

RETURN TO CAMPUS PLAN

Spotswood Students

A Message from your Spotswood Students Staff

Back in March, none of us could have imagined the physical, emotional, and financial toll the COVID-19 pandemic would take on our society. That's why we as a staff have constantly retreated back to Scripture to remind ourselves of God's promises and direction during challenging times. One passage that has been especially meaningful has been Psalm 119:13-14: "I am certain that I will see the LORD's goodness in the land of the living. Wait for the LORD; be strong, and let your heart be courageous. Wait for the LORD." These past few months have been especially discouraging for many of us. In the middle of that discouragement it's important to remember that the bad times are temporary. And although it has looked incredibly different, we have seen God's goodness during this trying time. People have joined Spotswood! Students have been baptized! And the Word has still continued to be taught, albeit electronically. We really have seen the Lord's goodness in the land of the living, and we believe we will continue to see his goodness moving forward. We just have to be willing to wait patiently (as we all have been doing) and move forward with him timing. We believe that a huge step in that timing coincides with our plans to reopen our on-campus student Connect Groups on August 30, 2020.

This document provides most of the details for our families for coming back on campus. It is the product of hours of prayer, abundant wisdom from the Lord, and guidance from many state agencies and associations. In particular we have heavily consulted Executive Order Number 63, the State Guidelines for Religious Services during Phase 3, and all the resources mentioned within each source. We strongly sense the need to get our students back on campus, so the policies, procedures, and processes contained within this document reflect as such.

We fully recognize the broad range of convictions and feelings that drive each family's response to this pandemic. Some are proceeding with an abundance of caution, while others are ready to move on. Regardless of your position, we ask that we would be able to move together with an abundance of love and selflessness for one another. Along these lines we would encourage all of our families to this article on The Gospel Coalition's website: <https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/article/4-reasons-wear-mask/>.

Thank you for your support as we move forward with bringing our students back on campus. We trust that God will work all of this out for our good and His glory and that the days ahead will truly be special.

Safety Policies

Face Coverings

- In accordance with Executive Order Number 63, Section A, Part 6, we request that all on-campus attendees wear a face covering when indoors and within close proximity to others. Close proximity is defined as being within 5-6 feet of at least one other individual. See "Connect Groups" and "Midweek" for more details.

Signage

- All signage required by Phase Three guidelines have been posted at the entrances to the Student Building.

Entering The Facility

- Everyone entering the Student Building will be required to have their temperature taken and answer a short screening. Anyone posting a temperature of higher than 100.4 or having come into contact with someone having COVID19 will not be allowed in the Student Building.
- We request that while moving around inside the building (using the restroom, walking the hallways, etc.) that on-campus attendees wear a face covering, as likelihood of coming within 5-6 feet of another attendee is high.

Food

- No outside food (pre-packaged or otherwise) brought for the purpose of sharing with others will be permitted at this time.
- The kitchen and coffee machines will not be permitted to be used by on-campus attendees.

Outside Games

- No more than 8 students will be permitted to enter the Gaga Ball Pit at any given time.
- Basketball activities will be limited to games that allow for social distancing recommendations (horse, shooting around, around the world, etc.)

Connect Groups

- Gender and age-graded Connect Groups will take place at the Student Building beginning August 30, 2020. Two options will be provided: (1) 9:30a, and (2) 11:00a.
- All Connect Groups will be spaced out throughout the building in such a way that students will be able to maintain social distancing recommendations. No two groups will be within 6 feet of each other, and each chair within a group will be spaced 5-6 feet away from other chairs.
- Once seated within their Connect Groups, on-campus attendees will be permitted, but not required, to remove any face covering that they may be wearing.
- Connect Group Leaders will be instructed to wipe down chairs and door handles before leaving their Connect Group.

Midweek

- To be able to maintain social distancing recommendations:
 - Middle School Midweek activities will take place on Tuesday nights beginning September 1
 - High School Midweek activities will take place on Wednesday nights beginning September 2
- All chairs will be spaced out 5-6 feet in order to maintain social distancing recommendations.

In the Event of a Suspected or Confirmed Case

- Students, staff, and visitors who have had direct exposure to someone with COVID-19 s may not enter the Student Building. Those individuals should self-isolate at home as directed by their physician for the prescribed time period.
- If there is a positive case of COVID, we will notify health officials and anyone who was in close contact with the infected individual. Those contacts should stay home and self-monitor for symptoms for the period prescribed by the Virginia Department of Health.
- Two or more positive cases of COVID will indicate a community health issue, and our response will be dictated by the guidance of the Virginia Department of Health.