



COVID-19 Prevention Plan

The purpose of this plan is to guide us in resuming on campus schooling as safely as possible during the COVID-19 pandemic. As the status of the pandemic is constantly changing, this plan is subject to change at any time. Our plans are informed by recommendations/guidance from: NH Governor's office, NH DOH, NH DOE, federal officials, the WHO and/or the CDC.

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Before Returning to School

- For 14 days before coming to school, students and staff are expected to take specified infection control precautions.
 - Compliance will be documented via a questionnaire to be completed before arrival.
 - If students have not followed the precautions: they will need to wait an additional 14 days from the last exposure concern (i.e. the last time they did not follow the above precautions) and have a negative test result during the week before campus arrival.
 - Precautions include:
 - Wearing masks when in public
 - Practicing good hand hygiene
 - Avoiding large gatherings
 - Staying home as much as possible
- Campus will be disinfected prior to the arrival of students.
- Students and staff must get tested within 10 days prior to arrival and provide documentation of their negative result to the school nurse, before they may enter campus.
 - If testing is not available near the student's home, parents/guardians may contact the school nurse, who will advise them on New Hampshire testing options and they will be required to stay off campus until the result comes back negative.
 - Any student who tests positive will need to stay home and engage remotely until they are clear of the virus (current guideline is 10 days after testing, 24 hours fever-free without fever reducer, and symptoms improved).

Arrival and First Two Weeks On Campus

- Arrival will be spaced over 3 days (September 10-13) in order to allow for appropriate distancing during registration and unpacking. Students will be assigned a specific arrival day and time.
- Once on campus, there will be a second 14 day isolation period. During the first two weeks at school, students will be restricted to interacting within their dorm group.
 - Some activities will be planned to allow students to interact with others outside their dorm; these will need to be outdoors, physically distanced by 6 feet, and wearing masks.
 - Orientation will be focused on dorm group activities, spaced over those two weeks.
 - Academics will take place in dorm groups and will be focused on academic orientation and foundational skills as well as school-wide curricular pieces such as health & wellness, diversity & tolerance, etc.

- No student trips off campus will be permitted during the first two weeks on campus.
- No visitors, including admissions visits, will be allowed on campus during the first two weeks of school.
- No visitation between dorms until further notice. Only dorm parents, respite, essential staff, and students will be allowed in the dorms during this quarantine. Exemptions will be discussed with nursing and the leadership team.
- During the second week of school, all students and staff will be tested again. Assuming all results are negative, the dorm-based isolation period will end.

Ongoing Precautions

Daily Health Screening

- Dorm parents will conduct daily temperature and symptom checks of every student prior to their departure from the dorm.
- Staff will need to do daily symptom self-checks before entering the academic building.
- Any student or staff member with symptoms must be cleared by the school nurse or AOD before entering the school building.

Physical Distancing and Facial Coverings

- Cloth facial coverings are required for everyone whenever inside buildings, as well as outside whenever physical distancing of at least 6 feet cannot be maintained.
 - Facial coverings may be removed when alone in a personal space like office or bedroom.
 - Exceptions to the mask requirement must be approved by the school nurse
- Physical distancing of 6 feet will be maintained whenever possible
- Classrooms will be arranged for physical distancing of at least 3 feet between students, facing forward, with masks, with the teachers 6 feet from students. Seating in a circle will be allowed with physical distancing of at least 6 feet. Seating charts will be used to assist with contact tracing if needed.
- Facial coverings are also required for any delivery personnel and vendors.
- As much as possible we will limit the number of staff entering dorms to that which is necessary to maintain a quality residential program and provide for students' well-being. This will include dorm parents, assigned respite staff, cleaning staff, and counselors or administrators responding to urgent issues.

Hygiene, Disinfection and Ongoing Education

- Hand hygiene: Using hand sanitizer or soap & water, hands must be cleaned upon arrival at school buildings and through-out the day, such as before and after eating, using the facilities, and touching facial coverings.

- Teachers will wipe down tables between classes with disinfectant. They may enlist students to assist with this.
- Cleaning staff will disinfect high touch areas on a daily basis as part of the daily cleaning routine.
- All staff will be responsible for additional cleaning and disinfection as situations require.
- Staff and students will participate in continuing education focusing on safety regarding infectious diseases and its mitigation, including, but not limited to: handwashing, physical distancing, cough etiquette, facial coverings, hygiene and disinfecting.
- Nursing staff will be responsible for keeping administration updated on the current recommendations put forth by the governing bodies.

Meals

- Students and staff will pick up meals in the dining room and carry them to an assigned eating location, mostly in classrooms.
 - Breakfast will be by dorm group, lunch by academic advisory group, dinner by dorm group. During the first two weeks, all meals will be with dorm groups.
- There will be a one-way flow, up the back staircase and down the front staircase, to access the dining room.
- All meals will be served to students by staff wearing gloves and standing behind a plexiglass barrier.
- Physical distancing and facial coverings are required in the serving line.
- Outdoor dining will be encouraged whenever possible.
- Students will be allowed to attend culinary classes as long as they are on the dining side of the barrier, are able to physically distance, and wear facial coverings

Off Campus Trips and Visitors

- After the first 14 days, administration and nursing staff will continually reevaluate restrictions on off-campus trips and visitors.
- Admissions Dept may conduct campus visits with restrictions:
 - **All visitors:** are required to fill out the screening questionnaire prior to arrival and be assessed by nursing staff upon arrival, are required to wear facial coverings and use hand sanitizer between buildings. *If for any reason a visitor is unable to wear a facial covering, they may not visit.*
 - Visitors will only be allowed in the halls during class times, when there are no students in the halls.
 - No children under the age of 13 are allowed to visit.
 - Prospective families may alternately utilize a “virtual tour”.

School Breaks

- Thanksgiving
 - On-campus, shortened Thanksgiving Break
 - Faculty asked to restrict travel to areas that the state identifies as not requiring a quarantine.
- Winter Break and Spring Break
 - Plan for normal winter and spring breaks, with 3 day staggered arrival
 - Precautions during breaks and the transitions back will be based on guidance at that time.

In the Event of Illness or Exposure

Health information is confidential and will not be shared with anyone unless medically necessary.

- Any staff or student who feels ill will contact nursing staff, or the AOD if after hours, to discuss their symptoms PRIOR to entering any campus building.
 - Staff who are sick should stay home and contact the school nurse and their primary care provider.
 - Sick students will be isolated, assessed by the school nurse and by a local pediatrician before next steps are defined.
 - All illnesses will immediately be reported to the NH Dept of Health for consideration.
- Students exhibiting any symptoms or that have been exposed to someone with COVID-19 will be isolated in their dorm room or in the infirmary isolation room for further assessment by nursing and consultation with the NH Dept of Health and/or the local pediatrician. The school will consult with the NH Dept of Health to determine any further actions needed on campus.
- If we experience more than an occasional infection, in order to keep the rest of the campus from becoming infected, a separate dorm/building will be used to house “sick” individuals.
- Student’s parents will be notified immediately upon isolation and will be given the option to drive to the school to pick up the student to isolate at home.
- Counseling Dept will be consulted if isolation is needed for a student to decrease anxiety.