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**RETURN TO SCHOOL PLAN GRADES K-12
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Introduction

The goal of Seacoast Christian Academy is to open the school in the safest manner possible for all, while ensuring that our students receive the best educational opportunities possible. The Return to School plan (RTS) was developed with input from all stakeholder groups, along with recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and the Department of Health (DOH).

SCA has developed an Instructional Continuity Plan, ICP, which has been submitted to the Florida Department of Education and includes our academic and operations plan for returning to school during the current community pandemic. This presentation provides highlights of our ICP to provide parents and guardians with the information they need to make an informed decision regarding their child's education for the start of the 2020-2021 school year.

As we all face the current community health crisis, having a strong parent and school partnership is key to keeping everyone healthy and keeping students on track with academic progress.

School Operations Plan

PHASE 1 REOPENING AUGUST 17, 2020	PHASE 2 REOPENING TBD	PHASE 3 REOPENING TBD
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Staff and students will be health-screened upon entry to school. Anyone with a fever greater than 100.4 will be sent home.• Staff and students will use face masks while on campus, especially in hallways and common areas. All school assemblies, performances, and field trips will be suspended.• Hybrid Model of instruction is provided for grades 7 – 12; in-person learning for grades K-6, with an optional virtual model.• Efforts will be made to reduce students changing classes in upper grades.• Social distancing practices will be followed in common areas such as the cafeteria and chapel.• All school assemblies, performances and sporting events will follow state and local spectator protocols.• School cleaning and sanitation is completed throughout the day, deep cleaning bi-weekly.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Staff and students continue to be health-screened upon entry to school.• Staff and students will use protective gear while in contact with others when social distancing is not possible.• Students in upper grades will remain in one classroom for the day, with teachers rotating. Exceptions are PE, Tech Classes, Art & Dance.• Social distancing practices are eased in common areas such as the cafeteria and chapel.• All school assemblies, performances and sporting events are slowly reinstated, with state/local spectator guidelines.• School cleaning and sanitation is completed throughout the day and deep cleaning weekly.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Health screening is no longer required.• Protective gear is optional.• School common areas are opened to regular school activities – social distancing is reduced.• Students may move about campus, and rotate to classrooms.• All school assemblies, performances and sporting events are reinstated.• School cleaning and sanitation is completed throughout the day and deep cleaning weekly.

Preventive Practices

In an effort to protect our students and staff from COVID-19 exposure, we are setting up in-school protocols that clearly communicate the health and safety practices we will be instituting this school year. We ask that families partner with us to help keep kids safe by agreeing to do their part outside of the school day.

At Home Parent/Guardian Expectations:

- Check your child daily for COVID-19 symptoms: fever or chills; sore throat or cough; loss of taste or smell; headache; congestion or runny nose, stomach ache, vomiting or diarrhea.
- Limit exposure in public settings outside of school.
- Reinforce good hygiene at home such as frequent hand-washing, cleaning frequently touched surfaces, using protective gear such as a mask while in public settings.
- Parents must provide a clean face mask for their child each day. Face shields will be available for purchase at the school for \$5.00.

At School Expectations:

- Students will wear face masks/shields in common areas, and when interacting with others. Parents are asked to provide a clean mask daily.
- Resource classes such as Art, Computers, etc. will be provided with the classroom setting as much as possible to reduce exposure to other areas of the building.
- Students will wash hands often and use hand sanitizer upon entering classrooms.
- Students will be responsible for cleaning their own desk tops, lockers, personal items. (School will provide cleaning supplies)

School Health Monitoring and Response

Student/Faculty Illness

- If a student /faculty member becomes ill while at school, they will be quarantined and sent home immediately.
- All potential or confirmed cases of COVID-19 will be reported immediately to our health coordinator, and if required to the local health agency (for multiple cases).
- Families will be notified of confirmed COVID-19 cases only, and if their child was in range of exposure.
- Students who must remain home due to illness or testing positive for COVID-19 will be offered a virtual learning program.

School Precautions

- Classrooms in which a student/faculty member who becomes ill during the school day will be sanitized.
- Due to FERPA and HIPAA requirements, we cannot share specific information with everyone. Information will be shared on a case-by-case basis to families and students who may have come in contact with a person who has tested positive.
- Students and Parents are asked to respect the privacy of others.
- The school will monitor the daily health conditions on campus, and modifications may be made to our program if required.

Academic Program Options Middle/High School

MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL GRADES 7-12

- Students in grades 7-12 will begin the school year using a hybrid model that includes both in person and online classes.
- Grades 7 & 8 – at school on Monday, Wednesday, Friday; Distance Learn Tuesday and Thursday
- Grades 9 – 12 – at school Tuesday & Thursday, Distance Learn Monday, Wednesday, Friday
- A Parent Academic Agreement must be completed indicating the program choice, and a commitment to safe and healthy practices at home.

Academic Program Options Elementary

ELEMENTARY GRADES K - 6

- Students in grades K – 6 will receive in-school instruction. (Virtual learning is available upon request).
- Students older than 6 will be required to wear face protection and social distance when in groups or classrooms.
- Desk sneeze guards for elementary have been ordered for elementary grades.
- A Parent Academic Agreement must be completed indicating the program choice, and a commitment to safe and healthy practices at home.

Academic Program VPK

VOLUNTARY PRE-KINDERGARTEN

- Students in VPK will receive in-school instruction. Virtual learning is not an option, unless there is a legislative mandate to close school.
- Students will be temperature checked upon arrival to school, and will remain in cohort groups.
- Teachers will complete a health survey each morning, and wear face protection while in common areas, or when in parent meetings. VPK teachers and students will not be required to wear masks while in classrooms.
- Staff in common areas will wear face masks or shields.

Virtual Learning Request

Virtual Learning Option

- If you are requesting 100% virtual learning at home, [click here](#) to complete the request. Please keep in mind:
 1. All tuition and fees apply.
 2. This is a nine-week commitment. You may reevaluate your choice after the first quarter
 3. Distance learning requires daily meetings with teachers during their office hours.
- Lunch is available for enrolled students who are distance learning. Parents can make arrangements to pick up meals by ordering on Fridays for the following week. Email jwain@scajax.org to place your orders.

Distance Learning Guidelines

DAILY ATTENDANCE IS REQUIRED FOR CREDIT

- Students will follow the regular daily class schedule.
- Teachers will provide daily student contact and office hours for extra help.
- Pacing will follow in-school routines and deadlines.

PROGRESS MONITORING

- SCA will assess student progress on a weekly basis. Students not making adequate progress will be given the option to return to in-person attendance.
- School work will follow the SCA handbook and classroom policies and honor code.

ACCESSING VIRTUAL LEARNING

- Students must have internet access at home in order to participate in distance learning.
- Students may use their own devices at home, or may request a school device from administration.
- SCA will utilize Google Classroom and other approved web platforms.

Final Notes

1. Pray as a family – Praying together as a family each day not only strengthens your faith, but also provides quiet time to listen to one another.
2. Talk to your children – Don't be afraid to talk to your children about the Coronavirus, and focus on what they can do to keep safe.
3. Manage stress – This can be an overwhelming time for all of us. Take time for personal devotions, remain calm, and embrace the help and the support of others.