

Hello Landsharks!

Signs of Life! Monday night our Volleyball team scrimmaged Berkeley High School here in Our Tank. There was music in the gym, parents on the stands, coaches walking around supervising and best and most important of all: there were Landsharks playing on the court! I cannot thank you enough for the last few weeks...we all know this is not easy, but we are doing it!!

We will outline our return to school logistics on this letter. It is a lot! Two more school days until we have Landsharks in sight again! As much as we have planned, thought of and prepared for September 8th, I am aware that something will inadvertently happen which has not been thought of, and the possibility of a new plan for an unforeseen event is possible. Tonight, as I go to sleep, I might develop a plan for what to do in case a bear runs into school wearing a diaper smoking a cigar...but such is 2020.

As we have stated more than once, we will do our best to encourage, mandate and enforce guidance from the State Department of Education and the High School League, which as you know translates to wearing a face cover while on school grounds, social distance when possible and many more guidelines we must adhere to. Please remember some of the work and responsibility will fall on students themselves. Maintaining social distance, washing hands, covering our face and being aware of touching our face are all things each of us has control over and things we all need to be hyper aware of moving forward.

After you read our procedures below, **IF you are not comfortable with those procedures, we have opened our distance learning option through Friday, September 4, at 3:00 p.m.** That gives our staff Friday night and the weekend to fix schedules so that your student can continue as seamlessly as possible on Tuesday. Let me remind you of two very important things as it relates to distance learning:

- Distance Learning once committed will continue until the second semester.
- There are no distance learning dual enrollment courses offered for 10th grade students. Only Honors High School courses are available to 9th and 10th grade through distance learning.

If you are considering this now and all the way through Friday, reach out to our distance learning liaison, Mrs. Brittany Moore (bmoore@Landsharks.org).

As much as I feel like most of us know the Covid-19 routine for public gatherings, I will go through some basic procedures below. There should be no surprises here:

FACE COVERING: as per State guidelines, students must wear a face covering entering and leaving campus, and while in common areas, when in the hallway, bathroom, or when social distancing is not optimal. Student face coverings may be removed upon teacher or administrator direction while in the classroom or during special activities outside the classroom. **Face coverings must comply with dress code requirements and should not create a disruption or distraction to the student or the learning environment. As per the CDC, face coverings must cover the nose and mouth completely.**

ARRIVAL, DISMISSAL & TRANSITION

Students cannot arrive on campus more than 15 minutes prior to class start time and need to be picked no later than 15 minutes following their session. I realize this will be dependent on school traffic. Students will report directly to their first class upon arrival, not go to the café or stand in the hallways.

Arrival: The front doors will be used as an entrance only throughout the school day. At the beginning of each session from 7:15 - 7:30 AM and 11:35 to 11:50 students who are going through the car rider line will enter through the front doors. All car riders will enter through the back-gym doors. Throughout the day after first period of AM and PM, ALL will enter through the front doors only. We will have staff at the door opening doors for the busiest times during the day taking temperatures as people enter the building.

Class Transitions: In an effort to maximize space in hallways, we will have specific routes which have been established when transitioning between classes. All classroom teachers will share what those routes are during the first few days of class. The goal of routes of course is to minimize contact and will involve students going outside and then re-entering the building at various access points.

Dismissal: Our expectation remains and will now be super focused on students being picked up at their dismissal time. Staff supervising car pick up and drop off will remind students about masks and social distancing, however students will need to demonstrate personal responsibility for those times when we are not in a classroom. Please have these important conversations with your student prior to September 8th.

Temperature Checks: Students will be temperature checked prior to exiting their vehicles. Any student with a temperature above 100.4 will not be allowed entrance to campus. Upon arrival on campus, please have your window rolled down. Students DO NOT exit the vehicle until you've been cleared by staff. This will slow down the drop off process so expect some delays our first week while we all get used to this new procedure. Students who drive will have their temperature checked before they walk in the building. Again, expect some delays and keep social distance while in line!

Weekly Schedule as of September 8: A/B Schedules (college) will remain as scheduled and Fridays will remain virtual for deep cleaning of facilities, however, students will be responsible for completing any work assigned, and could also use this time to meet with their teacher virtually if the need arises.

