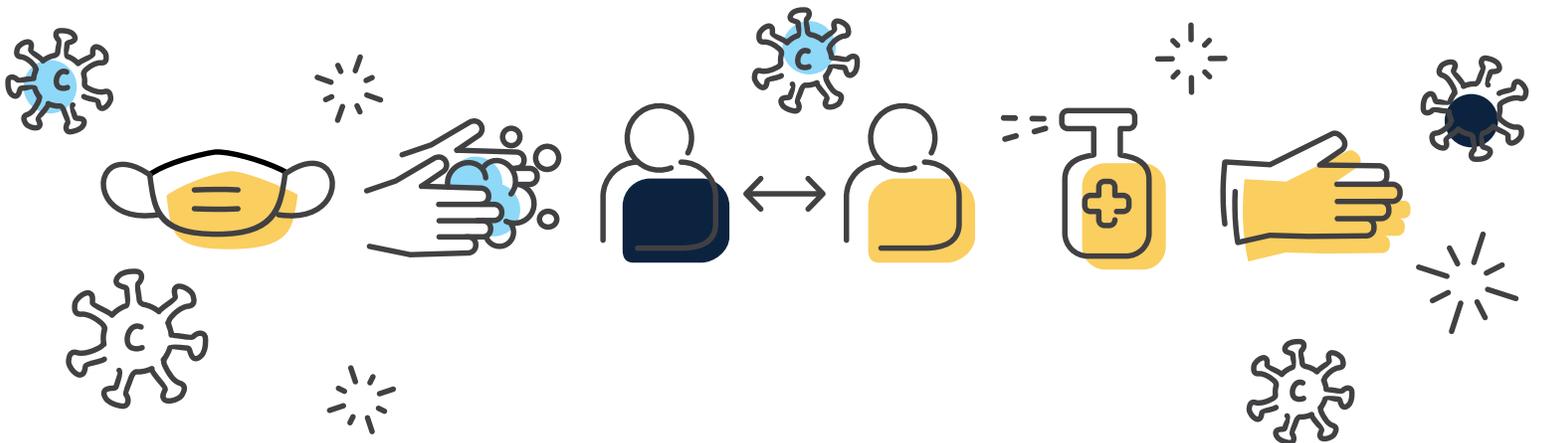


# Returning Safely to Campus

*A guide to reopening Episcopal School of Baton Rouge*



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SCHOOL OF BATON ROUGE

# Reopening

## Principles for Reopening Campus

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- Protect the health and safety of students and employees
- Provide the best education possible

## Guiding Procedures

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- Be compliant with government orders
- Utilize guidelines provided by [CDC](#), [AAP](#), [LDH](#), [LDOE Strong Start 2020](#), [LHSAA](#), [The Episcopal Diocese of Louisiana](#) and other applicable associations
- Establish effective use of spaces to support physical distancing

(The principles in this document will guide our reopening efforts unless safety guidelines warrant a revision.)

# We are in this together

*Protecting our health and wellness*

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Episcopal is committed to the health and wellness of our Episcopal community. We are doing everything we can to mitigate the risk for a safe return to on-campus learning in August. We are staying up-to-date with the latest federal, state, and local guidelines and monitoring the rapidly evolving COVID-19 pandemic. This year will undoubtedly be unlike others, but we are confident that we will continue to deliver on the academic excellence and whole child learning experiences you have come to expect from Episcopal.

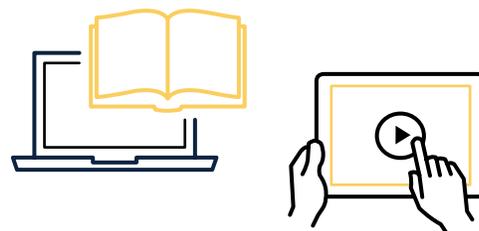
Episcopal is making updates to spaces on campus to accommodate physical distancing and facilitate a healthy campus environment. Keeping our school healthy is a collective effort, one we are asking everyone in our community to support. With everyone's understanding and cooperation, we have a much better chance of minimizing risk and maintaining a healthy environment for our students, employees, families, and the community.

