



**Valley Day School**

**Phased School Reopening**

**Health and Safety Plan Summary**

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### Facilities Cleaning, Sanitizing, Disinfecting and Ventilation

| Requirement(s)  | Strategies, Policies and Procedures   |
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| <p><b>* Cleaning, sanitizing, disinfecting, and ventilating learning spaces, surfaces, and any other areas used by students (i.e., restrooms, drinking fountains, hallways, and transportation)</b></p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● All students and staff members will receive training on appropriate hygiene and face mask/face shield wearing methods to effectively mitigate the spread of COVID-19.</li> <li>● All students and staff must sanitize hands upon entering the building.</li> <li>● Individuals are encouraged to wash hands whenever possible. Otherwise, the use of touch-free sanitation stations is required throughout the day.</li> <li>● School wide daily: Cleaning company will clean and disinfect with EPA approved disinfectant products.</li> <li>● School wide weekly: Disinfectant fogging of all classrooms, offices and common areas for deep sanitization using EPA approved disinfectant.</li> <li>● Water fountains will be turned off to prevent usage.</li> <li>● At least three times a day when students exit each homeroom, desks and computers will be wiped and sanitized. Sanitation stations will be set up near each classroom door with antibacterial materials to be used by all students and teachers each period when the bell rings.</li> <li>● Informational posters will be posted in each classroom above the sanitation stations, hallway, restrooms, vestibule and other high traffic areas.</li> <li>● At the end of each day, teachers must wipe down all desks, doorknobs, classroom materials and high use surfaces.</li> <li>● Classrooms and offices will open windows and/or turn on fans during school day to the greatest extent possible.</li> <li>● After each use of a classroom bathroom, paraprofessionals will spray the bathroom with disinfectant spray.</li> <li>● VDS vans will be disinfected after each use. Only 2 students to a row will be permitted with masks required for all passengers.</li> </ul> |

## Social Distancing and Other Safety Protocols

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| <p><b>* Classroom/learning space occupancy that allows for 3 feet of separation among students and staff throughout the day, to the maximum extent feasible</b></p> <p><b>* Restricting the use of cafeterias and other congregate settings, and serving meals in alternate settings such as classrooms</b></p> <p><b>* Hygiene practices for students and staff including the manner and frequency of hand-washing and other best practices</b></p> <p><b>* Posting signs, in highly visible locations, that promote everyday protective measures, and how to stop the spread of germs</b></p> <p><b>* Handling sporting activities consistent with the <a href="#">CDC Considerations for Youth Sports</a> for recess and physical education classes</b></p> <p><b>Limiting the sharing of materials among students</b></p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Unnecessary items such as extra desks and extra bookshelves will be removed to create more space to allow for maximum capacity in each classroom.</li> <li>● Classroom floors will be marked for forward facing placement of chairs/desks to maintain mandated social distancing requirements.</li> <li>● The hallway will be monitored to allow one class to transition at a time. Floors will be marked with decals and one-way directional arrows to ensure social distancing during hallway transitions.</li> <li>● VDS will provide reusable cloth face masks and face shields for students and staff.</li> <li>● Students in lower school (rooms 16 &amp; 5) will be required to wear face shields and upper school students and staff will be required to wear face masks during the instructional day.</li> <li>● Facemasks/face shields must be worn by staff and students when working together in 1:1 situations where 6 feet of distance cannot be enforced.</li> <li>● Face shields are available to staff that require more protection while working with students.</li> <li>● Students will continue to eat individually packaged lunch and snacks with individually wrapped cutlery and single serve condiments at their desks in their classrooms. Students must wash/sanitize hands before and after eating snacks/lunch.</li> <li>● All efforts will be made to maintain 6ft of distance between individuals during in school detention.</li> <li>● Gym classes will be conducted outdoors as often as possible as permitted by weather conditions.</li> <li>● No contact sports will be practiced by students. This includes basketball games during recess periods.</li> <li>● Students will sit two chairs apart (6 feet) during health/gym class.</li> <li>● No more than 1 class in the gym, playgrounds or any other outdoor areas are allowed at any given time.</li> <li>● Rotating recess schedules with specified outdoor locations will be created and strictly enforced.</li> </ul> |

