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# **Reopen Strong**

## COVID-19 Operations Handbook

### Excel Academy School Plan

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This document is a draft overview (as of October 23, 2020) of the COVID-19 operational planning in place for the start of Term 2. All information below has been developed in alignment with CDC, DC Health, and OSSE guidance and with DCPS central office support.

Please see the corresponding, detailed COVID-19 Operations Handbook Guidance [here](#).

For additional information on reopening plans, see: <https://dcpsreopenstrong.com/school-plans/>

### Key Points of Contact

Clear communication is important in our planning, please see key points of contact by planning area.

Key Points of Contact	
Category	Primary Contact Name
<i>Leadership/Operations</i>	Tenia Pritchard Principal
<i>Supply &amp; Inventory Management</i>	Drake Wilson DSL
<i>Technology Management</i>	Wanice Edwards STEAM Coordinator
<i>ECE Program</i>	Mia Rutherford ECE Teacher
<i>Specialized Instruction Program</i>	Natalie Edmonds LEA

### Key Locations

To support in-person student programming, the following locations and spaces have been identified and prepared with consideration for health and safety requirements.

Key Operational Locations		
Location	Guidelines	Location(s) in Your School
<b>Arrival Space</b>	Each school should designate a minimum of one entry point.	Main entrance

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The entry point that most allows for social distancing/staff oversight should be selected.</li> </ul> <p>Based on the volume of students and availability of staff, schools should select more than one entry point to improve the arrival process.</p> <p>Please indicate the number of entry points.</p>	
<p><b>Health Isolation Room</b></p>	<p>Each school is required to designate a COVID-19 related Health Isolation Room separate from the nurse’s office. A student who shows COVID-19 symptoms during the arrival process or school day is to be directed to the specific room until they can be picked up by a guardian. Staff must also wait in this room if they exhibit COVID-19 symptoms at arrival or throughout the day if they are waiting for someone to pick them up.</p> <p>The Health Isolation Room should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Be no more than 100 feet from the arrival/entry location, but ideally within 50 feet.</li> <li>Be a minimum of 850 square feet to accommodate 10 students. If a room this size is not available, the number of students that can be accommodation will be reduced.</li> <li>If possible, the room should have an en-suite bathroom. Otherwise, a nearby all-gender toilet room should be identified for use by students in the Health Isolation Room.</li> </ul> <p>Have chairs or desks available to accommodate students.</p>	<p>Room 109</p>
<p><b>Guardian Pick-Up Space</b></p>	<p>Each school is required to designate a Guardian Pick-Up Room. Students will be directed here if they do not have a designated classroom to attend that day and have passed the OSSE “Ask, Ask, Look” protocol.</p> <p>For additional information on scenarios in which students would come to this room, please see “Unanticipated Student Scenarios” section.</p>	<p>Auditorium</p>

## Facilities Overview

To support in-person student programming, the following locations and spaces have been identified and prepared:

Facilities Overview	
<i>Number of entrances &amp; exits</i>	1
<i>Number of general education classrooms</i>	25 general education classrooms 8 will be used
<i>Number of specials classrooms</i>	7 specials classrooms 0 will be used
<i>Number of ECE classrooms</i>	7 ECE classrooms 6 will be used
<i>Number of self-contained special education classrooms</i>	3 self-contained special education classrooms 0 will be used
<i>Number of resource or support services rooms</i>	1 resource support room 1 will be used
<i>Number of office or shared staff spaces</i>	17 office spaces 10 will be used
<i>Number of bottle fillers (not water fountains)</i>	0
<i>Number of student and adult bathrooms</i>	8 student bathrooms 6 will be used
<i>Accessible large green space and/or garden area</i>	1 garden
<i>Playground and/or structure</i>	1 playground

### Student Arrival

To support social distancing, both students and staff will be scheduled to stagger arrival. Please see student staggered arrival planning:

Staggered Arrival Schedule	
Average number of students per day	166

Number of waves	2
Time of waves (i.e. 7:45-8am, 8am-8:15am, etc.)	8:45, 8:55
<b>Please describe your strategy to stagger arrival &amp; staff the arrival process.</b>	
8:45 – PreK-2 arrival 8:55 – Grades 3-5 arrival	

### Student Dismissal

Student dismissal may be staggered by dismissal type (guardian pickup, walking, etc.), by grade, or by any other strategy that support social distancing in the dismissal process.

Staggered Dismissal Schedule				
Wave Cycle	Time Period	Location in Your School	Grade Band	Type of Dismissal
1	2:50-3:00	Main entrance	PreK-1	Teachers will walk students outside
2	3:00-3:10	Main entrance	2-3	Teachers will walk students outside
3	3:10-3:15	Main entrance	4-5	Teachers will walk students outside

### Bathroom Use Scheduling & Strategy

To support students, there will be a developed bathroom use strategy for students to abide by health and safety guidelines.

Bathroom Use Strategy	
Number of student bathrooms	6
Number of classrooms	2-3 classrooms will use the same restroom
<b>Please enter how you plan to limit the number of people in the bathroom at the same time through one of the strategies above, or through a plan tailored to your school.</b>	
Ongoing planning to determine	

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**Water Access Strategy**

To support students, there will be a developed water access strategy for students to abide by health and safety guidelines.

Water Access Strategy	
Number of water filler stations in school that are currently operational	0
Placement of water coolers (identify locations throughout school suitable for water cooler)	Ongoing planning to determine
Please enter your water access strategy (e.g. students will be scheduled to fill reusable water bottles 2x/day, pitchers and cups will be available in classrooms, etc.)	
Ongoing planning to determine	

**Learning Spaces & Hallways**

Learning spaces, classrooms, and hallways will be uniformly set up to welcome students and staff safely.

Space Set-up	
Classrooms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Classroom counts are limited to 11, or fewer, students</li> <li>• Classrooms are set up to facilitate social distancing and limit sharing of materials</li> <li>• Classrooms have cleaning materials present</li> <li>• Hand sanitizer will be present</li> </ul>
Hallways	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Social distancing floor decals are placed across school hallways</li> <li>• Signage is posted throughout the building for health and safety guidance</li> </ul>

## Visitor Management

Whenever possible, visits should be conducted virtually. In event an in-person visit is required, visitors will be required to schedule an appointment.

### Scheduling of Visitor Appointments

- Whenever possible, meetings should be moved to a virtual platform. If an in-person meeting is essential, all visitors must make an appointment at least 24 hours in advance.
- Visitors without an appointment should only be permitted entry with the approval of school administration.
- All visitors will be required to complete the OSSE “Ask, Ask, Look” protocol prior to entry, have their temperature taken, wear a face covering at all times on the school grounds and inside the school building, and adhere to social distancing guidelines should be followed.