

RE-ENTRY PLAN FOR 2020-2021



FLORENCE
CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

Connecting *Faith* and *Learning*

A ministry of Florence Baptist Temple

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Re-entry Plan



Our highest priority is to follow the biblical principles of treating others the way we want to be treated (Matthew 7:12) and obeying the authorities God has put in our lives (I Peter 2 :13-15) while protecting the health, safety, and well-being of our FCS community. We plan to do so while offering an extraordinary academic experience that “Connects *Faith* and *Learning*.”

- We are planning to begin the 2020-2021 school year on our campus August 17, 2020.
- We are modifying our campus environment and operations with enhanced health and safety measures.
- We will utilize Google Classroom for both in-person and distance learning to meet the needs of all of our students.
- We are monitoring information from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC), the South Carolina Independent School Association (SCISA), American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), and other state and local officials to make careful, sound decisions.

The Process



Florence Christian School's Re-entry Task Force composed of school administration, Florence Baptist Temple leadership, and medical professionals has determined a re-entry plan that prioritizes the health and safety of our FCS community. We will continue to keep you informed as we finalize this plan based upon updated information and public health guidelines.

We have developed three learning models to implement during this school year:

- On Campus Learning
- Blended Learning (combination of On Campus and Distance Learning)
- Full Distance Learning

Currently, we plan to begin On Campus Learning August 17 with a modified Orientation with classes beginning on August 18. Blended Learning will be available through an application process for students who cannot be on campus because of pre-existing health conditions or other risk factors. Full Distance Learning will be implemented for students if part or all of our campus is required to close for a period of time.

Learning Models



On Campus Model	Staff	Faculty & Administration	K3-K4 Students	Elementary Students (K5-6)	Middle School Students (7-8)	High School Students (9-12)
All students would be on campus for in-person instruction following the traditional school daily schedule with modifications and daily screenings in place that will help mitigate the spread of the virus.						
Blended Model	Staff	Faculty & Administration	K3-K4 Students	Elementary Students (K5-6)	*Middle School Students (7-8)	High School Students (9-12)
<p>Employees on campus, provided they pass a daily screening and temperature check</p> <p>Social distancing per CDC guidelines</p>		<p>Classes will operate on a regular daily schedule.</p> <p>Virtual learning will be available for students not able to be on campus because of pre-existing health conditions or other risk factors.</p> <p>Social distancing and classroom capacity per CDC guidelines</p> <p>*Middle school will follow elementary procedure if determined safe to do so.</p>				
Distance Learning	Staff	Faculty & Administration	K3-K4 Students	Elementary Students (K5-6)	**Middle School Students (7-8)	High School Students (9-12)
<p>Employees on campus, provided they pass a daily screening and temperature check</p> <p>Social distancing per CDC guidelines</p> <p>Masks may be required inside the buildings</p> <p>Faculty/Staff will have virtual office hours.</p>		<p>Classes will maintain regular on campus schedules if determined safe to do so.</p> <p>Social distancing and classroom capacity per CDC guidelines</p> <p>Masks may be required</p>		<p>No students on campus</p> <p>100% online learning</p> <p>Students will be required to “attend class” at the normally scheduled time</p> <p>*Middle school will follow elementary procedure if determined safe to do</p>		

2020 Orientation



- Orientation is currently scheduled for Monday, August 17. FCS students and parents will be able to “drop in” to meet their teachers, get their textbooks and other school materials, and receive their schedules and locker assignments.
- FCS faculty and staff will be available to greet their students from 8:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. and from 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
- Orientation counts as the first official day of school; therefore, attendance is required.
- All who attend Orientation will be required to be screened before entering and wear face coverings while in the buildings.
- Classes will begin on Tuesday, August 18.

