



## CAMPUS REOPENING PLAN - UPDATE 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR

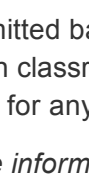
### Savannah Christian Preparatory School will reopen for traditional instruction on Thursday, August 13, 2020.

#### Savannah Christian's Plan for Reopening

This iteration of our reopening plan is an addendum to the communication we sent out at the end of June (a copy of this letter may be found [here](#)). Savannah Christian remains committed to prioritizing the teaching and learning experience with rigor and fidelity. We hold firm in our purpose of providing a life-changing student experience, regardless of challenging times. While we continue to proactively respond to the pandemic with the goal of returning to school, we ask that our families continue their partnership with us. This pandemic is fluid and may cause us to adjust our procedures as new challenges arise. Our resolve is to continue educating our students in a structured environment that uses best practices while meeting their academic, social, emotional, and physical needs.

Savannah Christian commits to following the safety guidelines stated by Governor Kemp's Executive Orders, the Georgia Department of Public Health (GDPH), the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), and the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP). In cases where these may conflict, the school will consult with our physician task force to aid in developing best practices based on the scientific data presented and the current state of the pandemic in Chatham County.

In order to return safely, here are a few items that we need our families to help us with in addition to general information about the framework we prepared for your child's return this fall.



#### Tracking

DAILY, prior to attending school, ALL parents will need to respond to screening questions regarding exposures, symptoms, temperature, etc. This program will advise you if you need to keep your child home with instructions based on your answers. The information is then submitted back to us so we can track how many of our students are out sick and in which classrooms. The information that you share with us is confidential and will not be used for any contact tracing with GDPH.

More information regarding this new program will be communicated to our parents in the coming weeks.

#### Fever/Symptoms

In the event your child has a fever of 100.4 or higher, is experiencing COVID-19 symptoms, or has possible exposure to COVID-19, you need to keep your child home. If the fever appears during school hours, you will need to pick your child up immediately. Your child must be fever-free for 72 hours without taking any fever-reducing medication before returning to school.

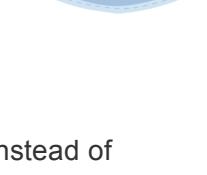


#### Visitors

Until further notice, visitors to campus will only have access to the office areas. While we love for our families to eat lunch with their child, read to classes, and attend chapel, with the social distancing procedures in place, we need to keep the building free of extra people.

#### Face Masks

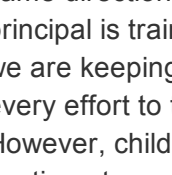
For the start of school, we are not requiring masks to be worn during the entire school day, but we are strongly encouraging any person who wants to wear a mask to do so. We ask that our students in grades 6-12 wear a mask in hallways and common areas when social distancing is not possible.



There are many factors that lead us to recommend the use of masks instead of mandating them. However, if a child comes to school with a cough or runny nose (which could be allergy-related), but no fever, the student will be asked to wear a mask. Further, the student will be observed throughout the school day.

If a student is showing symptoms of COVID-19, the nurse will give the student a mask to wear, the parent/guardian will be contacted to pick their child up immediately, and the student will remain in the clinic until the parent/guardian arrives.

Upon arrival, the parent/guardian will need to call the school office and remain in their vehicle. A staff member will escort the student out to their vehicle and assist them in signing out their child.

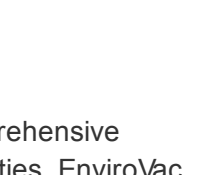


#### Social Distancing

The school has removed all extra furniture and items from the classrooms and has created as much room as possible for our students. While education is a collaborative learning process, our students will, when able, face the same direction and be spread out as far as possible within the rooms. Additionally, each principal is training their staff to look at every facet of school life in order to make sure we are keeping distance from others, whenever possible. Please know, we will make every effort to train our children to understand the importance of social distancing. However, children are social creatures and this may be difficult for them. We will continue to work with them to understand how to interact with each other at a safe distance.

#### Handwashing

In addition to the measure above, we will provide hand sanitizer throughout the campus. The lower school will also have planned handwashing times.



#### Enhanced Cleaning

We have partnered with EnviroVac to create a comprehensive approach to enhanced cleaning services of our facilities. EnviroVac has already trained our staff on the methods to test high touch surfaces and on the proper methods to clean them when the virus protein is detected. The process used to clean our campus is safe for student facilities while providing the highest level of virus disinfectant. Please visit our website for more information on our EnviroVac partnership.