Landsharks, remember SAFETY first! We are committed to bringing students back to campus...**if your student is not feeling well- do not come to school.** If you have been in close contact to someone who tested positive for COVID-19, or think you or your family may have been exposed- please err on the side of caution. **If your student or someone in the household tests positive for COVID-19, please contact the school immediately.**

Health & Safety Mitigation Measures September 2020-TBD

Oceanside Collegiate Academy has implemented the following mitigation measures to address student and staff health and safety, in-line with the South Carolina Department of Education and DHEC guidelines for the upcoming 2020-2021 school year:

- Continually assess students for potential symptoms of COVID-19.
- Strive to practice social distancing.
- Follow State guidance regarding face coverings on school property.
- Temperature checks for students and visitors upon entering campus.
- Hand sanitizing stations: installed in each classroom, main lobby, outside restrooms and high traffic areas.
- Guidelines & supplies for disinfecting classrooms (desks, tables, chairs) provided to each classroom teacher.
- Increased daily cleaning and disinfection of touch points including but not limited to doors, counters, sinks and other surfaces.
- Deep cleaning and disinfection of the building after school each night and on Friday's.
- Signage throughout the building for safe hygiene, handwashing and staying home if you are feeling under the weather!!
- Limit non-essential visitors. All visitors must use hand sanitizer upon entry. All visitors must remain in the main lobby.
- Air filters in every classroom
- ElectroStatic Sprayer use daily

- Specific entry and exit points to limit hallway congestion during the school day.
- Additional staff members to assist and support with COVID-19 management.
- Plan for communication and management of confirmed COVID-19 cases on campus.
- Return to School protocols established for management of known COVID-19 cases.

Return to School Policies and Procedures: Confirmed COVID-19 Cases 2020-TBD

With input from the South Carolina Department of Education, Accelerate ED Task Force and DHEC, Oceanside Collegiate Academy will implement the following below response to known cases of COVID-19 on our campus.

As a school community, each of us needs to demonstrate personal responsibility with regard to our health. **Please, do not send your child to school if they are not feeling well.** The communication between our home-school partnership is more important than ever right now and we all need to work together to ensure a safe and long-term return to school.

Students or staff exhibiting the following symptoms should stay home:

Any one (1) of the following:

- Fever – or-
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing -or -
- Loss of taste or smell -or –

Any two (2) of the following:

- Sore throat – and/or -
- Muscle aches – and/or -
- Chills – and/or -
- New or worsening cough

Generally speaking, any student with any one of these symptoms should **not** come to school unless these symptoms are explainable by an underlying condition (such as shortness of breath or cough for an individual with asthma).

Oceanside will have a dedicated “health room” to evaluate students or staff with any of the above symptoms who are identified during the day. For example- J does not feel well during English and asks to come to the main lobby to call home. In the main lobby J will be moved safely and respectfully to the “health room” while parents/guardians are contacted.

Return to School

Students who are evaluated and leave campus due to exhibiting any one of the above symptoms, **may not** return to school until they have either a) test negative for COVID-19 or b) a medical evaluation determines that symptoms were due to another cause (e.g. sore throat due to strep throat).

Students must provide medical documentation prior to returning to school.

If a student chooses not to test for COVID-19 or see a medical professional after exhibiting symptoms- individuals may only return to school if they complete the current isolation criteria:

- Ten (10) days have passed since symptoms started - **and** –
- Three (3) days (72 hours) have passed since last fever without taking medicine to reduce fever - **and** -

- Overall improvement in symptoms.
- If a student tests positive by a PCR test (nose and throat swab) but does not have symptoms, he/she will be required to stay home until ten (10) days after the specimen was collected.

Cases in the Classroom

“Close” classroom contacts to a known COVID-19 case will be determined through a case investigation process and is situation dependent.

- If students are not considered a “close contact” but were in the same classroom- please monitor for symptoms for 14 days.
- Oceanside will contact parents/guardians if your student was determined to be a “close contact”.
- The classroom(s) will be closed for cleaning & disinfection before being used again.

Quarantine

Some students may have been told they were a “close” contact to a case of COVID-19 and have to complete a quarantine period. This means they will be required to stay home so they do not risk exposing others to COVID-19 if they become sick. For students, a parents’ note that they have been cleared from quarantine may be used to allow a return to school.

- “Close” contact: If the student has been determined to be a “close” contact of the positive case, or live in the same household as someone who has tested positive, they will have to quarantine for 14 days since last exposure to the infected person.
- Other household members in quarantine: If the student lives in the same household as someone in quarantine (who has not tested positive) - they will not necessarily need to quarantine themselves unless the household member in quarantine is then determined to be a COVID-19 case. DHEC will notify those who are required to complete quarantine.

In order to channel concerns to the right people remember the following amazing Landsharks:

Return Logistics Concerns: Beth Shackel-Scott (Assistant Principal)

Curriculum Concerns: Christina Brown (Academic Dean)

Athletic Concerns: Mark Meyer (Athletic Director)

Student Concerns: Laura Peirano (School Counselor)

PowerSchool Concerns: Khrystin Harshaw (Data Manager)

Thank you for your continued support and empathy! Here’s a countdown for you guys: Less than 70 school days until New Year’s Eve!! Ready to say Goodbye, ADIOS, See you Never, So Long! to 2020!!!

Go Landsharks!!!

B. Corley
Principal