



## **Protocol for COVID-19 Home Isolation/Quarantine**

### **Positive Diagnosis**

Students and employees who **test positive** for COVID-19 should home isolate/quarantine for a minimum of 14 days and may not return to campus or participate in any Strong Rock related activities until the 14 day quarantine is complete and must be symptom free for 24 hours and fever free for 72 hours. Note that even if additional test results are negative, you still must remain in quarantine for the entire 14 days. Please contact your principal when a positive test result is confirmed.

### **Close Contact**

Students and employees who have been in **close contact** with someone who has COVID-19 should home isolate/quarantine for a minimum of 14 days and may not return to campus or participate in any Strong Rock related activities until the 14 day quarantine is complete and must be symptom free for 24 hours and fever free for 72 hours. Note that even if additional test results are negative, you still must remain in quarantine for the entire 14 days. Please contact your principal when close contact requires a quarantine.

Close Contact is defined as:

- Living in the same household as a sick person with COVID-19; or,
- Caring for a sick person with COVID-19 without proper PPE; or,
- Being within 6 feet of a sick person with COVID-19 for about 15 minutes; or,
- Being in direct contact with discharges from a sick person with COVID-19 (e.g., being coughed on, sharing utensils, etc.).

While in home isolation/quarantine for close contact, should a student or employee develop symptoms, the quarantine must be extended for an additional 14 days from the day the symptom develops.

## PLANNING FOR THE 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR

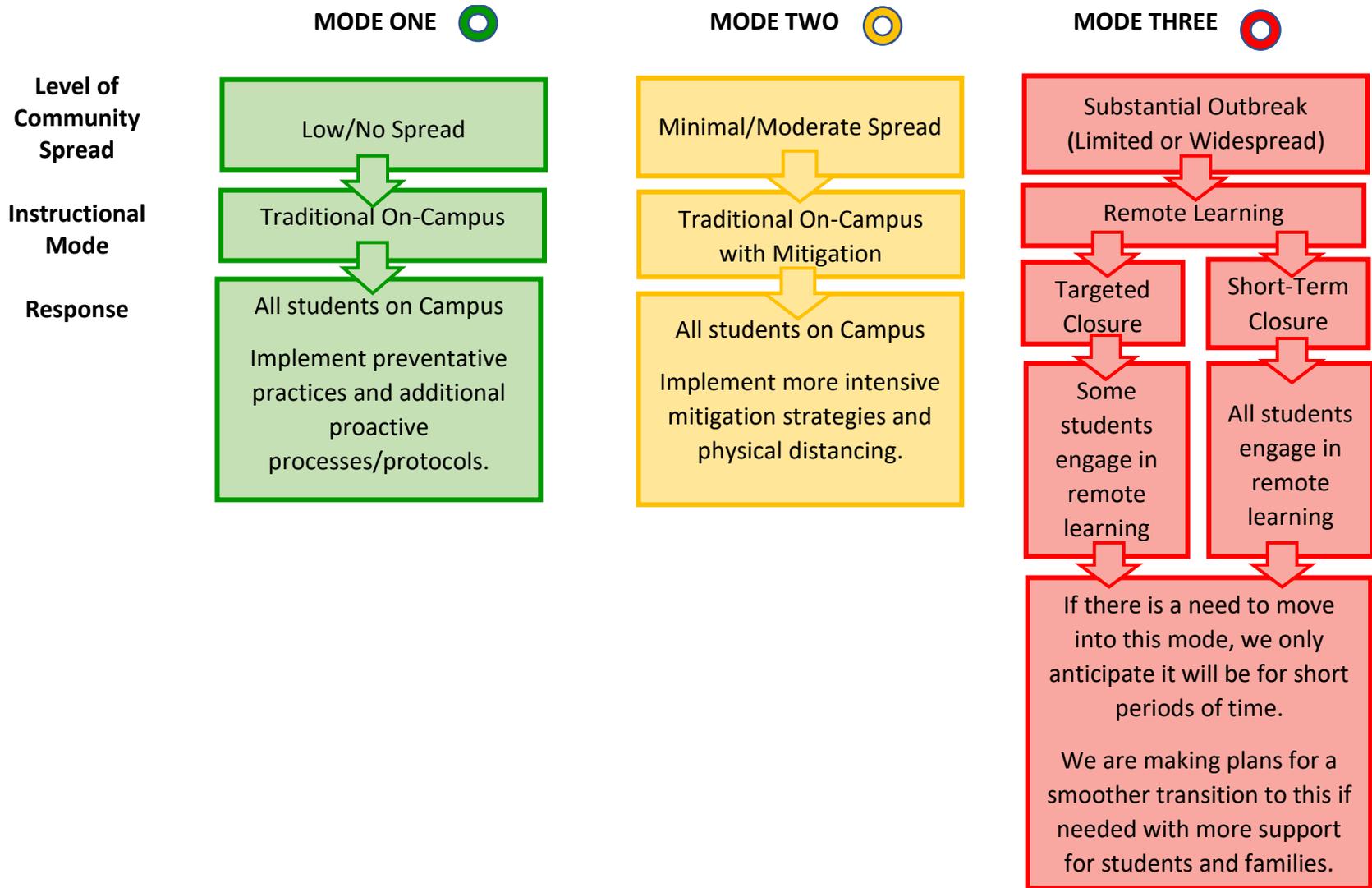
As we make plans to return to school, we are committed to providing a classroom setting and instructional program that will give children opportunities to pursue academic excellence with an intentional spiritual focus in an environment that promotes safety for everyone.