Communication of Illness

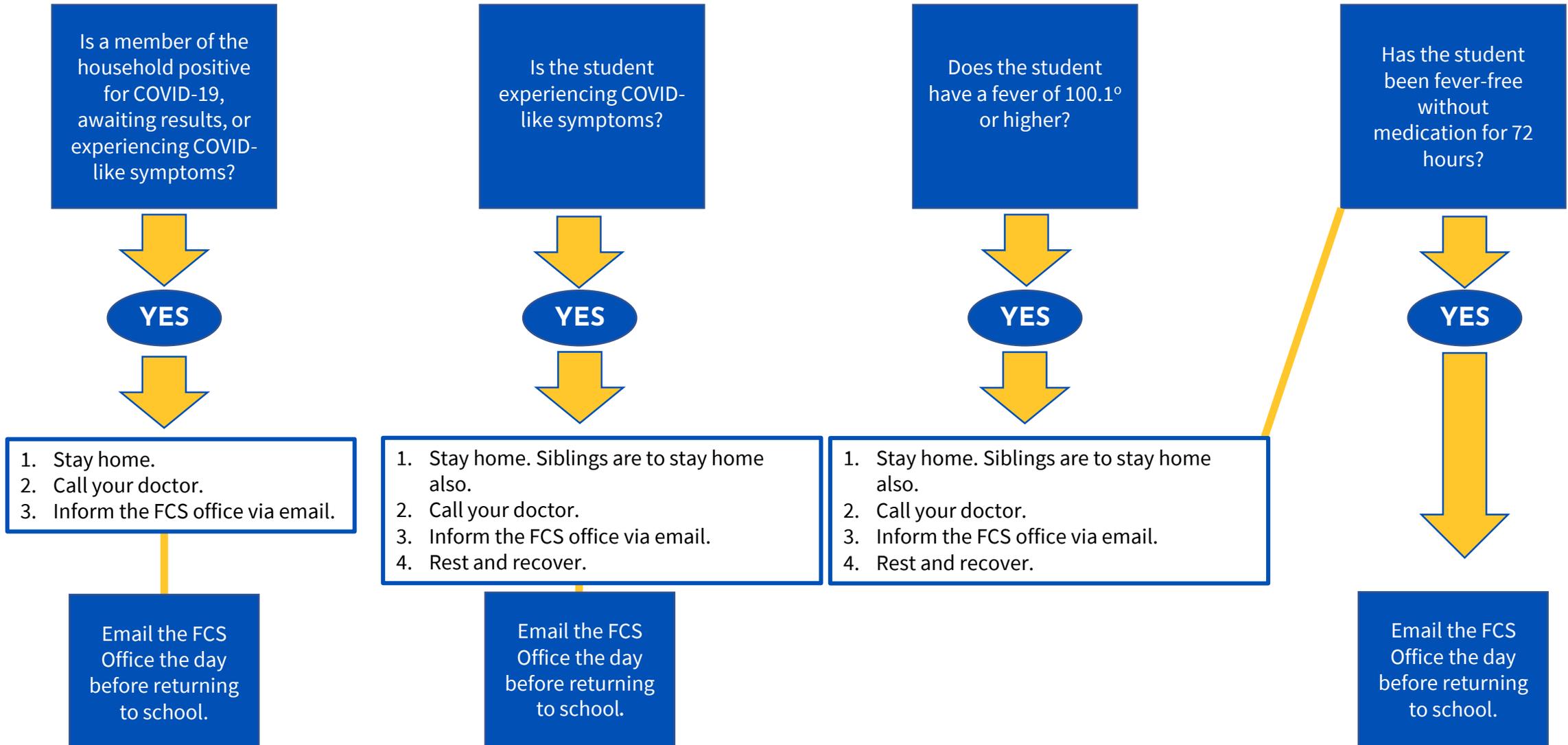


- If a student or faculty member tests positive for COVID-19, FCS will notify the parents of the students in the class that a positive test has been reported. For privacy concerns the child's name will not be released. If the child has siblings at FCS, a notification will also be sent to parents of students in those classes as well.
- FCS will coordinate with local health officials to determine the next course of action.

According to CDC guidelines, when a student (and siblings) or staff member tests positive for COVID-19, the following criteria must be met in order for him/her to return to school

1. Fever free for at least 72 hours without the use of fever-reducing medication
2. COVID-19 symptoms (cough, shortness of breath, body aches, etc.) have been reduced
3. At least 10 days have passed since the date of the positive COVID-19 test result

When to Stay Home



When to Return

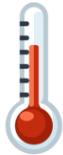


- Sick staff members and students are not to return until they have met criteria for return.
- Students or staff excluded for these symptoms should not return until they have either tested negative for COVID-19 or a medical evaluation determines that their symptoms were more likely due to another cause (e.g. sore throat due to strep throat). In this later case, the individual can return when they meet criteria for that condition. Physician's documentation will be required to return to school.
- Students or staff that require testing for COVID-19 will require a negative test (mouth or nose swab) or similar rapid test that directly detects the virus or must complete the current isolation criteria for COVID-19 to return to school.
- Current isolation criteria for COVID-19:
 - Students and staff who test positive for COVID-19 and persons with symptoms of COVID-19 who do not get tested, should isolate until:
 - Ten (10) days have passed since symptoms started
 - Three (3) days (72 hours) have passed since last fever without taking medicine to reduce fever
 - Overall improvement in symptoms.
 - Those who test positive by a test but do not have symptoms will be required to stay out of school until ten (10) days after the specimen was collected.
 - The criteria above should be used to determine eligibility to return to school.