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| <p><b>Staggering the use of communal spaces and hallways</b></p> <p><b>Adjusting transportation schedules and practices to create social distance between students</b></p> <p><b>Limiting the number of individuals in classrooms and other learning spaces, and interactions between groups of students</b></p> <p><b>Other social distancing and safety practices</b></p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Classes must remain together during outdoor activities. Individuals must sanitize hands upon reentering the building.</li> <li>• Students will not share sports equipment. All sports equipment may be used by one student at a time and will be disinfected between uses and at the end of each class.</li> <li>• Field trips will not be scheduled during the pandemic period.</li> <li>• No indoor gatherings of groups larger than 25 will not be allowed. All necessary social distancing protocols will be followed during the school day.</li> <li>• Each student will have their own supplies in an individual container stored in their bins or desks.</li> </ul> |
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### Monitoring Student and Staff Health

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| <p><b>* Monitoring students and staff for symptoms and history of exposure</b></p> <p><b>* Isolating or quarantining students, staff, or visitors if they become sick or demonstrate a history of exposure</b></p> <p><b>* Returning isolated or quarantined staff, students, or visitors to school</b></p> <p><b>Notifying staff, families, and the public of school closures and within-school- year changes in safety protocols</b></p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• VDS will use a higher standard of screening than recommended by the Bucks Co. Department of Health and will screen all individuals entering the building for COVID-19 exposure by taking temperatures and using screening questionnaires.</li> <li>• Families, with the cooperation of the sending LEA's, will be provided the option to participate in a virtual learning program option.</li> <li>• If an individual is suspected to be infected they will be isolated in a quarantine room within the clinical suite until transportation has been secured.</li> <li>• After use, the quarantine room will be locked and will remain unoccupied until fully sanitized.</li> <li>• Working areas of any staff member or student suspected of infection will be sanitized immediately after the individual is out of the area.</li> <li>• Bucks Co. Health Department must be contacted immediately if a positive case is confirmed.</li> <li>• Contact tracing will be conducted by the Bucks Co. Health Department.</li> <li>• Deep cleaning of the entire school will be conducted by the cleaning company the evening we have a confirmed case.</li> </ul> |

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|  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● A doctor’s note will be required for an individual to return to the building after a fever above 100.4 regardless of illness.</li> <li>● Medical clearance by a licenced physician or Bucks Co. Health Department will be required for reentry for any student or staff member that has tested positive for COVID19.</li> <li>● Virtual learning by certified staff will be available for students who are unable to, or uncomfortable returning to class due to illness.</li> <li>● VDS will use our one-call-now system, email, text, and voicemail notifications for updates and programing changes. Notifications will also be posted on our website.</li> </ul> |
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**Other Considerations for Students and Staff**

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| <p><b>* Protecting students and staff at higher risk for severe illness</b></p> <p><b>* Use of face coverings (masks or face shields) by all staff</b></p> <p><b>* Use of face coverings (masks or face shields) by older students (as appropriate)</b></p> <p><b>Unique safety protocols for students with complex needs or other vulnerable individuals</b></p> <p><b>Strategic deployment of staff</b></p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● VDS will provide reusable cloth face masks and face shields for students and staff.</li> <li>● Students in lower school (rooms 16 &amp; 5) will be required to wear face shields and upper school students and staff will be required to wear face masks during the instructional day.</li> <li>● Facemasks/face shields must be worn by staff and students when working together in 1:1 situations where 6 feet of distance cannot be enforced.</li> <li>● Students who are medically compromised or are concerned about returning to school, will have the opportunity to receive robust instruction via virtual instructional programs using synchronous and asynchronous methods.</li> <li>● Contingency plans are in place that will address loss of staff due to COVID-19 related absenteeism.</li> </ul> |