We see value in students' physical presence at school, but things won't look the same as before COVID-19, and new behaviors will need to be learned. Teachers and students will all receive training on safety and hygiene. Already small class sizes will be reduced even more, and desks will be spaced further apart. Schedules will be modified to keep as few students in hallways and shared spaces as possible. Every object that students touch, from desks to library books, will be sanitized frequently. We're also adding additional nursing staff.

Our current plan is to reopen the main campus of Strong Rock Christian School, grades pre-kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> grade, on Monday, August 3, with in-person instruction in classrooms. There will be three modes of operations, which will be dependent on the risk level of infection. Because our school places such a high value on the importance of close relationships and Christ-centered community, our goal is to provide as much on-campus engagement for students as possible while maintaining a primary focus on the health and safety of our students, faculty, and staff.

Our three modes of operations account for unknowns related to the amount, duration, and timing of the spread of COVID-19, and we anticipate movement among these modes at different points of the school year with seamless transition. The operating mode we choose will depend on the risk level of infection based on the amount of spread of the virus in our area and the level of impact on our school population. Planning now will allow teachers to prepare in advance for any of the modes with minimal interruption to teaching and learning. The preparations we are making will allow us more opportunity to remain on campus for face-to-face instruction. As we prepare for the 2020-2021 school year, we are addressing three areas of focus: Academics and Operations, Health and Safety Procedures, and Co-curricular and After-School Activities.

We will continue to update you on our plans throughout the summer. As we have researched, we have noted some key words of wisdom: "Plan to change your plan." We will be constantly evaluating and revising our plan as we open school. Thank you for your prayers and for your partnership.



Targeted Closure would be for an isolated incident involving one or a few closely-related individuals. Short-Term Closure would be for multiple infected individuals and areas. We would partner with the local health department to determine the extent of closure to take appropriate measures and to disinfect affected areas.

# ACADEMICS & OPERATIONS OVERVIEW

MODE ONE 	MODE TWO 	MODE THREE 
Traditional On-Campus (Low/No Spread)	Traditional On-Campus with Mitigation (Minimal/Moderate Spread)	Remote Learning (Substantial Outbreak - Limited or Widespread)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Details determined based on CDC, local health department, and governmental suggestions and or requirements</li> <li>• All students on Campus</li> <li>• Implementation of preventative practices and additional proactive processes/protocols</li> <li>• Frequent hand washing and use of hand sanitizer</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Details determined based on CDC, local health department, and governmental suggestions and or requirements</li> <li>• All students on Campus</li> <li>• Implementation of preventative practices and additional proactive processes/protocols</li> <li>• Significant cleaning measures by teachers and cleaning crew</li> <li>• Frequent hand washing and use of hand sanitizer</li> <li>• Class sizes limited to ensure physical distancing</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Details determined based on CDC, local health department, and governmental suggestions and or requirements</li> <li>• Remote Learning</li> <li>• All/some students engage in remote learning</li> <li>• Teachers on campus teaching remote learning lessons</li> <li>• Utilizing Google Classroom through Renweb as the primary learning platform for all academy and high school classes</li> <li>• Training for staff and students on utilizing the Google Classroom with routine implementation at the beginning of the school year</li> </ul>

Strong Rock Christian School will not be offering a synchronous Remote Learning option for students as a part of our regular instruction program, but we will work with students and parents if an extended absence is required due to COVID-19 contraction/exposure.

