

# HILL SCHOOL

## *Office of Administration*

Dear Families -

As we prepare for the start of the 2021-2022 school year, we are ever mindful of the benefit of our students returning to in-person learning. We're looking forward to welcoming all students back to campus on August 12<sup>th</sup>!

The COVID-19 Task Force met earlier this week to discuss and determine our health and safety protocol for the school year. *A huge "thank you" to the families who participated in our annual survey - your feedback was immensely helpful in making decisions for the upcoming school year.* While we are hopeful that the rates of infections and hospitalizations in Tarrant County only improve over time, we will continue to monitor the CDC and Tarrant County Public Health recommendations and adjust our protocol, if necessary.

At this time, the following protocol will be followed:

### **On Campus**

- Students and faculty are encouraged to wear a mask but are not required.
- We will continue to implement best hygiene practices; encouraging students to wash their hands frequently, and diligent and frequent cleaning of all surfaces.
- If a student exhibits allergy symptoms while at school, as a precaution that student will have their temperature checked and asked to wear a mask. If students exhibit symptoms of illness or have a fever while at school, they will be sent home immediately.
- Activities that were previously halted for the 2020-21 school year, such as the use of lockers and lunch in the cafeteria, will resume.

### **Visitors**

- As a precaution and to cut down on foot traffic through the building, we are asking that parents refrain from any unnecessary trips into the building. To help with this, we will continue to utilize the Drop Off Table at the front door, should you need to deliver anything to your student during the school day.
- Visitors are also encouraged to wear a mask, but not required.

### **Remote Learning**

- Hill School will not be offering remote learning for individual students.
- Should a group of students be exposed to COVID-19 (such as entire class or team), only then will that cohort transition to remote learning.
- If a student is absent due to illness, they will not be required or expected to join class remotely.

- Remote learning protocol is still being determined for any instance in which a single student is quarantining due to exposure. This protocol will be updated as soon as that decision has been made.

### **Quarantine**

- Current quarantine protocols will remain in place.
- If a student tests positive for COVID-19, or comes in direct contact with a COVID-19 positive individual, that student will be required to quarantine for the timeframe set by the CDC at that time. Please refer to the updated Decision Tree to better understand what to do in the case of exposure to COVID-19.

We care deeply about the health and safety of our students and faculty and will continue to use an abundance of caution as we proceed with the school year. We are also eager to get back to doing what we do best - providing our students with the educational experience they need and deserve.

Enjoy the remainder of your summer! And please keep an eye on your email and Hill School social media accounts for information about events surrounding the opening of the school. See you all soon and go Hawks!

### **Hill School COVID-19 Task Force**

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