

July 15, 2020

Dear Calhoun Academy Family,

I hope this finds each of you doing well in the midst of this COVID-19 pandemic that we have encountered these past few months. This has been unusual Spring and Summer for all of us and one that we will definitely remember.

As we begin the process of reopening school for the 2020-21 school year, the COVID-19 pandemic has created a crisis that we are all dealing with in some aspect. While we realize that the safety and welfare of our students are most important, we also know that education plays an important role in the future of our children as they will be the leaders of tomorrow.

As school administrator, I want you to know that the school board has worked diligently in preparing for the safety of our students in the months to come. With this in mind, the following protocol will be in affect as we return to school. We are asking all parents and students to please abide by the guidelines that will be set forth as we return to school.

They are:

1. Face masks will be optional but highly recommended.
2. Temperature will be checked upon entrance to school. A temperature of 100.4 F degrees will result in student not admitted to school.
3. Social Distancing will be enforced.
4. All students will be coming in from the front entrance unless otherwise directed to another entrance.
5. We are asking parents **not** to come into the building unless it is an emergency. Less traffic will cut down on the spread of the virus.
6. If a child has symptoms of any kind, please **do not** allow your child to come to school.
7. All classrooms, desks, etc. will be sanitized frequently throughout the day.
8. Handwashing steps will be followed as: Wet, Lather, Scrub, Rinse, and Dry
9. Students must have their own water. There will be no water fountains working at school.
10. School will be disinfected periodically throughout the day.
11. If a student or staff member test positive, they will be required to stay away for 14 days and have two (2) negative tests before returning to school.
12. Anyone who has come in close contact with that individual will need to get tested as well.
13. Students may bring their lunch but we will be providing a limited amount of food in the cafeteria per CDC guidelines for school cafeterias. Some students may be eating in the classrooms.
14. All CDC guidelines will be followed as closely as possible.
15. Additional guidelines will be handed out at Back To School Night.

We will be having back to school night on August 6, from 4:00 - 6:00 PM. This will be a come and go time for you to drop off school supplies and meet the teachers. Please follow social distancing during this time.

We are asking for your cooperation during this unprecedented times. Let's make this school year a great year. We are all in it together.