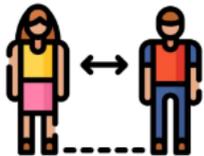
Campus Life



Staggered schedules for arrival and dismissal will be published August 3.



On campus temperature and health screening will be required for all students, faculty, and staff upon arrival at school each day.



Appropriate social distancing will be established in all classrooms and across the FCS campus.



The lunch menu will be modified such that students will be allowed to order entrées and drinks only. Side items (chips, cookies, etc.) must be brought from home. For sanitation purposes, microwaves will not be available for use at this time.



Enhanced campus sanitizing and hand hygiene procedures have been established. Hand sanitizer will be placed throughout campus.



There will be limited access and required health screenings for parents and visitors in campus buildings.



All employees will be required to wear a mask and/or face shield indoors where social distancing is limited. Parents and visitors are required to wear a mask and/or face shield indoors.



Outdoor spaces will be utilized when appropriate and available.

FCS Student Procedures



- Students will be grouped in cohorts and remain with the same students throughout the day, with few exceptions.
- The interaction between grade levels will be limited.
- Teachers (including music teachers) will travel to students' classrooms for all instruction.
- Lunch, recess, locker times, and restroom schedules will be intermittently scheduled to reduce cross-group contact.
- The number of students in the restroom will be limited.
- Field trips will be canceled until further notice.
- Chapel and other programs will be modified for smaller audiences.
- Appropriate social distancing protocols will be established in common areas and classrooms.
- Parents/visitors will have limited access to school buildings.
- Students in grades 7-12 will be required to wear face coverings while in the buildings. Face coverings for all other students (excluding K3-K4) are optional in the classroom but will be required in the hallways and restrooms.

Blended Learning Outline



While we understand the on-campus experience is the most effective approach for the majority of students, we also recognize that due to pre-existing health conditions or other risk factors that some of our students will need to learn from home. Blended learning will be available through an application process for students who cannot be on campus during the year. Families who believe they need this service must contact the school office before July 31, 2020.

- Access to daily lessons and assignments via Headmaster and Google Classroom
- Students to complete assignments as if they were physically in class
- Limited live/video instruction
- Live/video weekly chapel services

Full Distance Learning Outline



In the event that a stay-at-home mandate has been issued, Florence Christian School will transition to a Full Distance Learning Model. A Full Distance Learning Model blends daily live instruction with video instruction, daily assignments, and a schedule intentionally designed to provide school/life balance.

- Google Classroom will be used to access daily video instruction and activities/student response.
- Students in grades 7-12 will be required to “attend” classes via Zoom at the regularly scheduled class times.
- Students in grades K-6 will be required to attend weekly, individual video conferences with teacher.
- Weekly chapel services will be streamed to students.
- Teachers will hold virtual office hours daily.

Blended/Full Distance Learning Enhancements

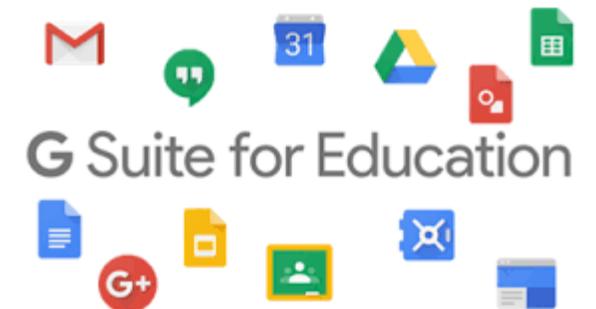
Although it is our goal to have all students on campus, we realize that due to the health and safety considerations, there could be interruptions to on campus learning during the school year. We are prepared with contingency plans, and our teachers are ready to begin distance learning should we be required to do so.

- Enhancements have been made to the distance learning plan that we utilized last year.
- Improvements in internet infrastructure have been made to increase streaming capabilities on campus.
- We will attempt to keep our youngest students on campus as long as safely possible, as we have learned that remote learning is more challenging for our younger students who have not developed into independent learners.

Digital Platforms to be Used



Google Classroom



Our Commitment



Even putting forth our best efforts, there remain circumstances beyond Florence Christian School's control. We anticipate, based on CDC predictions, possible increases of COVID-19 cases which could potentially impact on-campus programming during the year.

During any period of distance learning, we remain committed to:

- Upholding the core values for learning and fulfilling Florence Christian School's mission statement.
- Providing students with high-quality learning experiences.
- Communicating clearly and consistently with our families.
- Translating our programs and traditions into a virtual environment.

We Can't Wait to See You!



Please be sure to monitor school communications for updates and additional information.

We have really missed having everyone on campus and look forward to the 2020-2021 school year!