



we are griffins.
a return to campus plan 2021-22

INFORMED

Thoughtful planning

Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, Spartanburg Day School has explored and implemented innovative strategies that allow learning to continue. While complete elimination of the risks to our community cannot be achieved while COVID-19 is still a threat, we strive to reduce health risks as much as possible to protect our students and faculty.

Through thoughtful planning, we are prepared to offer a high-quality education as we stay true to our mission to “provide a superior educational experience.” Our path forward will be guided by three main priorities.

1

Health & Safety

Spartanburg Day School is committed to providing for the health and safety of its students, faculty and community first.

2

In-Person Learning

We believe in-person, on-campus learning is critical to providing an unparalleled academic experience for every student. The school will prioritize protocols that allow in-person learning to continue.

3

Engagement & Experience

Spartanburg Day School is built on relationships – on community. We will pursue every safe and appropriate opportunity to make connections, engage meaningfully with each other and enhance the SDS experience for all.

COVID-19 Resources:

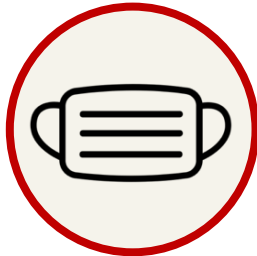
Spartanburg Day School is referencing a variety of resources to develop mitigation strategies. These include, but are not limited to the following:

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control
American Academy of Pediatrics

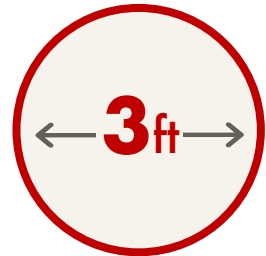
COVID-19 preventative measures



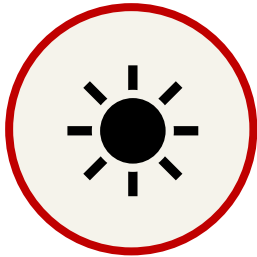
Families must check the health and wellness of their child before arriving at school each day. (See our wellness guide for details.)



All faculty, students (K-12) and visitors will be required to wear face coverings while **indoors**. (Face coverings are encouraged but not required for Preschool students.)



Faculty and staff will maximize opportunities for physical distancing when possible.



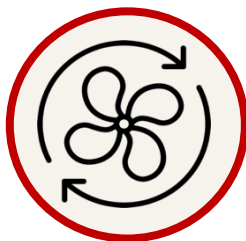
Faculty and students will maximize the use of outdoor spaces.



Frequent handwashing and respiratory etiquette will be emphasized.



Hand sanitizer stations will be positioned throughout campus.



Ventilation systems will be inspected and serviced. Outdoor air will be circulated as much as possible.



Using CDC guidelines, our facilities team will perform deep cleaning before school begins and as needed during the year. Surfaces will be cleaned/ disinfected multiple times each day.

READY

Wellness Screenings

Health starts at home. The wellbeing of our school community, and our ability to continue safely with in-person learning, is dependent upon the support of every student, parent and faculty member. A collective commitment to daily at home screenings is our first line of defense to staying well.

When to stay home...

If **ANY** of the below symptoms or circumstances apply, stay home and contact the school nurse:

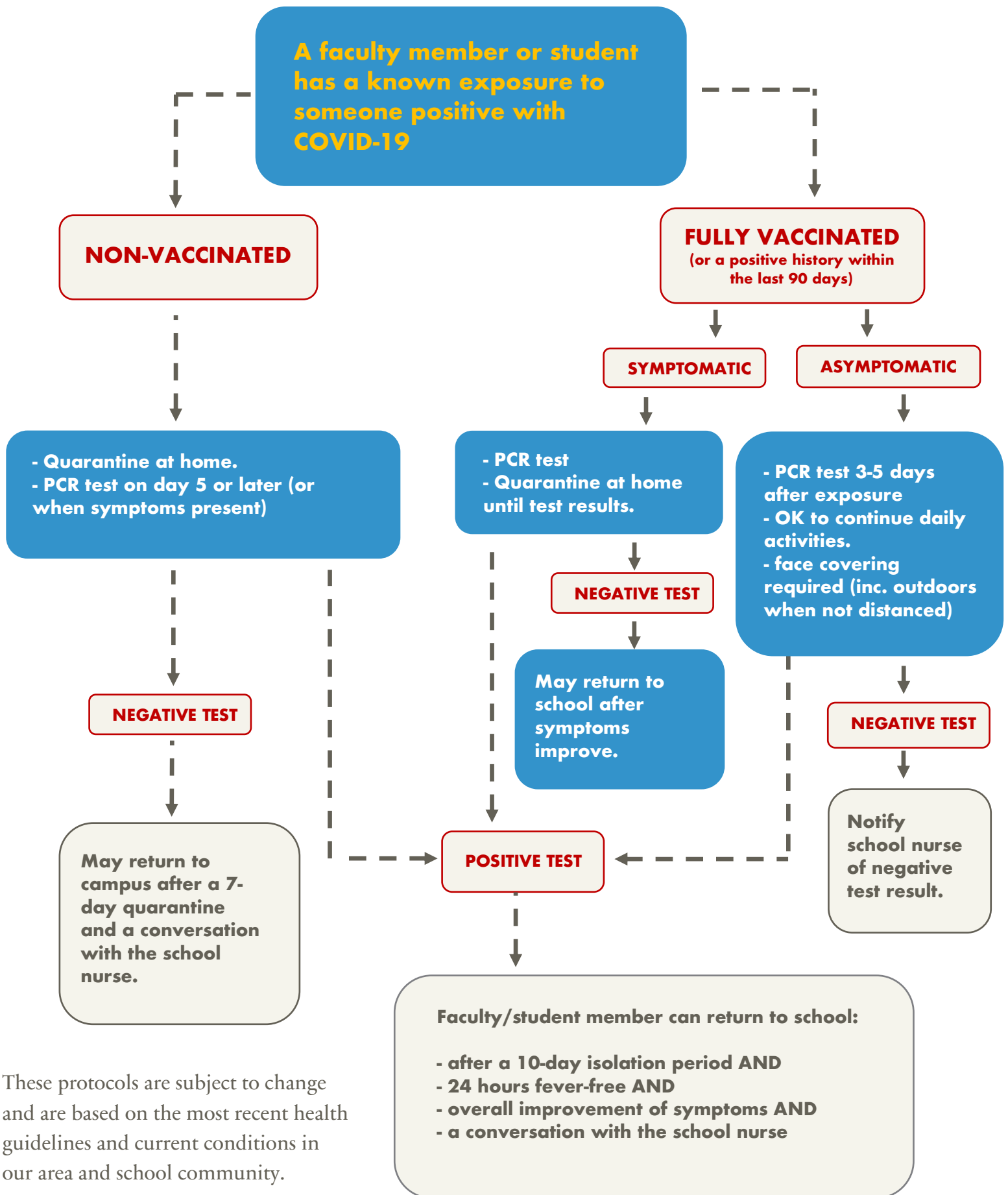
- ⇒ Temperature of 100.4 degrees or higher
- ⇒ Loss of taste or smell
- ⇒ New or worsening cough
- ⇒ Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- ⇒ Vomiting or diarrhea
- ⇒ You've been in close contact with someone positive with COVID-19
- ⇒ You've been asked to self-isolate or quarantine
- ⇒ You are waiting on a COVID-19 test result or have received a positive test
- ⇒ Someone in your household is symptomatic and testing for COVID-19

If you have **TWO or more** of the following symptoms, stay home:

- ⇒ Chills
- ⇒ Headache
- ⇒ Muscle or body aches
- ⇒ Fatigue
- ⇒ Sore throat
- ⇒ Congestion or runny nose
- ⇒ Nausea



What happens when...



