



**1/11/2021**

Dear Spaulding Family,

We are so looking forward to our day students returning to in-person instruction on **1/19/2021**. In order to respond to safety protocols regarding the COVID 19 pandemic, please note the following:

**Masks are mandated** for all students and staff. Students will be permitted to take mask breaks at their desks when others are at least six feet away from them.

**Classroom lists** (and teacher assignments) have been adjusted to cohort our day students and our residential students by cottage. This may mean a different classroom and teacher assignment for your students. If this is the case, a private email will be sent to you today.

Our intention is to provide all students with in-person instruction moving forward; however, we remain prepared to move back into a hybrid approach should we experience coronavirus cases on campus or a staffing shortage due to coronavirus. We, like you, want all our students to be served on campus with the full in-person instruction experience. Moving forward, we ask that you continue to exercise patience should we need to move quickly into a different response to this tenacious virus.

We will continue to have the following safety measures in place for now:

- Communal space (gym, library, dining hall, etc.) will not be used.
- All students and staff will be health and temperature screened daily.
- Any student or staff member exhibiting signs of illness or with COVID+ exposure will not be permitted to attend school in person until such date as established by health services.
- Students who exhibit signs of illness upon arrival to school will be sent home immediately via their transportation and parents will be notified.
- All students and staff will wash their hands frequently throughout the day.
- All students and staff will exercise social distancing (6 feet or more) to the greatest extent possible.

Again, we thank you for your partnership in moving through this pandemic. Please feel free to reach out to me or your classroom teacher with any questions.

Sincerely,

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