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- **When does the 2020-2021 school year begin?**
  - The 2020-2021 school year begins on Wednesday, August 19th for all learners.
- **Since school is starting on a different day than originally scheduled, does that effect the rest of school calendar?**
  - SCA will follow the SCCPSS 2020-2021 calendar as voted upon by the SCCPSS BOE on 7/16/2020. The new calendar can be found on the SCCPSS website - [https://spwww.sccpss.com/Documents/Calendars/20-21\\_SCCPS\\_CALENDAR.pdf](https://spwww.sccpss.com/Documents/Calendars/20-21_SCCPS_CALENDAR.pdf)
- **When does virtual learning end for all SCA students?**
  - The last day of SCA's virtual learning model is Friday, October 30<sup>th</sup>. All SCA students will return to campus Monday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- **What does a student's daily schedule look like this year?**
  - SCA's instructional day begins at 7:35am and concludes at 3:15pm.
  - Students must arrive to SCA no later than 7:35am. SCA has very specific safety protocols that must be followed. Students that arrive after 7:35am will not be permitted entry to attend school that day.
- **What if my child arrives to SCA after 7:35am or I need to pick-up my child early?**
  - SCA has very specific safety protocols that must be followed. Students that arrive after 7:35am will not be permitted entry to attend school that day.
  - Due to the same safety protocols and to ensure the health and safety of everyone on-campus, parents and visitors will not be permitted to enter the building during the school day. SCA encourages families to make arrangements for appointments to occur during school holidays or outside of school hours.
  - If a SCA student has a required medical appointment during school hours, please be sure to provide documentation from a medical provider at least 24hrs in advance - handwritten notes are not accepted as official notice.
- **What should SCA in-person learners expect their day to look like?**
  - SCA students will follow their regular schedule based on their grade level including all academics and humanities courses.
  - In-person instruction is a traditional school day with particular parameters to prevent the spread and potential exposure to COVID-19.
  - Keeping the health and safety of SCA students and staff in the forefront, SCA has exceeded the expectations for reopening schools set forth by the Georgia Department of Education, Governor Kemp, Georgia Department of Public Health, and the Center for Disease Control as outlined in their published guidance including:
    - **Daily Health Screenings & Symptom Monitoring**

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- All students and staff who report on-campus to SCA must self-monitor their symptoms at home and not come to school if they are experiencing any COVID-19 symptoms including, but not limited to, fever or chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, and diarrhea.
- Also, even if an SCA student or staff member isn't experiencing symptoms themselves, they should also stay at home if they have come in close contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 within the past 14 days.
- At the beginning of the school day, SCA students and staff will be follow a specific arrival protocol. Once on campus, even in queue to be pre-screened, all SCA students and staff must wear a mask. Before being admitted into the SCA building, students and staff will have their temperature checked by newly installed thermal cameras or a handheld touchless thermometer.
- Any student who displays symptoms at school will be sent to the nurse and cared for in our isolation lounge which is a space set away from common areas and allows for easy access to an exit when the student's parent/guardian arrives to pick them up.
- **Social Distancing Measures**
  - Entrances and exits during arrival and dismissal will be appropriately marked to allow for proper social distancing.
  - SCA's classrooms will be rearranged to maximize the square footage and distance students and teachers.
  - All SCA Students will have their own workspaces outfitted with a clear desk barrier.
  - During transitions, SCA will make alterations to traffic flow patterns, making them one way whenever and wherever possible.
  - Floor markings will remind everyone to keep a safe distance from each other while traveling throughout the building.
  - The playground area has been proportionally divided to limit student interactions to peers that are not in the same cohort.
- **Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)**
  - While on campus, all students and staff will be required to properly wear a face mask. Should someone not have one, SCA will gladly provide one.
  - Additionally, SCA has other Personal Protective Equipment available for use throughout the school day including gloves and transparent face shields.

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- Lastly, state guidelines prevent schools from allowing students to share resources which includes the use of water fountains. SCA lower school students will be provided bottled water as needed, and upper school students will be supplied with refillable water bottles.
  
- **Reinforce Proper Hygiene**
  - Signage reinforcing proper hygiene practices to prevent the spread of germs, bacteria and viruses will be posted in entryways, bathrooms, hallways and in each classroom.
  - SCA students and staff will be reminded to wash/sanitize their hands frequently, refrain from touching their eyes, nose, and mouth, and shield others from their coughs and sneezes.
  - Over 100 automated hand sanitation stations have been strategically placed throughout campus including classrooms, restrooms, dining hall, gym, hallways, stairwells, etc.
- **Alteration to Meal Service**
  - Meal service on-campus at SCA will be modified to minimize students' exposure to others.
  - Meal service will occur in small groups to allow for social distancing and may take place in classrooms, the dining hall, gym, or outside dependent upon the student's grade-level and schedule.
  - At every meal service students' will be socially distanced while moving through the line (when applicable) and while they eat. SCA
  - Students are encouraged to pay their meal accounts electronically, whenever possible.
  - Students who opted for virtual learning will be able to participate in the school nutrition program. More details are forthcoming pending federal guidance.
- **Facility Upgrades**
  - SCA recently added a plasma ionization system to its HVAC units to purify the air circulated throughout the building and disinfect surfaces.
  - Temperature monitoring thermal cameras and touchless thermometers will be utilized prior to entering SCA and can also occur randomly throughout the day.
  - Installation of additional water bottle refilling stations.
  - SCA student and staff entrances are equipped with germicidal UV-C light fixtures.
- **No Sharing of Resources**