These protocols are subject to change and are based on the most recent health guidelines and current conditions in our area and school community.

Modified Distance Learning - - - - - →

Modified Distance Learning (MDL) will be offered to students who have a school-mandated quarantine or isolation related to COVID-19. MDL uses technology to extend the reach of the classroom beyond the physical space on campus, providing flexible, effective access to students at home.



All short-term absences, including testing for COVID-19, will be treated as a normal absence. Students and parents will be responsible for collecting work using Google Classroom and communicating with teachers, per division guidelines.

READY

Key COVID-19 terms to know

EXPOSURE

Fifteen (15) minutes or more, within three (3) feet of a person with a positive COVID-19 test during their contagious period.

CLOSE CONTACT

Someone who was exposed to a person who tested positive for COVID-19.

ISOLATION

A 10-day period of time when someone who is sick separates themselves, inside their home and away from others.

QUARANTINE

A period of time when people who are not yet sick separate themselves, inside their home and away from others outside of their household.

CONTAGIOUS PERIOD

When you can spread the virus. If you have active symptoms you are contagious. You are also contagious 48-hours before symptoms begin.

FULLY VACCINATED

Two weeks after the second dose of Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna or two weeks after the first/only dose of Johnson and Johnson's Janssen vaccine.

Campus access...



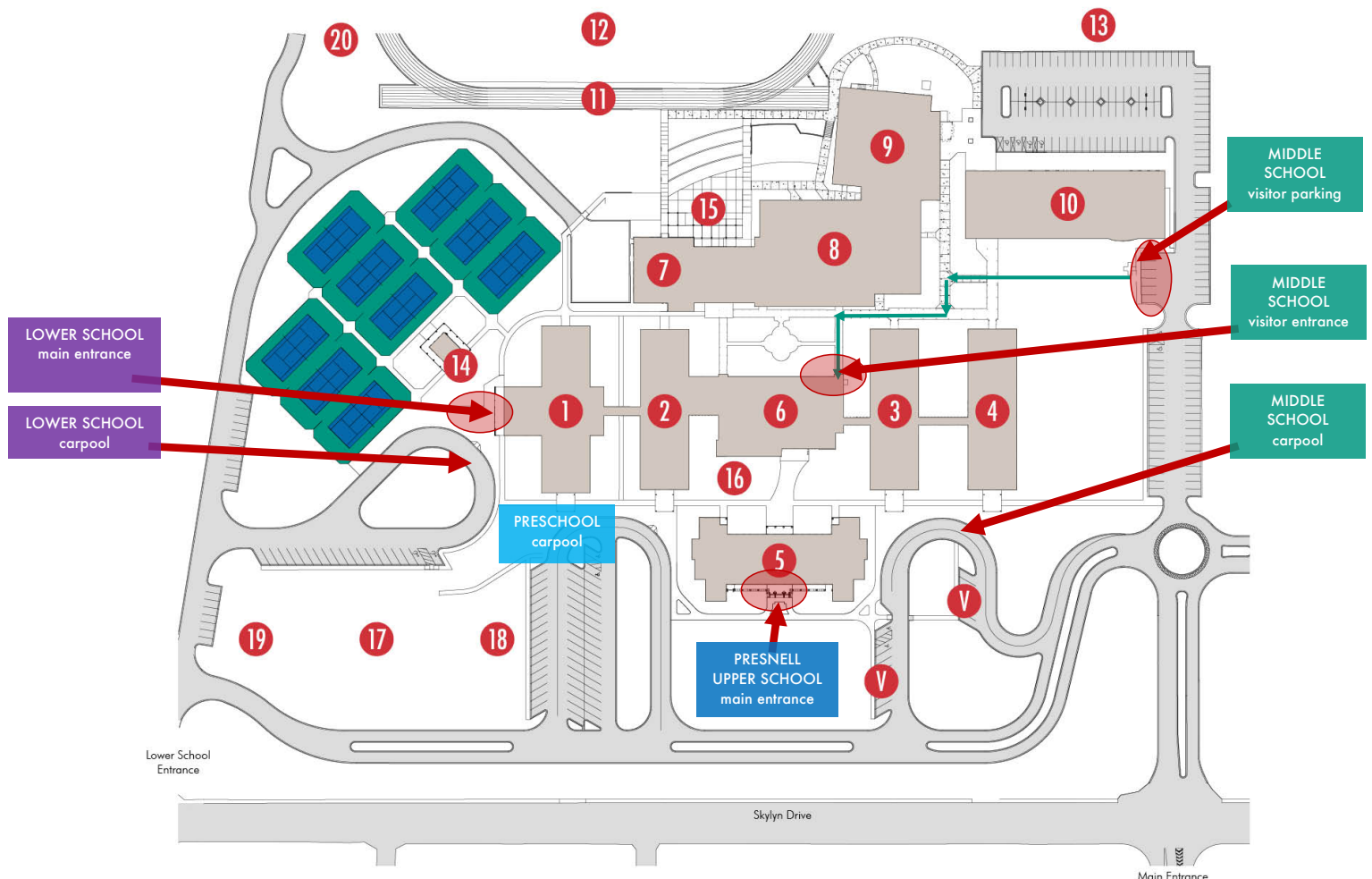
PARENT/VISITOR ACCESS

Face coverings are required for all visitors and parents while indoors and physical distancing is recommended. Face coverings are **NOT** required outdoors. (Visitors may access campus at the following locations: Presnell main entrance, Middle School visitor entrance and Lower School main entrance during the hours of 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. M-F.)

SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS:

Presnell (Upper School) Main Entrance.....8 a.m. – 4 p.m. daily
 Middle School Visitor Entrance.....8 a.m. – 4 p.m. daily
 Lower School Main Entrance.....8 a.m. – 4 p.m. daily

Early drop off is available beginning at 7:30 a.m. daily. | Extended Day pick up is available until 6 p.m. daily at either the Lower School Main entrance or Middle School carpool



