



AUSTIN PREPARATORY SCHOOL

Reopening Plan 2020

Community Webinar

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OPENING PRAYER ~ LET US PRAY

Eternal God, who are the light of the minds that know you, the joy of the hearts that love you, and the strength of the wills that serve you; we are in the shadow of your wings. Protect us and bear us up. You will care for us as if we were little children, even to our old age. When you are our strength, we are strong; but when we are our own strength, we are weak. Our good always lives in your presence, and we suffer when we turn our faces away from you. We now return to you, O Lord that we may never turn away again. Grant us so to know you that we may truly love you, and so to love you that we may fully serve you, whom to serve is perfect freedom, in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen



**A THOUGHT
FROM ST.
AUGUSTINE**

Do not be content with what you are, if you want to become what you are not yet. For where you have grown pleased with yourself, there you will remain...Always add something more, keep moving forward, always make progress.



SAFETY FIRST



- Advice from health and safety experts
- Considerable investment in
 - Infrastructure
 - Supplies
 - Personnel
- Nearly \$1 million invested in health and safety
- Approximately \$1,400 per student



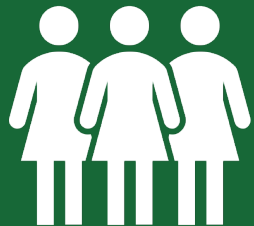
SAFETY FIRST



- Classroom HEPA filters
- HVAC upgrades
 - Upgraded filters
 - Ultraviolet germicidal irradiation
 - Increased fresh air
- Electrostatic disinfecting equipment



INCREASED STAFFING FOR SAFETY



- Nurse
- Campus Safety
- Cleaning and Disinfecting
- Food Preparation & Serving



SAFETY FIRST



- Increased cleaning, sanitizing, and disinfecting
- Hand sanitizer stations
- Thermal scanners



Thermal scanner demonstration





MODIFYING CLASSROOM SPACE

- Student desks are separated between 3 and 4 feet creating center-of-seat to center-of-seat distancing of about 5 to 6 feet
- Practice is consistent with WHO and Commonwealth guidelines and recommendations