## Commitment to Learning

*Prepared for any circumstance*

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As we move forward with plans for safe learning on campus starting August 7th, all healthy students and faculty will attend school for face-to-face learning with protocols to mitigate risk. Students who are ill or quarantined due to COVID-19 exposure will be able to access course content online and return to school when appropriate. Should Louisiana revert to Phase 1, the current state [Department of Education guidelines](#) will not allow all students to be on campus. In that scenario, our goal will be to provide on-campus, face-to-face learning for our youngest students and Distance Learning for our older students, who are traditionally more independent learners. For Middle School and Upper School students not attending face-to-face classes, we will provide opportunities to be on campus for clubs, athletics, and fine arts, when considered safe.



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# First Days of School



Unless safety guidelines are revised, Episcopal plans to move forward with our current start of school dates. As expected, Episcopal's first day of school for 1st grade – 12th grade will be Friday, August 7th. The first day of school for PreK-3 through Kindergarten will be Monday, August 10th



## A Pledge to Health and Wellness

Each family will be asked to complete the Episcopal Health and Wellness Pledge before the start of school. More information on the Wellness Pledge will be coming from each division office. To further support a healthy campus, we are asking families to perform daily temperature checks of their children before coming to school for the day.



## Orientation

There will be adjustments to this year's orientation process. Early childhood students will sign up for orientation times. We will meet students at the parking lot by the playground and walk them in small groups to the classroom. More communication about early childhood orientation sign up will be sent to families.

All other Lower School students will attend orientation in 1-hour increments on Thursday, August 6th, between 8 am and 2 pm. Students will be assigned to an orientation period based on their last name so that families with more than one Lower School student can complete their orientation simultaneously.

Middle School and Upper School will have their orientation by grade level. To cover all the essential topics we need to cover, we will need to split orientation over two days, August 5th and August 6th.

All orientation sessions in the Lower School, Middle School, and Upper School **will have only students present**. Separate online orientation meetings and presentations will occur for Lower School, Middle School, and Upper School parents in the evenings. Parents will not be present for early childhood orientations. Additional orientation information will be coming before August 1st.

# Orientation

## Lower School

Date and Time	Lower School - Grades 1-5
Thursday - 8/6 8:00-9:00	Students with last names starting with A-C
Thursday - 8/6 9:30-10:30	Students with last names starting with D-J
Thursday - 8/6 11:00-12:00	Students with last names starting with K-P
Thursday - 8/6 1:00-2:00	Students with last names starting with Q-Z

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## Middle and Upper School

Date and Time	Middle School	Upper School
Wednesday- 8/5 8:00-11:00	6th grade	9th grade
Wednesday- 8/5 12:00-3:00	7th Grade	10th grade
Thursday- 8/6 8:00-11:00	8th Grade	11th grade
Thursday- 8/6 12:00-3:00		12th grade

# Procedures for Arriving and Departing School

During the 2020/2021 school year, arrival to campus and drop-off procedures will remain the same with some limitations on where and how students gather before classes begin. Wellness checks should be expected as a part of morning drop off procedures. Carpool dismissal times will remain the same throughout the academic year with similar limitations on where and how students gather. Please contact the appropriate division office (contact information below) for late arrival or early pick-up procedures.

## **Dismissal times are:**

PreK-3 - 2:15 pm

PreK-4 and Kindergarten - 2:30 pm

First - Fifth grade - 2:45 pm

Middle and Upper School - 3:15 pm

**Your divisions will provide more information about early arrival times and extended care.**

## **Division Offices Contact information**

**Lower School, Casie Burley**  
[burleyc@ehsbr.org](mailto:burleyc@ehsbr.org)

**Middle School, Dana Heuvel**  
[heuveld@ehsbr.org](mailto:heuveld@ehsbr.org)

**Upper School, Angie Rabalais**  
[rabalaisa@ehsbr.org](mailto:rabalaisa@ehsbr.org)

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## Mitigating risk at school and in extracurricular activities.

