



THE JOHN CARROLL SCHOOL

Transcript of Reopening Plan: Physical Health Video – Recorded July 28, 2020

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Good afternoon, Patriots!

For those of you who don't know me, my name is Michelle Webster. I'm a 1981 graduate of John Carroll as well as the proud parent of two John Carroll alums and have been the school nurse here at John Carroll for six years.

Today, I'm going to be sharing information with you on one of the most critical pieces of our reopening plan, a plan to safely reopen school for the 2020-2021 school year: the physical health of our students. Director of Counseling and Dean of Student Services Mr. Larry Hensley will be speaking separately regarding some of the steps we are taking to support the mental health of our students.

First, I want to reiterate that, as Principal Durkin said, regardless of which scenario we open school in, students who are immunocompromised or whose families are not comfortable with an in-person learning experience have the option throughout the year of receiving a full academic experience online. Students who become ill with COVID-19 or who must quarantine due to close contact with a COVID case can also take advantage of this option.

Families who are comfortable proceeding with either a hybrid or full return to school will be asked to sign a Return to School agreement stating their understanding of the possible risk.

On a daily basis, we will be doing a number of things to ensure the safety of our students.

- First, students and staff will be required to self-report their temperature and symptoms every day they are scheduled to be on campus prior to entering the school building. We are in the process of setting up the online mechanism for this and will be sending out additional information later this summer. Anyone reporting symptoms of COVID-19 or a temperature of 100 degrees or greater will not be permitted to enter the building.
- In the event a student or staff member begins to experience symptoms while on campus, we have established an isolation room with appropriate air flow, separate from the Health Suite, to accommodate them until a parent arrives or until they are authorized to drive themselves home. To better ensure school safety during the pandemic, any member of the school community who is ill or who shows signs of illness will be isolated. No assumptions of who does and who does not have COVID-19 will be

made. Out of an abundance of caution, all will be treated as if they have the virus and sent home. Prior to leaving school, the individual will receive written instructions about how to proceed, including following up with a medical doctor, getting tested if recommended, and remaining in isolation at home for the prescribed amount of time. Return to school may require a statement from a physician, in some cases.

- John Carroll will follow the Maryland Department of Health and MSDE guidelines on exclusion and return-to-school for individuals who test positive for COVID-19, those with COVID-19-like illness and their close contacts, with the exception that we will use the previously-stated criteria of 100 degrees or higher for a fever. We have included a link to this chart on our Reopening website page at johncarroll.org/reopening.
- In any case where a student or staff member tests positive for COVID-19, the local Health Department will be consulted for direction on notifying any close contacts who may have been exposed. Family members residing in the same home are automatically considered close contacts, as are other students who rideshare in the same vehicle. Close contacts must also be excused from school and quarantine at home for 14 days.
- Parents must be readily available to pick up a student who reports to the nurse with any COVID symptoms. If your home or place of work is farther than 30 minutes away, please have an alternate arrangement in place for quick pick up.
- In accordance with current guidelines from the medical community, all students and staff members must wear a mask. We will be providing each student with two John Carroll masks that they should consider part of their uniform moving forward, and we ask every student to wash their mask with soap and water after each use.
- Finally, all students and staff will be trained on all safety protocols, including the “cleanse-in/cleanse-out” protocol of using wall-mounted hand sanitizers stationed by each classroom door on the way in and out of a room; washing hands frequently; and wiping down desks before and after each use. These protocols will be strictly enforced.

I am confident that our students can handle these new protocols which will allow them the opportunity to continue a more personal engagement with their teachers and classmates. Thank you for partnering with us so that together, we can welcome our Patriots back to school this fall in a way that is both safe and enriching.