

# Millwood School's Reopening Plan for Families 2021-22



Millwood School opened its doors for in-person instruction on Monday, August 30, 2021. The school will conform to the Virginia Department of Health's (VDH) current health and safety guidelines as requested by our Governor. Procedures for hand hygiene, respiratory etiquette, use of face masks or face shields, and physical distancing as set forth from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) will be in place.

## Hand washing guidelines

Wash hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds especially after you have been in a public place, or after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing. It's especially important to wash:

- Before eating
- Before touching your face
- After using the restroom
- After leaving a public place
- After blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing
- After handling your face mask or face shield

If soap and water are not readily available, use a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol. Cover all surfaces of your hands and rub them together until they feel dry. Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.

## Cover coughs and sneezes

- Always cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze or use the inside of your elbow and do not spit.
- Immediately wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not readily available, clean your hands with a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.
- Cover your mouth and nose with a face mask or face shield when around others
- You could spread COVID-19 to others even if you do not feel sick.
- The face mask or face shield is meant to protect other people in case you are infected.
- Everyone should wear a face mask or face shield in public settings and when around people who don't live in your household, especially when other social distancing measures are difficult to maintain.
- Continue to keep about 3 feet between yourself and others. The face mask or face shield is not a substitute for social distancing.



## Social distancing also called "physical distancing"

- Keep a safe space between yourself and other people who are not from your household.
- To practice social or physical distancing, stay at least 3 feet (about an arms' length) from other people who are not from your household in both indoor and outdoor spaces.
- Social distancing should be practiced in combination with other everyday preventive actions to reduce the spread of COVID-19, including wearing a face mask or face shield, avoiding touching your face with unwashed hands, and frequently washing your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.



All students and faculty/staff members must wear a face mask or face shield indoors while on campus. The exception would be during snack, lunch, recess outdoors, or PE.



#### Arrival Procedures

All Staff and Students are asked to self-screen at home before arriving at school each day. Staff and students will have their temperature taken should symptoms present. Staff and students registering at over 100.4 deg F will be required to be sent home. Before returning to school, they must have a COVID-19 test and receive a negative test result.

Faculty members will be in the hallways to move the students along and ensure social distancing. Doors will remain propped open for

classroom and restroom entry so students and faculty can avoid high touch areas.

### In the Classroom

Students will be distanced within the classroom to meet guidelines set forth by the Virginia Department of Health and the CDC. They will use their own supplies and materials. Masks will remain on.

## Break and Lunch

Weather permitting, the students will have their mid-morning break outdoors. Students should bring their own water bottle filled each day from home to keep in the classroom. Water fountains will be turned off. Refill stations will still be accessible.

Students will have lunch in Robinson Hall. They will be seated 3 feet apart with only 3 students at a table. Weather permitting, students will have the option of lunching at the pavilion. For lower school students, grades will be split with half inside and half outside. Grades will alternate in order to ensure proper supervision.



# Procedures for Suspected COVID-19 Infection

If a student displays symptoms of COVID-19, they will be isolated and parents will be called to pick up their child. Students must be tested and the school should receive notification of the outcome of that test. If the student tests positive, we must notify the local health department. The health department will give us guidelines to follow at that point. If the recommendation is for all students in that class to isolate for two weeks we would inform our families. A student may not return to school until a negative COVID test is received and shared with the school. Here are important guidelines from the VDH on *Quarantining*.

The Chesterfield Health Department has shared information with us regarding free COVID-19 testing and vaccinations. *Here is that flyer*. There is also a *site* that will help you locate testing centers throughout the state of Virginia.



If you are exposed to someone at school who tests positive for COVID-19, you can continue to come to school if:



You are fully vaccinated for COVID-19 (2 weeks after your final dose), or



You and the person who tested positive were both wearing masks, or



You have tested positive for COVID-19 in the last 90 days, or



You were wearing a N95 or KN95 mask, even if the person who tested positive was not wearing a mask.



## Visitors on Campus

All visitors to Millwood School must wear a mask. Entrance to our campus is through the main lobby in Founders Hall.

## Student Use of Devices

Millwood School provides iPads, Chromebooks, and access to the computer lab for all students. If you prefer that your child not use a shared device, your child may bring their own device to school. Your child's teacher will determine when that device may be used in the classroom.

Lower school students may bring a tablet or laptop to school. Middle and upper school students may bring a tablet or laptop, and a cell phone to school. Please familiarize yourself with Millwood's *Technology Responsible Use Policy* in the Student and Family Handbook.

## Sports and Clubs

Students participating in sports must adhere to the same protocols that are in place during the school day. They must also follow the guidelines set forth by the Virginia Metropolitan Athletic Conference. Clubs will be offered this year. All guidelines will be in place for those Lifetime and after-school meetings. Masks must be worn and social distancing will be practiced. Club size will be limited to 18 students. Junior Kindergarten students do not participate in after-school clubs.

#### **Travel**

If your family travels domestically or internationally, Millwood School asks that you follow the guidelines in accordance with the recommendations from the CDC and Virginia's Department of Health. For more information click *here*.

## Air Purification

Veteran LED has installed air purifiers throughout the campus that utilizes germicidal ultraviolet light, air ionization, and HEPA filtration to increase ventilation and provide proven disinfection measures. *Here* is how it works.



