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# The Summit's COVID-19 Response Plan Update

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Dear Summit Community,

As we prepare for the 2021-2022 academic year, we are issuing our updated COVID-19 Response policies. Paramount to our success in 2020-2021 was our partnership with each of you. We will once again be placing our students, faculty, and staff's health and wellbeing at the forefront of our planning. As noted in the May 2021 parent satisfaction survey, 100% of Summit parents agree that our COVID-19 response plan was effective and felt their children were safe on campus.

It is our goal to continue to provide a safe, welcoming, and educationally enriching experience for your child. Looking ahead to the start of school this fall, all students will return to seated instruction. Hybrid learning will be suspended, and students who are ill or required to quarantine will be asked to contact their classroom teacher for learning materials in accordance with our school attendance policies on student absences ([School Handbook](#), p. 24-25).

This year, we are excited to grow our successes. We look forward to expanding grade division pods, returning to working and learning in teams, and increasing social opportunities. Field trips and after school enrichment opportunities will be reinstated as it remains safe to do so. We will continue to implement our increased cleaning protocols to best assure health and wellness as we continue learning together. Students will enjoy programming growth with the addition of weekly Lower School STEM instruction, continued yoga for all grade levels, expanded athletic opportunities, and increased specialization in our Music and Art programs.

As we enter into the remaining weeks of summer, we look forward to another successful year together. Thank you for your continued engagement in your child's independent education. On behalf of The Summit team, we look forward to welcoming each of you back to campus.

With gratitude and appreciation,

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Head of School



# Masking and Physical Distancing

Masking will be mandatory regardless of vaccination status for all students, employees, and visitors.

The Summit continues to work closely with the Springfield-Greene County Health Department and regularly monitors guidance from the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#) and the [American Academy of Pediatrics](#). Following this guidance, everyone over the age of two will be required to wear a face mask on campus regardless of vaccination status.

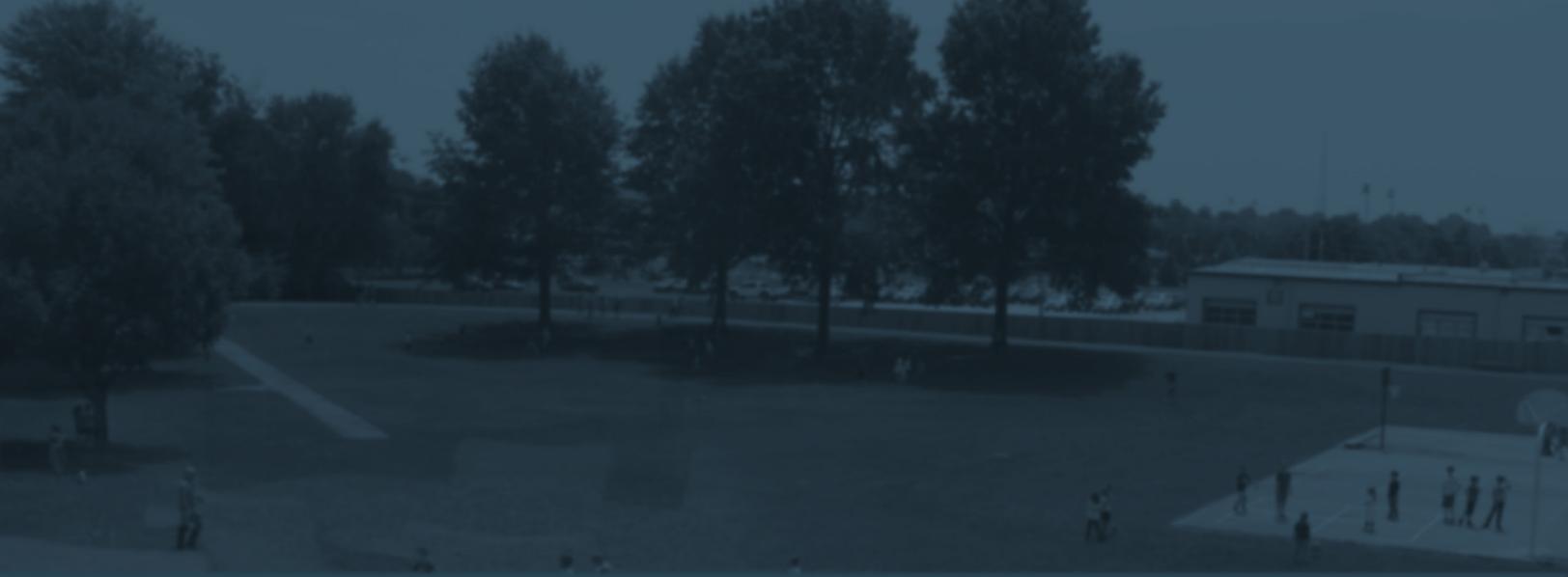
We will continue to follow the [CDC's guidance](#) to observe physical distancing of three feet or greater.

