



## Colorado Rocky Mountain School

### 2020-21 SCHOOL YEAR PREPARATIONS AND POLICIES

This summer, our focus has been on community health. We understand that the pandemic brings several uncertainties about the coming school year and that the July 1 date for enrollment agreements is quickly approaching. All families need to understand that the risk of COVID-19 is present in and outside all learning communities and that by agreeing to be a member of Colorado Rocky Mountain School, the entire family understands both the risks of exposure that is connected to any community or place where people gather (family, friends, store, school, town) and the responsibility each of us has for supporting and if necessary, enforcing, the overlapping layers of protection that CRMS will have in place throughout the school year.

The school will be providing you and your student with guidance and education on informed practices regarding COVID-19. We hope that you understand that neglecting this guidance, and the expectations associated with it, may result in a delayed re-entry into the school community or require a temporary removal from in-person learning.

**This summer:** establishing a baseline healthy community and healthy habits is critical.

- We ask that you consider developing social pods that limit the number of contacts your family has with others.
- We ask that all students develop the habit of wearing their mask in closed, public spaces regardless of the presence of COVID-19 in their home area or region.
- We ask that you monitor your health daily and that you wash your hands frequently throughout the day.
- We ask that families not partake in any non-essential travel during August.
- We ask that all students self-isolate 14 days before returning to campus to minimize the risk of infection prior to arrival.
- We require all boarding students who have traveled from out of state (including international students) to arrive on campus for a 14-day quarantine period.
- We require day families to report any travel outside of the valley during August and throughout the school year.
- We will require and provide a saliva COVID-19 test for all students when they arrive on campus, prior to their departure on Fall Trip.

**This fall:** developing and maintaining, as much as possible, a closed campus community

In advance of your arrival to campus, we will send comprehensive information on topics such as managing risk in the active/outdoor programming, cleaning classroom protocols, residential living, etc. This pre-arrival information will review new rituals of hygiene for employees and students, mechanisms, and expectations for the regular self-reporting of symptoms, and protocols around cleaning and disinfecting high-touch areas.

In the interim, we are able to provide the following procedures and protocols that the school will be taking:

- Upon a student's arrival to campus, we will have a COVID-19 specific orientation, and we

will ask students to sign a form acknowledging that they have been educated on the hygienic and social practices that will minimize the risk of personal infection and reduce spread.

- We will likely require boarding students to submit to a confirmation saliva test at some point after their arrival to campus, and sentinel testing periodically throughout the fall.
- It is likely students, faculty, and staff will be required to wear masks for some portion of each day in clearly delineated spaces. We will expect that students will have clean masks available for them to participate in the program.
- We will likely ask students, faculty, and staff to pay attention to their overall health and well-being daily and to report any significant changes to our health office. We require that anyone in our community who is feeling any of the signs or symptoms of COVID-19 remain in their room or at home and to contact the health office for an appropriate screening.
- We have revised our [annual calendar](#) to support students' health and minimize transitions like travel.

**Access to Campus:** We have made some changes to our guest and visitor policy to protect our day student population and school community at large:

- We will minimize traffic flow through campus by having our day student drivers access campus via the back gate and to park in the Active Center lot where we currently have our school vehicles.
- We have moved the day student locker area to the Active Center to reduce density and foot traffic, and improve pedestrian flow.
- We anticipate that day student parents can still drop off and pick up their students out in front of the Bar Fork. Keep in mind that traffic patterns for our day students may alter if deemed necessary and we will communicate proactively any of these changes.
- All guests (anyone who is not a CRMS student, employee, or resident) will be required to check-in at the Welcome Center to verify their health and possession of a mask, and to review our expectations around community health.

At least in the beginning, we will limit boarding students travel off-campus during the academic week and weekends. We will limit boarding families' visits as we establish a healthy community and continue to chart the pandemic's progress. We will determine whether we can loosen or need to increase these restrictions two weeks after our return from Fall Trip. Day students will not be excluded from campus events and weekend activities.

Access to dormitories will be exclusively for the dorm residents. Family members, day students, boarding students from other dorms will not be permitted to enter.