



Hello Columbia Families,

Columbia's fall operations plan (blueprint) is currently under construction and will outline necessary procedures to ensure the safe return to campus while maintaining academic excellence and ensuring the health and safety of all members of the community. At this point, Columbia will be entering school in September at a Campus-Wide Leveled Response Level 2 (see attached table).

We know that the campus facilities will receive increased levels of cleaning and sanitizing, as well as increased containment of groupings of students (cohorts) for the purposes of contact tracing, which may be required at any time during the school year. However, the disruption to typical classroom routines will be minimized to the greatest extent possible in order to support student and staff socio-emotional health.

We recognize that with our return to campus we will operate a bit differently. Nonetheless, while implementing public health recommendations and with God as our refuge and strength, we will continue to deliver an exceptional Christian-based education for all students.

We acknowledge that updated information may modify this, but this is our plan as of mid-July:

- Columbia will follow best practices, as defined by the CDC, the American Academy of Pediatrics, and the Multnomah County Health Department for health, safety, and COVID-19 prevention.
- With regards to health and disease prevention, Columbia's blueprint will include:
 - **Hand Washing and Hand Sanitizing** – Columbia will promote routine cleaning of hands for all students and staff.
 - **Social Distancing** – Social distancing remains one of the best strategies for limiting exposure and preventing the spread of COVID-19.
 - Individuals will be instructed to maintain social distance from others.
 - Students will be instructed not to share items with their classmates.
 - **Masks or Shields** – We acknowledge the benefits of utilizing face masks and face shields to prevent the spread of disease, and any family/student is welcome to maximize this safety precaution if they desire to do so. Columbia will require the use of personal protective equipment (PPE) as follows:
 - Face coverings must be worn during arrival & dismissal times.
 - Employees must wear face coverings when within six feet of others.
 - Students in grades 6-12 must wear face coverings:
 - During times of transition from one location to another
 - Indoors and outdoors when social distance cannot be maintained
 - **Recess/Breaks and Outclasses/Extra-Curricular Activities** - Schedule modifications and cleaning protocols will be implemented to allow students to participate in these activities as often as possible while still following safety procedures.
 - **Instructional Toggling:** If a case of COVID-19 appears on the campus, Columbia will close the area affected (e.g., Elementary, Middle, and/or High School).
 - That area will remain closed for 1-3 days to conduct a deep cleaning and to follow contact-tracing protocols with health authorities.
 - Students and teachers in that area will “toggle” instruction during those days to home-based learning.

I will continue to provide communication regarding specific details of Columbia's re-entry blueprint such as: cleaning and disinfecting, health screenings, contact tracing, reporting, academic plan, and class cohorts.

Successful implementation of Columbia's plan depends on the cooperation and active participation of all staff, students, and families. Together we can ensure a safe and successful academic year.

In His Service,
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President

Reducing the Impact Campus-Wide Levelled Response

| Level 1 | Level 2 | Level 3 | Level 4 |
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| <p style="text-align: center;">Standard Routine Measures</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * normal school routines & procedures (pre-pandemic) * proactively prepare paper/digital learning materials & prepare to distribute campus-wide * standard personal hygiene measures/respiratory etiquette * routine cleaning <p><i>For all levels (1-4): students/staff must be fever-free for at least 72 hours without fever-reducing medication to return to school</i></p> | <p style="text-align: center;">Proactive Measures</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * implement alternate schedules - reduce large group instruction and gatherings * provide optional asynchronous learning options (distance as well as in-person) * implement intentional instruction of hygiene etiquette & procedures * additional cleaning * implement quarantine procedures & protocols * implement proactive social distancing protocol-campus wide * implement illness/absence monitoring policies * implement daily health screening protocol for students/staff * implement face mask usage protocol | <p style="text-align: center;">Additional Measures</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * implement alternate schedules, or combination of in-class & online instruction * provide additional asynchronous learning options (distance as well as in-person) * implement hygiene/respiratory etiquette procedures & protocols * short-term (1-3 days) transition to distance learning for some or all areas of campus to conduct deep cleaning * continue following quarantine procedures & protocols * minimize communal gatherings/ areas of high levels of traffic * mandatory illness/absence monitoring policies with intervention support * mandatory temperature checks/ health screenings protocol * mandatory face mask usage protocol | <p style="text-align: center;">Mandatory Distancing Isolation Off Campus</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * implement 100% home-based learning * distribute digital and/or "paper packet" learning materials * all facilities closed to Columbia community * maintenance and cleaning staff to follow closure cleaning policies <p><i>Asynchronous Learning: a form of instruction that does not occur in the same place and/or at the same time</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><small>updated 7/15/2020</small></p> |