



## Safe Return to School - 2021-2022

The goal of Summit Classical School is to provide a safe and healthy school environment for our students and staff. The following practices, based on CDC recommendations, have been implemented to mitigate and prevent the spread of infectious illnesses.

### 1. Description of maintaining health and safety of students, educators, and other school and LEA staff; generally, if/how policies and practices are based on CDC safety recommendations:

- Physical distancing and the use of cohorts.
- Desks have plexiglass barriers.
- Students and staff wash their hands frequently and use hand sanitizer.
- Cleaning of classrooms and bathrooms is done several times each day.
- High touch surfaces are cleaned throughout the day.
- Parents are encouraged to screen their students prior to bringing them to school.
- Students with a temperature over 100 degrees are isolated and sent home as soon as possible.
- Water fountains are turned off and a no-touch water bottle filling station has been installed.

### 2. Universal and correct wearing of masks:

- Masks are encouraged however, they are not required.
- Any student displaying any symptoms of COVID will be required to wear a mask to and from the isolation room and while in the isolation room.

### 3. Modifying facilities to allow for physical distancing (e.g., use of cohorts/podding):

- DHEC and CDC guidance is followed as closely as possible.
- Seating is arranged to provide as much distance as possible.
- Plexiglass shields are used on desks and tables.
- Each class is considered a cohort and has limited contact with other classes.
- A specific area has been designated as an isolation room for students displaying symptoms associated with COVID-19



#### **4. Handwashing and respiratory etiquette:**

- Students and staff have been taught proper handwashing techniques.
- Students are encouraged and allowed to wash their hands with soap and water often.
- Hand sanitizer is available throughout the school for additional hand hygiene in between hand washing.

#### **5. Cleaning and maintaining healthy facilities, including improving ventilation:**

- A full-time custodian has been hired to ensure that the school is clean.
- Desks and other classroom surfaces are cleaned throughout the day.
- Restrooms are cleaned several times throughout the day.
- High touch surfaces, such as doorknobs, are cleaned throughout the day

#### **6. Contact tracing in combination with isolation and quarantine:**

- Contact tracing is done in collaboration with local DHEC offices, as well as the Charter Institute at Erskine.
- Known cases are reported to local DHEC offices within the required time frame.
- Proper paperwork is completed and submitted to DHEC and the Charter Institute at Erskine.
- Current DHEC guidance for isolation and quarantine procedures related to school staff and students are tracked and enforced.

#### **7. Diagnostic and screening testing:**

- When a person is symptomatic or identified as a close contact to someone that has tested positive for COVID-19 testing is encouraged.
- Testing is not provided at school and information for local testing sites is provided.

#### **8. Efforts to provide vaccinations to educators, other staff, and students, if eligible:**

- Summit is so small that a vaccination clinic was not offered at the school.
- Information from local hospitals, DHEC, and other locations was shared with all staff.



## **9. Appropriate accommodations for children with disabilities with respect to health and safety policies and practices:**

- Care for students with disabilities will continue in the classroom and health room as needed.
- All necessary medical and safety precautions will be followed, in addition any Individual Health Care Plans for student with disabilities will be implemented.

## **10. Coordination with state and local health officials:**

- The nurse and school administration will participate in meetings to ensure that our school remains up to date on COVID-19 recommendations and requirements.
- School administration and the school nurse will maintain communication with local agencies and state agencies, such as DHEC, SCDE, local hospital systems, and the State School Nurse Consultant.

## **11. Response on continuity of services:**

- Summit Classical School will continue to take actions to ensure continuity of services, including but not limited to services to address students' academic needs and students' and staffs' social, emotional, mental health, and other needs.
- A full-time nurse is employed.
- All staff is trained regarding COVID symptoms, symptom monitoring, and first aid/CPR.
- Plans for the 2021-2022 school year include remediation and intervention opportunities, the use of the NWEA Measures of Academic Progress assessment to identify, diagnose and assess learning gaps. In addition, the Multi-Tiered Systems of Support Team will monitor any students identified as needing additional assistance.

## **12. Response on ensuring periodic updates to plan:**

- The "Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan" will be updated if new guidance is received and on the following dates:
  - December 8, 2021
  - June 8, 2022
  - December 8, 2022
  - June 8, 2023



### **13. Response on public input in development of plan:**

- Summit Classical School sought public input from staff and parents. Opportunities for parent and community input was provided through a survey that was emailed to all parents and posted on the school's Facebook page. Teachers also had access to the survey and the opportunity to provide input during faculty and individual meetings.