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- Students will have individual workspaces and will not be allowed to share materials and supplies.
  - Water fountains will not be operational.
  - Throughout the school day, when applicable to their learning, each SCA student will have access to their own laptop.
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- **How will student outcomes be assessed this year?**
    - SCA is a public charter school that has an operational contract with Georgia Department of Education. As a part of SCA's contract, SCA must administer required assessments and is held accountable to student outcomes to meet or exceed specific performance-based goals.
    - As such, SCA students cannot opt-out of assessments. Parents that wish to opt out of required assessments will also be opting out of continued enrollment at Savannah Classical Academy.
    - SCA recognizes quality instruction during the closure last year and during the start of this year has suffered. Instructional programming for the remainder of the year is being revised to help students recover and meet grade level expectations.
  - **What will morning arrival for on-campus students look like?**
    - Students must arrive to SCA no later than 7:35am. SCA has very specific safety protocols that must be followed. Students that arrive after 7:35am will not be permitted entry to attend school that day.
    - SCA is altering carline to increase efficiency and decrease wait times.
    - Lower School (K-5) carline will unload on Atlantic Avenue while Upper School (6-12) carline will unload on Grove Street. If a family or carpooling group consists of both Lower and Upper School students, the vehicle should follow the Upper School carline procedure, unloading on Grove Street.
  - **What will afternoon dismissal look like?**
    - SCA is altering carline to increase efficiency and decrease exorbitant wait times.
    - Lower School (K-5) carline will load on Atlantic Avenue while Upper School (6-12) carline will load on Grove Street. If a family or carpooling group consists of both Lower and Upper School students, the vehicle should follow the Upper School carline procedure, loading on Grove Street.
  - **Does my child have to wear a face mask?**
    - Yes, face masks are required to be worn while on SCA's campus.
    - Face masks should be of a traditional style, worn by looping around the ears or tied behind the head. Gaiters, bandanas, scarves, etc. are not acceptable face masks.

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- SCA will gladly provide students with a disposable face mask but students may also wear their own they bring from home.
  - Supplied masks from home must be clean, free of holes, and tears. SCA is allowing flexibility regarding face masks adorned with designs as long as patterns are school appropriate, not distracting, and do not incorporate any lettering other than student names or initials.
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- **Will I be notified if my child's teacher or classmate tests positive for COVID-19?**
    - SCA believes in transparency and will be. After contact tracing, SCA will notify those who need to quarantine.
  - **What happens if my child displays symptoms of COVID-19?**
    - Students who are experiencing COVID-19 symptoms including, but not limited to, fever or chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, and diarrhea, should not report to SCA.
    - Any student who displays symptoms at school will be sent to the nurse and isolated to an area that is set away from common areas and allows for easy access to an exit when the student's parent/guardian arrives to pick them up.
    - Out of an abundance of caution, to protect our SCA families, students, and staff, a student who experienced COVID-19 symptoms will not be allowed back on campus for 10 days (can return on the 11<sup>th</sup> day) assuming they have also been fever free, without the use of fever-reducing medication, for at least 24 hours.
    - Persons who display COVID-19 symptoms may or may not be tested. With or without a positive test, a symptomatic individual must follow the aforementioned protocol prior to returning to SCA.
  - **What if my child is directly exposed to someone that has tested positive for COVID-19?**
    - Direct exposure is defined by the CDC and GPH as close contact (less than 6ft of distance) between individuals for 15 minutes or more without PPE.
    - Concerns of direct exposure arise when someone comes in contact, as described above, with anyone who has tested positive for COVID-19 within 14 days of their interaction.
    - If a student is directly exposed to someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 within the past 14 days the student will not be permitted to attend classes on-campus until after the required quarantine.
    - The CDC and GPH suggests if direct exposure occurs, self-quarantining for 14 days and monitoring of symptoms is recommended. As such, SCA will not permit students who have had direct exposure to COVID-19, symptomatic or not, to return to campus

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for 14 days after the incident (they can return to SCA on the 15th day after the exposure) as long as they have been symptom free for in the last 24 hours of quarantine.

- **What if my child tests positive for COVID-19 but is asymptomatic?**
  - Any student who gets a positive result from a COVID-19 test will not be allowed to report to classes for 10 days (can return on the 11<sup>th</sup> day) after their results were confirmed assuming they don't ever display any of the COVID-19 symptoms. Should symptoms arise during the 10 days self-quarantine period, the student wouldn't be permitted to return to campus until they were symptom free for at least 24 hours.
  