MODIFYING CLASSROOM SPACE

12 STUDENT DESKS



MODIFYING CLASSROOM SPACE

20 STUDENT DESKS



MODIFYING CLASSROOM SPACE

18 STUDENT DESKS

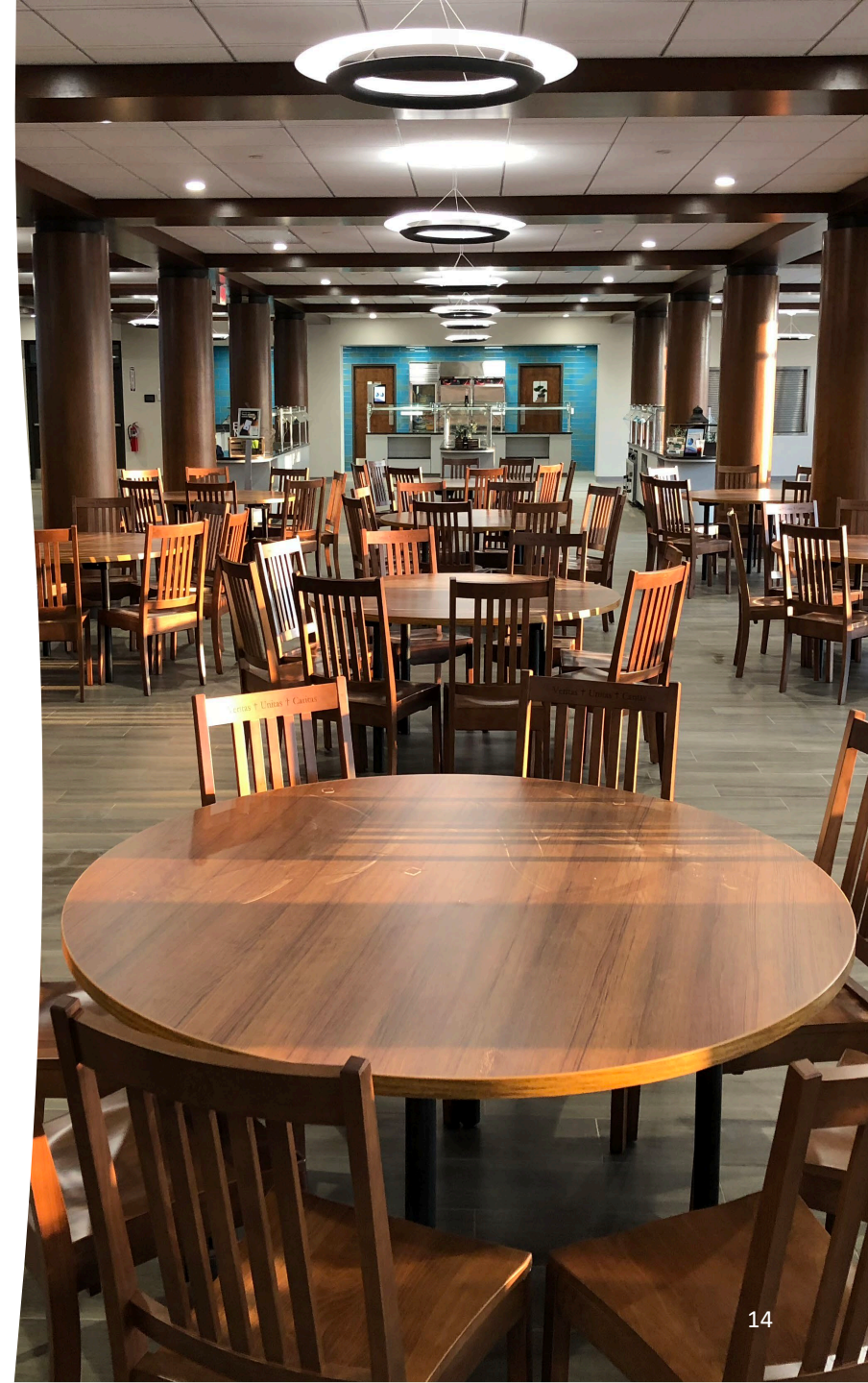


LARGER MEETING SPACE



DINING HALL & FOOD SERVICE

- Dining hall operations have been reviewed by Reading's Department of Public Health
- Tables sanitized in between lunch periods.
- All food prepared and served by Sage Dining
- Decreased occupancy
- Maximum seating - tables of 6
- Assigned seating determined by students schedules
- Modified menus
- Dietary restrictions will be accommodated

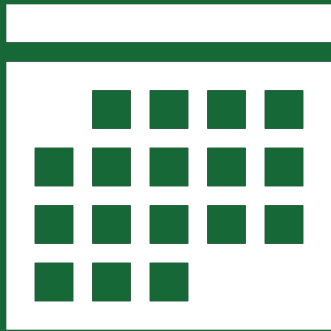


**SAFETY
FIRST:
BEGINNING
HYBRID**



- Why begin with a hybrid model?
 - Flexibility to create structure
 - Rapidly changing environment
 - Current best practice across the U.S.
 - Phased approach allows adaptation
 - There are dozens of new procedures and practices we all must learn
- RTL in a warm September

HYBRID SCHEDULE



- Two cohorts equally divided alphabetically
- Siblings stay together
- Cohort assignment is underway
- Week 1 - group A meets 3 times
- Week 2 - group B meets 3 times
- And the cycle repeats

* Opt-in to Full Remote Option
by September 16 (for Q1)

HYBRID SCHEDULE

Day	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
WEEK 1	Cohort A on Campus	Cohort A on Campus	Cohort A on Campus	Cohort B on Campus	Cohort B on Campus
WEEK 2	Cohort A on Campus	Cohort A on Campus	Cohort B on Campus	Cohort B on Campus	Cohort B on Campus
WEEK 3	Cohort A on Campus	Cohort A on Campus	Cohort A on Campus	Cohort B on Campus	Cohort B on Campus
WEEK 4	Cohort A on Campus	Cohort A on Campus	Cohort B on Campus	Cohort B on Campus	Cohort B on Campus

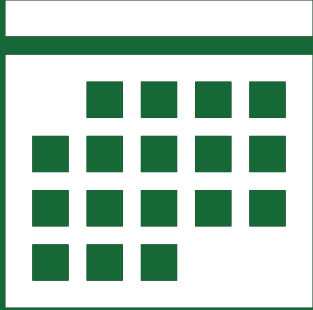
* When one Cohort is on Campus, the other Cohort is learning remotely

TENTATIVE DAILY SCHEDULE

Monday –
Fridays;
*70-minute
blocks /
5 minutes
between classes

Four Lunches
with All Grades
represented on
Campus

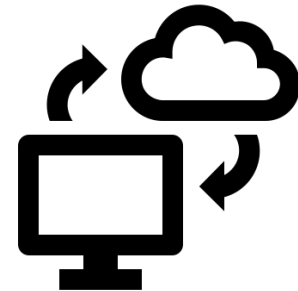
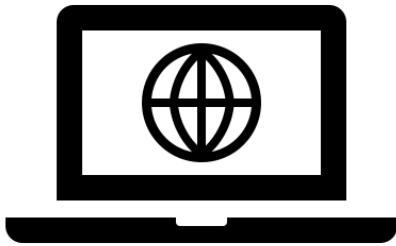
8:00 - 9:10 AM	First Block			
9:15 - 9:30 AM	Advisory (Teachers A-L Inside)		Mask Break (Teachers M-W Outside)	
9:30 - 9:45 AM	Advisory (Teachers M-W Inside)		Mask Break (Teachers A-L Outside)	
9:50 - 10:55 AM	Second Block			
11:00 - 11:25 AM	US Cougar Block – No US Students in the Dining Hall		Middle School Lunch Some Freshmen in Lunch	
11:30 - 11:55 AM	Sophomores Lunch	Some Freshmen in Class/Some in Lunch with Sophomores	Juniors & Seniors in Class	Middle School in Class
12:00 - 12:25 PM	Freshmen & Sophomores in Class	Juniors Lunch	Seniors in Class	Middle School in Class
12:25 - 12:50 PM	Freshmen & Sophomores in Class	Juniors in Class	Seniors at Lunch	Middle School Cougar Block (no Dining Hall!)
12:55 - 2:05 PM	Fourth Block			
2:10 - 2:40 PM	Staggered Dismissal (TBD)			



WHAT ABOUT COUGAR BLOCK?

