



# Re-Opening Plan 20-21

Villa Maria Academy  
Lower School

# Guiding Principles

Villa Maria Academy Lower School's plans for Re-Opening are based on the following guiding principles:

- **Safety** - Supporting students, faculty, staff and visitors
- **Mission** – Maintaining an environment where VMALS can continue to empower through academic excellence, leadership and service
- **Stability** – Establishing continuity in operations so academics and activities of the school can continue
- **Partnership** – Engaging administration, teachers, staff, parents and supporting organizations in the ongoing implementation of the plan

## **Green Phase**

**As determined by the  
Commonwealth of PA  
for Chester County**

**5 days of in-person instruction  
(Monday – Friday)**

**Virtual Learning Option provided**

## **Yellow Phase**

**As determined by the  
Commonwealth of PA  
for Chester County**

**Hybrid Schedule  
Students in the building  
Tuesday-Wednesday-Thursday  
Virtual Learning  
Monday and Friday**

**Virtual Learning Option provided**

## **Red Phase**

**As determined by the  
Commonwealth of PA  
for Chester County**

**Virtual Learning Only**



# Plan Focus

- Institute protocols for the health and well-being of all constituents
- Ensure a culture of care in and out of school
- Continue to plan for and provide an exceptional learning experience for all students





## Protocols for health and well-being

### Social Distancing

- All classrooms have been arranged in keeping with the regulations of 6 feet of distance between students/teacher as required by the CDC.
- Students will be instructed in how to safely space themselves when walking in the hallway or engaging in conversation in the classroom.
- Stairways will be marked as “one way” to maintain social distancing.
- One-way patterns will be established in the hallways.



# Protocols for health and well-being

## Masks

- Students/teachers/ staff will be required to wear face masks or a face shield to school.
- Masks must be worn in the classroom, in the hallway, and in lavatories.
- Students may take a “mask break” while seated at their space in the classroom or outside the building when socially distant from others.





## Protocols for health and well-being

### Cohort

- Students will be assigned to be together in a cohort.
- Some teachers may move to the cohort rather than the students moving to class.
- Students will eat with their cohort in the classroom and recreate at recess with their group.
- Students will have their own supplies to reduce the need to share.

# Protocols for health and well-being

- **Enhanced hygiene**

- Students will be encouraged to wash hands frequently during the day.
- Hand-sanitizer will be available in the school building and in the classroom.
- Students are encouraged to bring a small size hand sanitizer for their own use and a water bottle to school, as drinking fountains will be used only as “filling stations”.





# Protocols for health and well-being

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- **Enhanced Cleaning**

- High touch areas will be disinfected throughout the day.
- Classrooms and lavatories will be cleaned and “fogged” with a disinfectant spray each evening.
- Air filtration and HVAC systems upgraded to provide safe circulation of air in all areas.



# Culture of Care

- **Student Health**

- Parents **are required** to monitor the health of their child/ren daily.
- Parents **are required** to complete a set of screening questions for each child each day. The school administration and school nurse will monitor the responses.
- Student temperatures will be taken daily as students enter the campus. A temperature of 100.4<sup>0</sup> or higher is considered significant and will result in calling a parent to take the child home.



# Culture of Care

- **Student Health**

- Students will be monitored by the administration, teachers, and nursing personnel daily.
- Students who exhibit symptoms of COVID-19 will be isolated and cared for in a designated room away from the school population until they leave school with their parent or guardian.





# Culture of Care

- **Family Health**

- Each family is required to report significant health concerns and any exposure to COVID-19 to the school nurse
- Parents who travel to states listed on the PA Department of Health website should voluntarily quarantine at home, away from their families for a period of 14 days.
- Monitor your child's activities and note children or adults with whom they may have had contact.
- Continue to engage children in conversation about the importance of caring for oneself and others.





## Culture of Care

### Student Health

- Attention to understanding of current experience at every age level
- Opportunities to express concerns
- Attentive and compassionate listening – morning meeting, recess chats
- Continued Communication with administration, parents, school counselor and nurse

Continue to provide an exceptional learning experience

**Five day in school instruction with  
phased in opening**

**Students report to school Monday - Friday**



Continue to provide an exceptional learning experience

## **Five day in school instruction with phased in opening**

**September 1**

**ELC Students – By Appointment  
Kindergarten – Half day  
No Extended Day**

**September 2**

**ELC Students – By Appointment  
Kindergarten – Half day  
Grade 1 – Full Day  
No Extended Day**

**September 3**

**ELC Students – By Appointment  
Kindergarten – Full day  
Grade 1 – Full Day  
No Extended Day**

**Middle School Students supported virtually until their school entry date**

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## **Five day in school instruction with phased in opening**

**September 8**

**ELC Students – 8AM – 1 PM  
Kindergarten, 1, 2 – Full Day  
Extended Day**

**September 9**

**ELC Students – 8 AM – 1 PM  
Kindergarten, 1, 2, 3  
Extended Day**

**September 10**

**ELC Students – 8 AM – 1 PM  
Kindergarten, 1, 2, 3, 4  
Extended Day**

**Middle School Students supported virtually until their school entry date**

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## **Five day in school instruction with phased in opening**

**September 11**

**ELC Students  
Kindergarten, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5  
Extended Day**

**September 14**

**ELC Students  
Kindergarten, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6  
Extended Day**

**September 15**

**ELC Students  
Kindergarten, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7  
Extended Day**

**All students (ELC – 8) report on September 16**



# Continue to provide an exceptional learning experience

## Temporary Options to Person to Person

- Student absence due to quarantine
- Student absence after four days
- Student cohort dismissed from school



# Continue to provide an exceptional learning experience

## Year Long Options to Person to Person

\*Please call the Main Office for an application

- Student's health or a member of the family's health is compromised due to pre-existing conditions
- Parent Request
- Move to the Red Phase



# Continue to provide an exceptional learning experience

## **Expectations for Online Learning as an option to Person to Person**

School will provide:

- Lesson content, resources and student assignments posted on Schoology or SeeSaw for Grades ELC 3-8.
- Video stream via Zoom (K-8) at an age appropriate level
- Communication with student/parent as needed

Student will:

- Attend class daily dressed in school uniform in an environment free of distractions
- Participate in class, as appropriate
- Complete/submit student work and assignments
- Maintain communication with teacher(s) – Student and/or parent





# Health Expectations

**Keep your child home if he/she is sick.**

- Daily mandatory completion of screening questions
- Frequent hand washing
- Maintaining safe distance of 6 feet
- Wearing of a face mask at all times

# Contacts and Information

## Re-Opening Plan

For questions related to the Re-Opening Plan

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## Where to Find Information

Schoology and See/Saw – Class content, student assignments

School Website – General Information, calendar

## Technology

For questions related to Technology

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