Campus at a glance...



ATHLETICS

Athletic offerings, practices, schedules and procedures for athletes will follow SCISA guidelines. Spectators will follow SDS campus visitor protocols. Please visit spartanburgdayschool.org/calendar for the most current athletic schedules.



ARTS

Safety measures have been put in place to ensure the fine arts continue to be an integral part of the SDS experience. Students will use individual supplies in all visual arts classes, and common areas will be cleaned between each class.



FIELD TRIPS

Field trips have been planned with the safety of our students and faculty in mind. Please visit spartanburgdayschool.org/calendar for details.



EXTENDED DAY

Extended Day will be offered for students in grades 2 years through eighth. For more information, please contact beth.ryan@sdsgriffin.org. Each division will provide separate space and care for students enrolled in Extended Day. Although grouped during the school day with children in the same grade level as much as possible, please note that students will mix with other grade levels, as needed.



FOOD SERVICE

Food service will be provided by Griffins Table, or students may continue to bring a packed lunch from home. Lunch will be served in the Dining Commons and standards of safety for food service will be followed. Visit thefarmerstablesc.com to register.



CARPOOL

Carpool will be used to drop off and pick up students each day. Parents **ARE** permitted to walk students up to or into buildings as long as SDS visitor protocols are followed.



LARGE GATHERINGS

Large group gatherings are postponed at this time.



SCHOOLDOC

SDS families use SchoolDoc to complete and update all school forms in one place. SchoolDoc is where families update medical information, complete athletic forms and more. **This year, students 12 and up and all faculty will be required to provide COVID-19 vaccination status.** Should you experience an exposure, this information will be used by our school nurse to quickly determine next steps. **Please complete your profile by Aug. 13th.**



SCHOOL CALENDAR

Please visit spartanburgdayschool.org/calendar for the most current information related to school events and happenings.

UNITED

We are in this together

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