Face masks may be removed while eating, outside, or when exerting energy (recess, yoga, P.E., etc.) and when appropriate physical distancing is maintained.

## Vaccination

The Summit follows the [Missouri Department of Health immunization requirements for schools](#). All parents/guardians are required by law to submit and maintain current student immunization records ([School Handbook](#), p. 33).

As allowed by current state law, students are not required to be immunized for COVID-19 to attend school. For more information specific to the COVID-19 vaccine, please refer to the [Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services](#).



# Student Illness

We will no longer be conducting temperature checks at carline or in the lobby. Families should continue to monitor for symptoms each day following the [Springfield-Greene County Health Department Morning Checklist](#).

In the best interest of the health and well-being of Summit students and the school community, students may not come to school with any of the following conditions:

- Temperature of 100.4 degrees or greater
- The student's temperature must be normal for at least 24 hours, without medication, before the student returns to school
- Persistent vomiting or diarrhea
- Any contagious disease
- Symptoms indicative of a contagious disease, such as discharging nose or eyes, persistent cough, sore throat, or nausea

Students who become ill during the school day will be removed from the class and receive a temperature check. If a fever of 100.4 or above is present, the student will be quarantined, and parents will be notified. Parents will need to arrange pick up for their student immediately.

If fever is not present, parents will be notified about the student's condition and may authorize the school to provide over-the-counter medication (acetaminophen, ibuprofen, or diphenhydramine) or arrange for early pick up.

Please notify the [front desk](#) if your child has been diagnosed with a communicable disease such as flu, COVID-19, chickenpox, measles, mumps, strep infections, scarlet fever, or whooping cough. Other illnesses that should be reported include conjunctivitis (pink eye), impetigo, ringworm, hepatitis, pinworms, head-lice, Fifth's Disease, and mononucleosis. Parents/guardians of other children and employees who are exposed to these illnesses will be notified. Confidentiality will be maintained to the extent possible ([School Handbook](#), p. 33-34).

Families who are required to quarantine following health department guidance should contact the [front desk](#) and their classroom teacher for learning materials during any extended absence.

# Visitors on Campus

Parents are welcome to escort their children to class each day during morning drop off from 8:30-8:45 a.m. All visitors will be required to wear a mask and leave promptly at 8:45 a.m. to allow the school day to begin. Students arriving late will need to be signed in by a parent or guardian in the lobby.

Parents are welcome to join their students for outdoor lunch, classroom celebrations, and other school activities. All visitors should wear a mask, sign in at the front desk, and proceed directly to their child(ren)'s classroom or activity space. Classroom celebrations will follow a staggered schedule to avoid mixing groups and accommodate increased cleaning protocols. Celebrations will be held in a space large enough to accommodate appropriate distancing.

The safety of our students is of absolute importance. All doors to the school building will be locked to the outside during the school day. Prospective families who wish to tour the school should contact the Admissions Office. Visitors, parents, and volunteers with a scheduled appointment must sign the visitor's log and obtain a visitor's pass before entering a classroom or any other part of the campus during school hours ([School Handbook](#), p. 36).

# Learning Safely Together

The Summit will maintain the cleaning protocols, facilities upgrades, and wellness practices implemented in the 2020-2021 academic year and offer increased social opportunities.

- Access to hand sanitizer and disinfecting supplies in all classrooms and common spaces
- Regular disinfection of classroom spaces using the atomizing fogger
- Installation of touchless features in bathrooms
- Retrofitted water fountains as water bottle filling stations
- Upgraded HVAC for improved air filtration and purification
- Nightly professional cleaning service
- Weekly yoga instruction for all grade levels
- Additional recess and outdoor exploration opportunities
- Expanded grade level cohorts and learning teams
- Reinstated experiential learning opportunities and enrichment activities



**Welcome Back!**

**First Day of School: August 18, 2021**