## HEALTH & SAFETY PROCEDURES

Numerous guidelines are under consideration and will be shared as they are developed. The following safety protocols/practices have been approved for implementation as needed:

1. Plan for 16 students per classroom to provide good physical spacing. We have asked Academy/High School faculty to teach additional periods to reduce the number of students in each class. Individual classroom sizes may allow for variations in student capacity.
2. Require staff and students in grades 5-12 to wear masks for arrival, dismissal, class changes, to/from lunch, and wherever appropriate physical distancing is not possible. Masks are optional within the classroom when distancing is possible. Masks for students in PreK – 4th grade are optional, but mandatory for faculty when appropriate physical distancing is not possible. Prints and patterns are acceptable, but all masks must meet the following guidelines:
  - No letters, logos, or wording (only Strong Rock Christian School logos will be allowed)
  - Nothing controversial
  - Nothing scary or inappropriate
  - Must be washed regularly
3. Educate staff, students, and families on healthy hygiene practices and safety protocols while in the school building.
4. Postpone or modify all field trips, pep rallies, assemblies, and other large gatherings.
5. Limit access for families to the main entrances of the school, and restrict access for nonessential visitors. During the first week of school, parents of PreK and Kindergarten students will be able to walk their children to their class. All parents/visitors will be required to wear masks.
6. Conduct health screenings upon arrival to check temperatures. Anyone with a temperature of 99° or higher will be sent to the nurses' office for a 2nd check and/or additional monitoring. Individuals with a temperature of 100° or higher will not be allowed to remain at school.
7. Require that parents ensure that a child is fever free (under 100°) without fever-reducing medicine for 72 hours before returning to school. Students must be symptom free (no fever, vomiting, or diarrhea) for 72 hours to return to school.

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8. Require that parents notify the administration immediately if their child can answer yes to any of these questions:
  - Within the last 14-days, have you experienced a new cough that you cannot attribute to another health condition?
  - Within the last 14-days, have you experienced new shortness of breath that you cannot attribute to another health condition?
  - Within the last 14-days, have you experienced a new sore throat that you cannot attribute to another health condition?
  - Within the last 14-days, have you experienced new muscle aches that you cannot attribute to another health condition?
  - Within the last 14-days, have you had a temperature at or above 100 or the sense of having a fever?
  - Within the last 14-days, have you had close contact, without the use of appropriate PPE, with someone who is currently sick with suspected or confirmed COVID-19? (Note: close contact is defined as within 6 feet for more than 10 consecutive minutes)
9. Implement new SAGE Dining hygiene guidelines. Students will still have a variety of choices for lunch including main courses, crossroads menu, pizza, and salad. Items will be packaged to reduce person-to-person contact – no buffets, common utensils, or self-service. SAGE staff will wear masks and follow additional food service protocols.
10. Assign tables at lunch and limit the number of individuals at each table for safe distancing. Tables will be cleaned and sanitized between groups of students.
11. Place hand sanitizers throughout the building, and ensure hand washing strategies are utilized. All students will be required to wash their hands with soap and water when they arrive each morning.
12. Sanitize and disinfect objects and surfaces in classrooms and bathrooms thoroughly and regularly.
13. Ensure water bottle fillers are available; public water fountains will be turned off.
14. Monitor communications and guidelines from the Center for Disease Control, the Georgia Department of Public Health, Henry County Department of Public Health, and the Georgia Department of Education.

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15. Work with the Department of Public Health in making decisions with regard to quarantine and isolation procedures. We understand each situation is unique, and there is not a “one size fits all” decision. In general, we will adhere to the following CDC and Department of Public Health guidelines:
  - Anyone who has been in close contact with someone who has COVID-19 will be expected to quarantine. They will be expected to stay home for 14 days after their last contact with a person who has COVID-19 and watch for fever (100°), cough, shortness of breath, or other symptoms of COVID-19. An individual may return earlier if they have a confirmed negative COVID-19 test.
  - If there is a confirmed case of COVID-19, we will immediately notify local health officials to determine a course of action.
  - Anyone with confirmed COVID-19 or suspected COVID-19 must be fever free and symptom free for at least 3 days (72 hours) without the use of fever-reducing medications AND at least 10 days must have passed since symptoms first appeared before they will be allowed to return to school.
  - We will follow the Department of Public Health guidelines in notification procedures for a positive COVID case
16. Provide training for staff on professionalism, privacy, and sensitivity in preparation for the possibility that a staff member or individual student will need to be quarantined or isolated. Students will also have age-appropriate training.
17. Monitor both what is going on in our community (Henry county and other surrounding counties) as well as the number of cases and absenteeism patterns within our school when determining trends for a potential move to a different mode or possible closure. We do not anticipate closing for an extended period of time as was necessary in the spring of 2020.

## CO-CURRICULAR & AFTER-SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Recognizing that health and safety measures are critical beyond the end of the academic day, attention is being given to co-curricular activities and the After-School Enrichment Program (ASEP). We will be doing the following:

1. Evaluate activities and programs to determine what safety measures and precautions are needed in order to maintain safety.
2. Monitor communications and guidelines from the [Georgia High School Association](#) on summer workouts as well as fall competitions. (Please reach out to your respective head coach if you have any questions regarding summer workout schedules or practice times.)
3. Keep abreast of communications from the Center for Disease Control, the Georgia Department of Public Health, and the Georgia Department of Education on guidelines.