### **Reasons to keep your child home**

We are asking all families to commit to supporting Episcopal's health, wellness, and safety protocols, and agree to keep children home when they are sick, have [COVID-19-like symptoms](#) or have potentially been exposed. To further support a healthy campus, we are asking families to perform daily temperature checks of their children before coming to school for the day. See below for additional details for when a child should stay home:

- A member of your family has tested positive for COVID-19 or is waiting for the results of a COVID-19 test.
- Your child has flu-like or [COVID-19-like symptoms](#).
- Your child has a fever of 100.4 or higher. Children should not return to campus until the fever has subsided without the use of medication or their physician has determined that they are clear to return.

If your child has been kept home for any health-related reasons including the above mentioned, please consult your doctor and our [school nurse](#) before allowing them to return to campus.



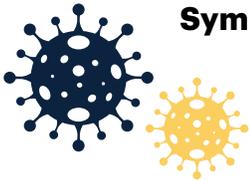
### **Requirements for face coverings**

We view the use of face coverings as an important way that we, as a community, can slow/stop the spread of the virus and protect each other. Students in 3rd through 12th grade will be required to bring and use a face covering at school every day. Students will be allowed to wear face coverings of their choosing in any school-appropriate design, color, pattern, etc., as long as it covers the individual student's nose and mouth, and is consistent with Episcopal free dress guidelines. Episcopal will provide disposable face coverings when needed.



### **Practicing physical distancing**

We are working on classroom spaces to address physical distancing requirements in accordance with the Louisiana Department of Education's [Strong Start document](#) and the American Academy of Pediatrics [AAP](#).



### **Symptom monitoring and isolation**

Episcopal is expanding the school nurse's office to establish an area that can be used to isolate sick students. If a child does present to the infirmary with symptoms, families are asked to pick the child up at the infirmary entrance to limit exposure to other students. The infirmary can be accessed via Chapelwood Drive across from the new Episcopal field house.

### **Campus cleaning**



Episcopal will continue to educate our faculty, staff, and student body regarding healthy hygiene practices to minimize the spread of illness. Frequently touched surfaces, such as light switches, doors and desks, will undergo CDC-recommended cleaning protocols throughout the day with EPA-approved disinfectants and/or a diluted bleach solution. Also, playground and athletic equipment will be cleaned daily or as necessary.

Frequent hand washing will be emphasized among students, faculty, and staff.



### **Lunches and snacks on campus**



Episcopal will continue to provide lunch and snacks to all of our students in a safe way that complies with state and local regulations for maintaining the appropriate physical distance. In an effort to minimize risk for our students with strict dietary restrictions and/or allergies, no food from home will be permitted on campus.

### **Volunteers and visitors**

Volunteers and visitors to campus are restricted at this time.

# Additional program information



## **Athletics**

We continue to introduce additional summer training opportunities across our high school athletics portfolio as we develop appropriate protocols for each sport. Our protocols will meet or exceed national, state, and local guidelines. We will continue to monitor information regarding varsity competitions and sub-varsity activities (including Middle School) for the 2020-21 school year. As we receive more information, we will communicate it to our community.

## **Performing Arts**

Episcopal is committed to continuing fine arts programming in ways that meet or exceed national, state, and local safety protocols. The Louisiana Department of Education states that band and vocal music may resume in Phase 3, with physical distance recommendations in effect. Band and vocal music will focus on music theory and music appreciation until Phase 3. We will return to typical choir and band practices when local and state guidelines allow.



## **Professional development**



All of our teachers are participating in professional development this summer. We are fortunate that our faculty are already experts in Seesaw, our online platform in Lower School, and Canvas, our platform for Middle School and Upper School. Through a mixture of interactive activities, pre-recorded videos, video conferencing, and collaborative work, our students will continue developing a deep understanding of ideas and the skills necessary for success in the future.

*Please continue to monitor your inbox as more information will be coming in the last week of July.*