



## COVID-19 School Reentry Communication: 3 of 4

July 19, 2020

Dear Lynnhaven Community,

The first day of the new school year is upon us. The faculty, staff, and administration are working hard to ensure we have the right processes and procedures in place as we plan to resume in-person instruction next month. It's truly one of the most remarkable challenges we have faced as a school community. The singular focus is to have consistency in learning while ensuring we are doing it safely and responsibly.

Coronavirus is a very serious and deadly disease. I, along with the COVID Task Force, are taking all necessary precautions to safeguard your student as much as possible. Over the last 30 days, things have changed again in the Commonwealth and around the country in the fight against COVID-19. After careful consideration and reflection about how best to provide instruction to your student in light of this new data, I have been left with very tough decisions about how to resume in-person instruction. Let me be clear, the decisions that I have made are based on safety, science, and a firm understanding of the learners and families in our beloved community. It is important that we as a community come together during this unprecedented and often unpredictable time to ensure the best possible outcomes for our students.

### **Status of Reopening**

**Lynnhaven Academy will re-open for in-person learning in August; however, the start date has been moved to Monday, August 24th.** Our official academic calendar can be found [HERE](#).

The COVID Task Force meets on a weekly basis to review data and new best practice guidelines and plan the reopening of Lynnhaven's campus. When we began [communicating](#) this spring, our goal plan to reopen fully in-person, five days a week beginning August 19, 2020. At our most recent meeting, the Task Force carefully weighed the current trend of increased cases across the six localities of which our families reside, the social and emotional well being of our faculty, staff, and families, as well as Lynnhaven's preparedness. Additionally, the task force heard concerns from a large number of Lynnhaven families about their students returning to full five-day instruction. These concerns were echoed by members of the task force and a more methodical and measured approach was decided upon. Lynnhaven will operate in

a Hybrid Learning Model for the 2020-2021 school year. **You can read *Our Path Forward* in its entirety attached to this letter. There you will find pertinent information about student schedules, health practices, and expectations for the coming school year.** Lynnhaven will host a live Town Hall Q&A on Wednesday, July 29th at 6pm. In order to ensure that all questions are addressed, we are asking that they are submitted ahead of time [HERE](#).

### **Orientation and School Registration Forms**

Lynnhaven has converted all handouts, registration forms, and permissions that are typically disseminated and collected during orientation to electronic forms. Mrs. White, our new Director of Admissions, started contacting families to aid in completing the necessary enrollment and registration requirements last week. Additionally, the Task Force determined that orientation will now be recorded and not a live Zoom Meeting event that was initially scheduled from August 3-6. In order to streamline the process and make it easier for families to work around, you will now have the ability to complete orientation and registration on your own time. If you have any questions please contact Mrs. White.

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### **Lynnhaven Magic**

We recognize that a big part of being a Lynx is the little things we do. This is often referred to as *Lynnhaven Magic*. With the upcoming school year looking different, we still want our student experience to feel welcoming, exciting, fun, and to have those little moments that make for great memories. The faculty and staff are working hard to rethink some of our traditions and sentiments that we look forward to each year. Our love for one another, our humor, and our compassion are still the foundation of who we are. Lynnhaven has committed to keeping this a priority, in fact, we are already planning:

1. Movies on the Lawn - 80's classics of course!
2. 500 Hour Challenge - We're going to hold each other accountable to get 500 hours outside during the school year.
3. Experiential Learning Weeks - there will be TWO!

I am thrilled to be able to welcome our students back into the building next month. Although it may look different, I know that this school year will be one to remember. It is through challenges that we forge our character and define who we are. This challenge is one we will tackle together with all of the creativity, kindness, compassion, and understanding as we show each day as a Lynx. Mask up and be safe!

Best,

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