

ST. VINCENT'S ACADEMY

CAMPUS UPDATE



Letter from the President

Dear Parents,

The Administration of St. Vincent's Academy has been working diligently all summer to gather the most current research and data about how to safely open our campus for our students, faculty and staff to continue live instruction in August. Based on the survey that SVA sent out last week, 93% of parents would like their daughter to return to campus in August. Some of the enhanced health and safety precautions include:

- Installation of an ionized air filtration system in all classrooms and common spaces
- Rigorous Environmental Cleaning in restrooms, classrooms, lunchroom and common spaces multiple times daily
- Hand sanitization stations in each classroom and common space
- Temperature checks at the gate for all students, faculty/staff
- Mandatory Masks for all on campus
- Mandatory Social Distancing
- Reduced Number of Students in Classrooms
- SVA Community Pledge to quarantine if symptomatic

We plan to see our students on August 10, 2020.

For those parents who are uncomfortable sending their daughter back to campus, we will allow you to choose the virtual option for the first Semester of the year.

[Please click on the link here to receive more information about the online option.](#)

We are so grateful that you and your daughter are a part of the faith-filled community of St. Vincent's Academy. Please know that we are staying in close contact with the Chatham County Health Department and the Center for Disease Control in Atlanta for guidance. As the situation with COVID-19 changes, we are prepared to pivot.

God is good ALL the time! We can't wait to see our girls in August!

God bless you.

Mary Anne Hogan, President
St. Vincent's Academy



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ON-CAMPUS

We are excited to have our students back on campus at SVA! Our first goal is to keep all of our students safe. The strategies being implemented on St. Vincent's Academy's campus for the 2020 - 2021 school year include but are not limited to:



Frequent handwashing by faculty, staff and students.



Masks will be mandatory on campus.



Avoid greeting people by touching each other.



Temperature checks upon arrival. If above 99.7, student is sent home.



Social distance guidelines observed in class, lunchroom, locker room, etc.



Air purification units are being installed which kills Covid-19 and 99.4% of other viruses as well.



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Athletics guidelines adhered to from GHSA in consultation with coaches.



Sanitizing stations installed throughout campus.. Common areas cleaned throughout the day.



Locker visits spread out with homerooms having every 4th locker assigned.



Lunch tables will be added and seating will be spaced. Food stations will be spread out to honor social distancing.



Seating charts will be required in classrooms and lunchroom to help with our contact tracing notification process.



Water fountains will be closed off. Only water bottle filling stations will be available.



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Q \$ A

Is there an Online Learning Option?

St. Vincent's will provide an online learning option for students who are interested. Those students must abide by online learning policies and must follow the on campus schedule. A link will be sent to sign up the first week of August if this is your choice to begin the year.

Will SVA's Attendance Policy Change?

If a student is ill, they will be required to stay home. The absence will not count against them. However, students will be required to complete their assignments via Google Classrooms in a timely manner.

How will you social distance?

The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends a minimum of 3' of social distance which will be followed in classrooms, lunch rooms, locker rooms, etc. Lunch tables will be added to allow for this and locker rooms will be spread out so that every 4th locker will be accessed at a time.

What happens if a student tests positive for Covid-19?

All students in close contact with the positive student will be notified and given directions. That is why seating charts are important. If masks are worn by both students, the chance of infection is less than 10%. Air purification reduces that further. Parents must notify the school if a student receives positive test results.

What about our teachers?

Teachers will be issued clear face shields and masks which reduce their risks on campus to 1.5% chance of exposure. Substitutes will come from SVA staff who will use teacher plans in order to eliminate extra bodies on campus.

Are there new cleaning methods?

Yes. Hand sanitizing stations were added to all classrooms and common areas. Sanitizing wipes will be in each classroom. Common areas will be cleaned with approved solutions frequently. Lunch rooms will be cleaned in between each lunch. Bathrooms will be cleaned every hour. Air Ionization will break down viruses in 30 min.



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What if a student has a high temperature or feels ill?

Anyone with an elevated temperature must leave campus immediately. Students will be quarantined in the gym foyer while waiting for a parent, who is asked to pick up within a 30 minute time period.

What about PE and Music?

PE will continue in the gym, but classes will be split to dress out. Equipment will be sanitized after each class. Music classes and chorus will be temporarily suspended until further notice.

Will masks be available for my student?

St. Vincent's has ordered masks if a student would like to purchase one in the front office. We will also have small sanitizing bottles that can be purchased and attached to a student's backpack during school.

What I have to travel outside of the State of Georgia?

The school must be notified if you are traveling outside of the State of Georgia. If a student travels, she must then quarantine for 14 days before returning to school.

How will you prevent the front office from crowding?

Two students at a time will be allowed in the front office. Additionally, only two students at a time will enter to turn in cell phones and retrieve them. There is also a partition wall between the receptionist and guests.

What are the schools back up plans if our local situation worsens?

SVA has a back up model with students alternating learning on campus or online every other day. If needed, we could also move to an all online model. However, our goal is to have students on campus and campus life as close to normal as possible at St. Vincent's Academy.



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Q & A

When should my child stay home?

Your child should stay home if they have a fever or if they are exhibiting symptoms of being ill. If they exhibit a cough, shortness of breath, recent loss of taste or smell, or flu like symptoms, parents should consult a doctor and the student will not be allowed on campus for 14 days. They may return, symptom free, with a note from a doctor or a negative COVID-19 test and a note from a doctor.

Please notify the school immediately if your child tests positive for COVID-19.

If your child travels out of state, please notify the school. They will need to stay home and self quarantine for 14 days.



We look forward to seeing your daughters on campus soon!

If you have any questions, please direct them to:
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