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# **2020-21 RE-ENTRY PLAN**

*as of July 15, 2020*

Ursuline Academy  
Welcome Back Committee  
July 15, 2020

# DECISION TREE

YES 

YES - WITH RESTRICTIONS 

NO 

Ursuline Academy is implementing a safe campus reopening plan that will allow the 2020-21 school year to begin as scheduled, at the end of August. Contingency planning will allow us to meet the demands and challenges during the COVID-19 pandemic. All decisions follow CDC and State of Delaware guidelines. The parent survey results provided important feedback to support the development of these plans.

In consult with Ursuline Academy's Welcome Back Committee, which includes medical professionals and local officials, Ursuline Academy is able to execute the screening, disinfecting, and physical campus modifications needed to support a safe return to campus.

State of Delaware lifted stay-at-home order on May 31, 2020.



State of Delaware advises schools may reopen for in-person instruction. (pending Governor Carney's announcement in early August)



**ON-CAMPUS LEARNING:**  
School begins on campus with required health and safety procedures. In the event that the State of Delaware closes schools or reinstates stay-at-home order, students will transition to hybrid learning or distance learning.

**UPPER & MIDDLE SCHOOL HYBRID LEARNING:**  
Transitions to hybrid learning, a combination of on-campus and distance learning.

**LOWER SCHOOL ON-CAMPUS LEARNING:**  
On-campus learning with appropriate distancing, staffing, and disinfecting.

**DISTANCE LEARNING:**  
All students resume distance learning - online based learning at home.



## ON-CAMPUS LEARNING

*On campus learning with required health and safety procedures.  
(for all students, if possible)*

Ursuline Academy is preparing for on-campus school operations to resume in August of 2020. The Academy will follow specific health procedures which will be in accordance with our local, state, and federal requirements. Specific decisions and plans regarding modifications will be finalized in early August.



The standard drop-off and pick-up times will remain the same, but all faculty, students, and staff will be screened upon entry. Students with temperatures above 99.5 will be asked to participate remotely.



Athletics offerings will be guided by Delaware Interscholastic Athletic Association (DIAA) and Catholic Youth Ministry (CYM) recommendations and requirements.



The Lower School's Extended Day Program will be offered on all on-campus learning school days.



The 2020-21 Major Dates Calendar currently remains up-to-date. You will be notified in the event that the calendar needs to be adapted.

Ursuline Academy is preparing for waves of interruptions to on-campus learning. Every effort will be made for the Lower School to continue with on-campus learning even if in some cases grades 6-12 move to hybrid learning. In the event our school community experiences a spike in COVID-19 cases and an interruption of physical operations becomes necessary, a seamless shift to distance learning will occur.

## PREPARING FOR INTERRUPTIONS

Hybrid learning combines on-campus and distance learning, providing every student with uninterrupted learning for the 2020-21 school year.

The hybrid learning model will merge daily, on-campus instruction with synchronous and asynchronous distance learning models. All divisions (Lower, Middle, & Upper School) do not have to participate in the same model at the same time. A hybrid model of on-campus instruction and distance learning gives us the flexibility to utilize the entire campus (inside and out) while providing the necessary social distancing needed to keep everyone safe.

## HYBRID LEARNING

*A combination of on-campus and distance learning.  
(6-12th grade students, if necessary)*

## DISTANCE LEARNING

*Remote learning at home with instruction provided online.  
(some or all students, if necessary)*



Distance learning, also referred to as remote learning, takes many forms depending on the division, grade level, and subject area. These experiences will also look and feel very different from a student's typical in-class experience. Everyone will be working remotely (at home) in this environment. Teachers will connect with students via Zoom or Google Classroom, through a combination of synchronous and asynchronous teaching.

## DELIVERING ON URSULINE ACADEMY'S MISSION

Since 1893, Ursuline Academy has remained steadfast, committed to our mission and philosophy. Regardless of circumstance or model of instruction, our foundation and focus on delivering a high-quality education which empowers students to be leaders in a global society will not change.



Ursuline's core values include community and the development of the whole child. We continue to develop individual passions, socialization, and a student-centered approach.

Students will continue to be provided developmentally appropriate learning experiences in a safe and supportive environment.

## PHYSICAL CAMPUS

While specific decisions and plans will be finalized in early August as more information and updated public health guidelines are issued, strategies include but not limited to:



Pre-Screening and Screening process required for all students and faculty.



The use of masks during classes and in public gathering spaces (as age appropriate).



Students in classes with shared resources will be assigned their own supplies and tools. Each set will be sanitized daily.



Surface sanitizing/cleaning will be done on an accelerated schedule. Classrooms will be disinfected daily.



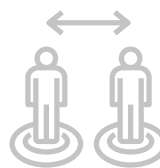
Classroom capacity limits to allow for social distancing throughout campus.



Changes to campus access for visitors and parents.



Hand sanitizer will be available. Frequent hand washing will occur throughout the day, especially before and after meals and activities.



Modification of programs and events in compliance with limits on crowd sizes and social distancing measures.

## DIGITAL PLATFORMS & RESOURCES



**RaiderNet** will continue to be our school's main information system. Parent and students can access all updates, calendar dates, and links to school related information.



Google Classroom

**Google Classroom** will continue to be our main Learning Management System for all grades. Students will manage their work, discussions, and online resources through this platform. All classroom information will be housed in Google Classroom.



Google Meet

**Google Meet** will be one of our primary platforms for LIVE (synchronous) instruction. Google Meet can be joined directly from calendar invites and the student Google Classroom page.



**Zoom** is a video conferencing platform that will be used in all grades. It is a LIVE (synchronous) platform similar to Google Meet.

Ursuline Academy recognizes that families have different resources available at home. Our teachers will work with students and families individually to ensure that all learning opportunities are equitably available for all students in class. If you have specific concerns about your family's resources (computers, internet access, etc.), please contact the Office of Technology:

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Please reach out if you have any questions or concerns. Ursuline Academy is here to provide a continuity of learning for your child(ren) and a safe community for your family.

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