

Carolina Voyager Reopening Plan for 2020-2021 School Year
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Our safety plan for the reopening of Carolina Voyager for face to face instruction has been developed by our staff using guidance from the CDC, DHEC, and the SC Department of Education. This plan will remain fluid as we respond to the trends in the pandemic, as well as additional guidance being provided by the health experts.

- While we will commit to do our best to encourage our students to social distance, there will be many instances where they will be closer than six feet apart. They are children and naturally social. Socialization and social emotional development are the cornerstone of any school, especially Carolina Voyager.
- In order to limit exposure to children other than their classroom peers we plan to implement the following precautions:
 - Students will stay with the same cohort of peers during classroom instruction, lunch, specials, and recess.
 - Hallway transitions will be limited. Whenever possible, teachers will rotate between classes rather than having children move through the hallways. Students in 7th and 8th grade will switch classes, wearing face masks during transitions.
 - Students will eat in their classrooms with their same cohort of peers.
 - Recess schedules will be staggered to limit the number of children in the same space at any given time. We may elect to provide just a single extended recess in lieu of the two recesses that our younger children have had in prior years.
- In addition to these precautions, we plan to institute the following safety protocols:
 - We will purchase social distancing plastic barriers for our classrooms.
 - All children will have their temperatures checked in the car loop before being permitted to enter the building. Temperature checks will also be required of staff in order to gain entry into the building.
 - Students will no longer congregate in the cafeteria prior to the beginning of the school day. They will report to their classroom upon entering the building..
 - Hand sanitizer will be provided in the lobby, in hallways, and in every classroom. Children will be required to wash/sanitize their hands throughout the day.
 - Water fountains will be turned off. We are installing water bottle filling stations. Children should have a clearly labeled water bottle in school each day for hydration.

- Signage will be posted at our entrance and throughout the school building reminding staff and students of practices to limit the spread of germs.
- Social distancing reminders (spots) will be placed in the lobby and breezeway to be used at arrival and dismissal.
- Parents will be encouraged to send in cloth masks for their children. Masks will be used at arrival, dismissal, and during transitions when children in a cohort group may come into contact with other students. Students who do not have a mask will be provided a disposable mask by the school. Children will not wear masks in the classroom unless a parent wishes them to do so.
- Custodial staff will receive additional training in COVID-19 cleaning procedures. We will hire additional staff should the CDC or DHEC guidelines recommend extensive cleaning protocols. Our school building will be sanitized once a week using a fogging machine.
- We will implement the following health requirements for exclusion from and return to school:
 - Students or staff who have a cough with temperature of 100 or higher must be sent home and can only return with a negative COVID test. This is subject to change based on the latest recommendations from the health experts.
- We plan to limit visitors to the building beyond the office during the school day.
- Most parent/teacher conferences, including special education meetings will continue to take place via video conferencing. We are currently evaluating which platform we will use for these conferences.
- Traditional activities such as Take a Sneak Peek at Your Seat and Back to School Night will be conducted virtually this year.
- Large gatherings within the building will be suspended until further notice. We will try to continue our Funky Fridays via video conference.
- Should we experience a case of COVID-19 among our staff or students we will strictly follow all CDC and DHEC guidelines regarding reporting and mitigation of the classrooms. These protocols are still being developed by the CDC and DHEC.