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Dear Savannah Christian Community:

During the past several months, we have been working to prepare school for the upcoming semester. While we hope our return will follow standard operating procedures, we have created a campus reopening plan that responds to unforeseen contingencies. Below you will see a button for the Savannah Christian Preparatory School Campus Reopening Plan.

[SCPS Campus Reopening Plan](#)

The campus reopening plan includes changes to the course delivery, strengthened health and safety protocols, and a continued commitment to student well-being. It is based on guidance provided by the Georgia Department of Public Health (GDPH), the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and consultation with various individuals in the medical community, including those in the greater Savannah area. Our ultimate goal is to welcome our students back to campus while maintaining a healthy, safe, and compassionate learning environment. Due to the unknowns relating to the future developments of COVID-19, we have various approaches to the method in which school will reopen. While there will be some adjustments in the way we teach, learn, and interact with one another, we will be able to resume our activities and deliver on our mission while minimizing the risk for our community.

The information in the campus reopening plan will give you an overview of what our return to campus will look like, including the decision tree for our response, what precautions we will take to keep our community safe, and what school will look like when we return. **Please note that we are still working out the details and some of our current protocols will change as we move closer to the first day of school based on the best information we have available to us. Our commitment is to share any additions and changes as soon as possible.** Please check the COVID-19 page on our website for the most updated information.

[COVID-19 Webpage](#)

The care we have for our students does not just occur in the classroom. We care about the whole student – heart, soul, mind, and body. Keeping in mind what is best for our community, we will remain diligent to respond to the challenges ahead.

Overview of the Campus Reopening Plan

Teaching and Learning

We plan to return to school to teach in a traditional classroom environment with safety modifications in place. During the fall of 2020, classes will occur in one of three delivery models, from a traditional learning format to a variety of hybrid options that leverage online technology.

Three Models of Instruction:

1. On-Campus: This model keeps students on campus with limited disruption to the regular school day operations. We will observe safe and healthy practices.
2. Blended Format-Raider Learning Hubs: This model creates a blended approach to the learning model. Students will remain in their assigned Hub and will interact within their Hub or through asynchronous learning on campus. Classes will offer lectures via on-campus remote delivery and bring students to a classroom for hands-on studios and lab activities with social distancing measures in place.
3. E-Learning: In the event the GDPH indicates a widespread virus outbreak, classes will resume remotely and will be delivered online through our new, enhanced learning portals.

Campus Health and Safety

This summer, Savannah Christian is retraining staff, adopting new cleaning methods, and planning for all three models of learning. Other precautions will include the installation of signage to encourage best practices regarding personal hygiene and the movement of people through campus spaces, upgraded air filtration systems, workspace modifications, and staggered scheduling for on-campus community members. Setup in offices, classrooms, labs, etc. will be modified to facilitate physical distancing when available and enable cleaning and disinfection protocols.

Personal Protective Equipment

Savannah Christian will centrally manage the acquisition and distribution of personal protective equipment (PPE) and provide reusable face coverings to the community before the semester begins if needed.

During the fall semester, there may be times when members of the Savannah Christian community are strongly encouraged to wear a face-covering on campus. All members of the Savannah Christian community who are typically required to wear face masks or other personal protective equipment should continue to do so.

Dining

We have been working with Lexington Independents regarding food service provisions. Changes for fall 2020 including the elimination of self-serve food options, such as salad bars and pizza. Instead, Lexington will provide grab-and-go options at both Commons '51 and Crossbones Cafe. Food will be prepackaged in single-serving containers. The dining hall staff will serve all food that is not prepackaged.

We will reduce the seating capacity of each interior dining space and increase the number of outside seating options to encourage physical distancing.

All staff will wear appropriate PPE for foodservice and cleanliness as outlined in CDC guidelines. All dining operations will temporarily shut down after meal shifts for a thorough cleaning and each facility will be disinfected overnight.

Events

Campus event spaces will operate with reduced occupancy and physical distancing practices as applicable and practical. All campus visitors and attendees at campus events are expected to follow Savannah Christian's health and safety guidelines.

Given the uncertainty of COVID-19, we have prepared to move seamlessly from one method of instruction and operations to the other as public health guidance and conditions dictate. Our ultimate goal is to continue to deliver a high-quality education for all of our students. The included guide will provide additional details for future school operations and campus reopening.

[SCPS Campus Reopening Plan](#)

Thank you for your patience and trust as we work diligently to prepare for the 2020-2021 school year. I am ready for the return of our Savannah Christian community in the fall! The campus is far too quiet without the buzz of students, families, and staff.

It's a great day to be a Raider!

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