Saint Stephen’s Re-open Plan August 2020
GETTING BACK

The Saint Stephen’s mission and vision remain as strong as ever during these challenging times. When we left campus on March 15, we shifted quickly to an emergency remote learning plan in response to the global COVID-19 pandemic and the Governor’s mandate. Since we no longer face this sudden crisis model, Saint Stephen’s leadership has been planning for a thoughtful, effective, and safe return to campus in August. The SSES Board of Trustees and the school’s administrators are working with experts in the community to develop a comprehensive plan designed to provide both safety and learning continuity for all students as we celebrate our 50th year of delivering world-class education. While it will look different in some regards in order to ensure the health of everyone in our community, we are focused on creating an effective learning environment that is also sensitive to the social and emotional well-being of our students.
The campus is scheduled to open on Wednesday, Aug. 19, 2020, unless there is a government order requiring mandatory school closures. In consultation with its Board of Trustees and others, Saint Stephen’s has developed the following re-opening protocol based on guidelines set forth by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC). **SSES is using the months of June and July to answer “YES” to all of these criteria:**

- **Is the school able to screen students/employees for symptoms daily?**
- **Has the school trained all employees on health and safety protocols?**
- **Is the school prepared to promote healthy hygiene?**
- **Can the school provide intensified cleaning, disinfection and ventilation?**
- **Is the school configured to offer proper social distancing?**
- **Does the school have a plan to encourage anyone who is sick to stay home?**
- **Does the school have a plan if students/employees get sick?**
Life on Campus

Students will be happy to be back on campus to the familiar routine they left in March, a routine which promotes academic excellence and social/emotional development. Each child will have access to all of our world-class programs and our caring faculty will continue to show grace as students and families navigate their return to school. Classroom teachers and advisors will also continue their work inspiring your children to be independent, high-achieving students who are organized, engaged and understand their role as global citizens.
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Specific details will be included in a later communication, but all of the following measures are currently part of the discussion for our formal re-opening plan:

- Separate areas for student drop-off and pick-up
- Use of masks as recommended by health authorities
- Traffic patterns in hallways, walkways, etc.
- Limited use of common areas
- Adequate spacing of desks in classrooms
- Parents and other visitors allowed on campus only with advanced notice or during an emergency
- Testing/health screenings for students, faculty, and staff
- Utilizing outdoor spaces to their full potential for instruction, lunch, and social purposes
- Enhanced sanitizing and cleaning processes, including continued cleaning of classroom items, hand washing, etc.
- Full-time presence of medical personnel on campus
- Individual use of electronic devices, books, toys, etc.
- Athletic offerings as determined by FHSAA recommendations
Preparing for Interruptions:

As we return, students with compromised health situations who don’t feel comfortable being on campus will be allowed to continue remote learning, with a doctor’s note. If a student becomes ill with the coronavirus, he/she will be required to quarantine at home for 14 days and move to virtual instruction. In the event our community experiences a spike in COVID-19 cases and an interruption of physical operations occurs, a transition to remote learning will happen immediately.