- That's one reason why the daily schedule is subject to change
- We are reimagining Cougar Block
- It's complex and Cougar Block will not operate as it previously did

TECHNOLOGY OVERVIEW

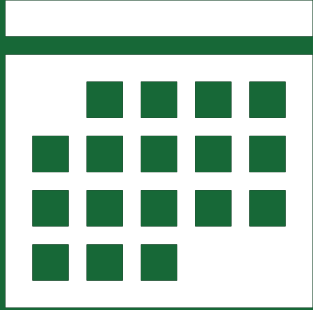


- Classrooms equipped with video and audio
- Teachers trained on blended synchronous model
- Zoom platform continues
- Technology is new, but it's not perfect

INSTRUCTIONAL APPROACH

- Paperless environment
- Personal books and supplies permitted, but cannot be shared
- Extra help arranged with individual teachers in person or virtually





STILL IN PROGRESS

- Daily schedule (timing)
- Arrival & dismissal procedures
- Cougar Block
- Building foot traffic patterns
- After school assigned locations
- Student Orientation Schedule
- Performing and visual arts protocols

IMPORTANT DATES

- August 24: Faculty Return to Campus
- August 31 - September 3: Student Orientation
 - Schedules and Details Forthcoming
- September 4 & 7: No classes
- September 8: Classes begin using a hybrid model



THE COVENANT

- A shared responsibility among the community.
- Accountability to each other
- Consequences for putting the entire community at risk
- This is about living the Austin Prep mission and exemplifying Veritas, Unitas, and Caritas



COVENANT ESSENTIALS

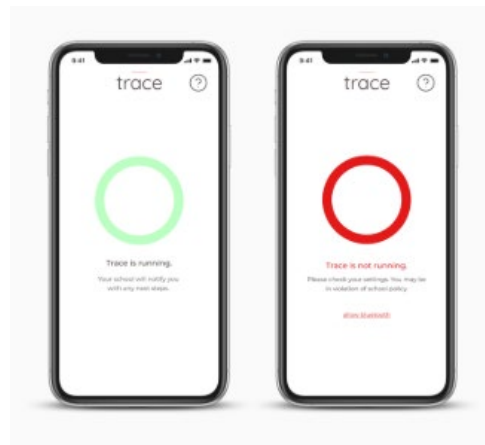
- Daily checklist completed
- Masks worn at all times (except during lunch and mask breaks)
- Students and staff are required to wear masks that have at least two layers
- Social distancing
- Personal hygiene
- Temperature checks
- Contact tracing app





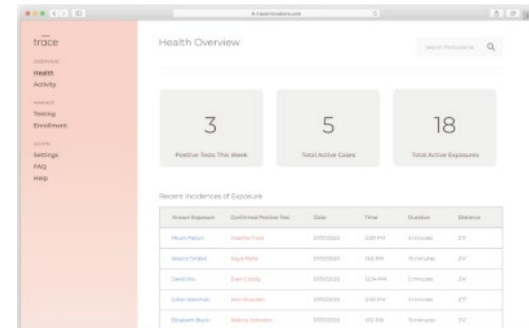
Contact Tracing with Trace Innovations

Step 1: Download and Install



After downloading the app, the tool runs in the background. The app uses Bluetooth low-energy that has minimal impact on battery.

Step 2: Touch and Trace



When two individuals running Trace interact, their phones trigger an interaction. These interactions allow health professionals to accurately and effectively contact trace.

Your Safety – Your Choice

1. Each user has complete control of the app – you decide when to turn it on and off
2. Data is wiped every 14 days, which is the minimum time period the CDC has recommended
3. Data is not sold to third parties and cannot be used for any reason except COVID contact tracing



A CASE OF CONFIRMED COVID-19

- Stay home
- Contact tracing initiated
- Notification protocols followed
- School closure period determined in consultation with DPH
- Campus cleaning and disinfecting
- Remote instruction initiated



A CASE OF SUSPECTED COVID-19

- Stay home if you or a member of your household has been in contact with a person infected with COVID-19
- Notify the school nurse
- 14 quarantine or negative test results
- Contact tracing initiated as necessary
- Notification protocols deployed as necessary
- Consultation with DPH

COMMONLY ASKED QUESTIONS



- Dining Hall, food, water
- Schedules (hybrid, cohort, etc.)
- Arrival and Dismissal
- The Covenant
- Technology (Zoom, contact tracing app, screen time)
- Extracurricular activities
- The Arts
- Athletics



FINAL THOUGHTS

We have to do this together.

We must be flexible and patient.

Patience is the companion of wisdom.

~ St. Augustine