EnviroVac Partnership

### What happens if a student tests positive for COVID-19?

Even though we will employ best health practices as recommended, it is possible that a student may test positive for COVID-19. In consultation with the Georgia Department of Public Health, Savannah Christian has established the following procedure when a student tests positive for COVID-19.

#### COVID-19 Positive

Anyone with a positive laboratory-confirmed test for COVID-19 is required to isolate at home. Discontinuation of isolation criteria include:

- At least 10 days have passed since the onset of symptoms, AND
- The student has been without fever for 72 hours without taking any fever-reducing medications, AND
- All other symptoms have improved.

#### Presumptive Positive

A presumptive positive is an individual who has been exposed to someone with COVID-19 and has since developed symptoms. Per the Commissioner of Health's Administrative Order, presumptive positive individuals should isolate at home. Discontinuation of isolation criteria include:

- At least 10 days have passed since symptom onset, AND
- The student has been without fever for 72 hours without taking any fever-reducing medications, AND
- All other symptoms have improved.

#### Close Contacts

Anyone with close contact (within six feet for fifteen minutes or more) with a person who must be isolated is required to quarantine at home for a period of 14 days from their last date of exposure. As per the Commissioner of Health, while wearing a cloth face covering may slow the spread of COVID-19 and reduce risks, it does not completely eliminate the spread.

The school will notify any student who has been identified as a close contact (within six feet for fifteen minutes or more). The name of the individual who tested positive will remain confidential. We will close off areas used by individuals who tested positive for COVID-19 to clean and disinfect the facility.

Additionally, any student or staff member traveling internationally or on a cruise ship will be expected to self-quarantine for 14 days upon return to the United States, based on federal and state executive orders. Students will be provided an opportunity to continue learning during the quarantine period with instructional support.

### Students with diagnosed medical conditions that prohibit them from attending school traditionally.

Our goal is the safe return of our students to campus. However, we have some children who have medical conditions that make a safe return to school difficult. For this reason alone, we are offering an E-learning option. If you are interested in this option for your child, please review the following criteria.

1. The parent must provide the school with a documented reason for the medical exception in order to use our E-learning platform. This information will remain confidential.
2. The parent understands that students enrolled in the E-learning platform may not return to school until the school opens campus under normal conditions.
3. The students will not be able to join any athletic or artistic teams. If a student needs the E-learning platform, then we advise against joining groups that could compromise their health.
4. The student will need to be online every day during the school day and stay current with the academic program. We will have academic counselors that will help them, but the teacher may not be readily available as they will be in class throughout the day.

If you are interested in the E-learning platform, please click the button below to complete your request.

E-Learning Platform Request

#### RaiderONE

Many families are helping to make the RaiderONE program a reality. I have been asked this a couple of times since my last letter, so let me be clear that the RaiderONE program is not built in anticipation of a return to E-Learning. Instead, RaiderONE allows our students to have a uniform learning platform for all academic work. The benefits of the Chromebooks being purchased by the school are that all students will have the same software, access, and security. New century learning skills of critical thinking and problem solving, communication, collaboration, and creativity and innovation are the hallmarks of the RaiderONE program.

To successfully prepare, we are asking you to join with us to help the school make the initial Chromebook purchase. The cost of each Chromebook and the Necessary software is \$300. We are asking each family to pledge the cost of their child's Chromebook to The Fund for Savannah Christian. Your donation can be paid all at once or in monthly installments.

Please click on the button below to make your pledge for your child's Chromebook.

Give Today!

#### Events

As we look towards the new school year, I am sad to say that we will not celebrate RaiderFest. In the upcoming weeks, our will on-reopening eventing that is generally available on this date. Furthermore, all major on-campus evening events for the month of August have become virtual. We need to have a campus free of guests in the evening in order to give our staff time to adequately clean and disinfect the campus. We will send out information regarding these events once school has begun.

#### Athletics

Savannah Christian is a member of the Georgia High School Association. At this time, they have not released information regarding games, attendance, and team travel.

#### Back to School Information

Our website has all the back to school information that you will need to start this school year. We have placed all pertinent information here to make your transition back to traditional school as smooth as possible.

Back to School Information

This semester we are going to learn much about having school in the middle of a pandemic. While it might seem a little imprecise at times, the school will continue to act decisively in the best interest of our children. Thank you for your patience and trust as we continue to 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 and staff.

It's a great day to be a Raider!

Chris Harmon, Ed.D.

Headmaster