- **Are visitors or volunteers allowed on campus?**
  - SCA is not permitting visitors or volunteers on campus at this time.
- **What type of screening processes are in place?**
  - SCA students and staff will follow a specific arrival protocol. Once on campus, even in queue to be pre-screened, all SCA students and staff must wear a mask. Before being admitted into the SCA building, students and staff will have their temperature checked by newly installed thermal cameras or a handheld touchless thermometer.
  - Anyone with a 100.4 or higher temperature reading will not be permitted to enter SCA – staff will be sent home and students' parent/guardian will be called.
  - Any student who displays symptoms at school will be sent to the nurse and isolated to an area that is set away from common areas and allows for easy access to an exit when the student's parent/guardian arrives to pick them up.
  - Out of an abundance of caution, to protect our SCA families, students, and staff, a student who experienced COVID-19 symptoms will not be allowed back on campus for 10 days (can return on the 11<sup>th</sup> day) assuming they have also been fever free, without the use of fever-reducing medication, for at least 24 hours.
  - Persons who display COVID-19 symptoms may or may not be tested. With or without a positive test, a symptomatic individual must follow the aforementioned protocol prior to returning to SCA.
- **What additional steps is SCA taking to help mitigate the spread of COVID-19 and reduce the risk to students and staff?**
  - SCA has exceeded the CDC and GPHH guidance on reopening schools. A copy of their published guidance can be found here –
  - SCA has sourced an abundance of supplies and equipment, made many facility upgrades, and implemented strategic protocol and procedures keeping the health and safety of our students and staff in the forefront of reopening decision making.
  - The following list is just a portion of the measures SCA has taken:
    - Entryway equipped with a germicidal UV-C light

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- Specialized mats designed to sanitize footwear
  - Social distancing markings at entrances/exits throughout campus
  - Installation of ionization systems HVAC to purify circulating air and disinfect surfaces
  - Over 100 strategically placed automated hand sanitizing stations
  - Touchless thermometers and thermal imaging cameras
  - Isolation lounge space
  - Installation of cameras in all classrooms
  
  - Contracted with custodial vendor with trained staff using appropriate virucide, sanitation chemicals, and foggers, with increased staff for whole school sanitation each day
  - Personal protective equipment provided to all students and staff including face masks, face shields, and gloves
  - Individualized furniture purchased and arranged to maximize classroom square footage
  - Clear desktop barriers for all students
  - Alteration to student and staff traffic and meal schedules to reduce interactions to smaller groups
  - Posting signage for reinforcement of proper personal hygiene and social distancing
  - Installation of additional water bottle refilling stations for upper school students
  - Bottled water provided for lower school students
- **How will meal service be conducted?**
    - Breakfast service will begin at 7:00am and conclude at 7:25am. Lunch service is dependent upon the student's schedule.
    - Meal service on-campus at SCA will be modified to minimize students' exposure to others.
    - Meal service will occur in small groups to allow for social distancing and may take place in classrooms, the dining hall, gym, or outside dependent upon the student's grade-level and schedule.
    - At every meal service students' will be socially distanced while moving through the line (when applicable) and while they eat.
    - Breakfast and Lunch is provided at no cost to SCA families as of October 2<sup>nd</sup> 2020 due to a waiver SCA received from the US Department of Agriculture. Even with the waiver all SCA families must complete the SCA Nutrition Program Application - <https://www.myschoolapps.com/Application>

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- **What is the procedure for carline this year?**
  - Students must arrive to SCA no later than 7:35am. SCA has very specific safety protocols that must be followed. **Students that arrive after 7:35am will not be permitted entry to attend school that day.**
  - Afternoon carline begins at 3:15pm and ends at 3:45pm. At 3:45pm, all students remaining for carline pick-up will be brought to the front office. A parent or guardian must come into the front office to sign the child out; picture identification will be required.
  - SCA is altering the carline process to increase efficiency and decrease wait times.
  - Lower School (K-5) carline will unload/load on Atlantic Avenue while Upper School (6-12) carline will unload/load on Grove Street.
    - Lower School Carline Procedure - Cars must enter onto Atlantic Avenue from 34<sup>th</sup> Street or blocks farther south (not from 31<sup>st</sup>, 32<sup>nd</sup>, or 33<sup>rd</sup> Streets as those points cause unsafe scenarios for all).
    - Upper School Carline Procedure - Cars must enter onto Grove Street from 32<sup>nd</sup> Street or blocks farther south (not from 31<sup>st</sup> Street as that point cause unsafe scenarios for all).
  - **If a family or carpooling group consists of both Lower and Upper School students, the vehicle should follow the Upper School carline procedure, unloading/loading on Grove Street.**
  - To assist us in staging your child(ren) for dismissal, if your child(ren) carpools with other, non-sibling students please let your child's homeroom teacher know as soon as possible.
  - See the detailed carline map below.







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- **How do I receive a fuel card?**
  - Families who drive their children to school are eligible to receive a \$15 gas card. To qualify, the child(ren) must be present every day that week – fuel cards are issued per family, not per child.
  - On Fridays, after picking up your child(ren), parents can stop by the front office to pick-up their gas card. Front office staff will verify attendance and issue the fuel card accordingly. Needed fuel cards must be claimed each week and are not issued retroactively.

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