used schoolwide to provide a LIVE learning environment, and to increase student participation and learning retention in modified and full distance learning models.

Dillon Christian School will utilize Seesaw, Khan Academy, and Study Island as supplemental resources to enhance our distance learning.



The Learning Journal



ENHANCED TECHNOLOGY

Through the Cares Act and the Dillon Christian School budget, we have invested in technology that will facilitate all modalities of learning and also foster creativity, collaboration, critical thinking, and communication through the use of our newly purchased Chromebooks. Technology enhancements include:

- Infrastructure updates and upgrades to provide improved internet access for both students and faculty.
- 1:1 Chromebooks for all students.
- Laptops with web cameras for all teachers to improve and streamline our distance learning instruction.

FACULTY PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Dillon Christian School has made significant investments in both technology and professional development of our teachers in order to continue delivering a high-quality educational experience regardless of the location in which teaching and learning take place.

- Teachers participated in courses through the Google for Education training platform over the summer.
- DCS teachers are participating in professional development opportunities and curriculum planning throughout the summer to prepare them for the demands of the upcoming school year.
- Teachers will return to school one week early (August 3) for on-campus professional development and safety training to prepare for the new school year.

OUR COMMITMENT

Even putting forth our best efforts, there remain circumstances beyond Dillon Christian School's control. We anticipate, based on CDC predictions, possible increases of COVID-19 cases which could potentially impact on-campus programming during the year.

During any period of distance learning, we remain committed to:

- Upholding our core values for learning and fulfilling Dillon Christian School's mission statement
- Providing students with high-quality learning experiences
- Communicating clearly and consistently with our families
- Translating our programs and traditions into a virtual environment

WE CAN'T WAIT TO SEE YOU!

Please be sure to monitor school communications for updates and additional information.

We have really missed having everyone on campus and look forward to the 2020-2021 school year!