

2020-2021 COVID-19 Opening Mitigation Plan

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Admissions Check-In Mitigation Plan Academic Year 2020-2021

Check-In Dates: August 03, 07, 10, and 11, 2020

Check-In Times: 0800-0930, 0900-1030, 1000-1130, 1100-1230, 1200-1330, 1300-1430

- 1. Families will be sent a digital form to schedule a check-in date and time slot. Time slots will be limited to 25 families.
- 2. A robust daily communication plan will begin Monday, 17 July 2020 to orient and train families of the Academy's COVID-19 mitigation strategies, new policies, and how the Academy will communicate with families of positive cases.
- 3. Upon arrival, the parking attendant will give families a symptoms check form, assigned parking zone, and parking space based on their scheduled appointment.
- 4. Families will remain in their vehicles until an admissions attendant is ready for the family to begin the check-in process.
- 5. During the check-in process (Wicker Science Center), families are permitted only one parent/guardian to accompany their son.
- 6. While indoors, all persons are required to follow current face covering laws, physical distancing protocols, signage, and document signing procedures to mitigate the safety of the environment.
- 7. Hand sanitizing and cleaning practices will be completed after each family.
- 8. Check-in stations will be completed in separate classrooms and hand sanitizing stations will be at the entrance of each room. Separate entrances and exits will be maintained in each classroom.
- 9. After completion of the check-in process, families will return to their vehicle and drive to their son's assigned company within the barracks.
- 10. Only cadets or an employee of the Academy will be permitted to move items into an assigned room.
- 11. After their son has moved-in, parents will say their goodbye's and depart campus.

Infirmary

- 1. Staffed 24 hours with a registered nurse.
- 2. Doctor on call Monday through Friday. Doctor holds sick call on campus each day, Monday through Friday, for two hours.
- 3. Physician's contracted lab company provides COVID-19 and antibody testing for students with a maximum of 48-72 hour turnaround on testing.
- 4. Infirmary has a maximum capacity of approximately 10% of the student population including three isolation rooms with additional rooms possible, as necessary.
- 5. Clear communication and signage will be in place.
- 6. Students experiencing illness related symptoms will use a separate entrance/exit.
- 7. Students receiving routine medications will be provided a separate entrance/exit with a plan in place to relocate to another building, as necessary.
- 8. The Academy is researching software to aid with contact tracing, as necessary.
- 9. The Infirmary staff will work directly with the Thomas Jefferson Regional Health District with any positive cases to complete an investigation, contact trace, and consultation on next steps.
- 10. In consultation with Thomas Jefferson Regional Health District, recommendations regarding reduction of in-person classes and/or complete school closure will be made.

Residence Life Mitigation Plan Academic Year 2020-2021

Health Screenings: Daily symptom and temperature checks will be completed each morning in the barracks for each student to assist with contact tracing, as necessary. Ongoing student health training initiatives for students will be in place to communicate CDC guidelines on COVID-19 prevention.

Single Rooms: Single rooms can be requested. FUMA has reserved 75 single rooms for the 2020-2021 academic year.

Double Rooms: Shared rooms between two roommates will adhere to physical distancing requirements between each student's personal desk. Bunk beds are built for physical distancing, but students will be required to follow head to toe guidelines to increase distancing while sleeping.

Cleaning: Supervised student cleaning plan will be practiced daily of high touch surface areas in both the student's room and bathrooms. Additional hand sanitizing stations will be placed on the inside and outside of each entrance/exit door. Clear communication and signage will be in place.

Visitation: Students will be permitted to visit other cadets in their rooms following face covering laws in place at that time and physical distancing protocols. One student can have one visitor in his room at a time.

Formations: Proper physical distancing measures will be implemented to ensure six feet between students. No company will exceed the allowable number of students in one area outside. When physical distancing cannot be maintained, students will wear face coverings during this time as required by Virginia law.

Leave: Weekend leaves will be announced one term at a time after evaluating the current COVID environment. FUMA reserves the right to restrict weekend leaves to areas affected by COVID.

Off-Campus Limitations: Boarding students travel off-campus will be limited between 13 August 2020 and 27 August 2020. Day students will be requested to limit travel to home and school between 13 August 2020 and 27 August 2020.

Social Center

Occupancy: Max occupancy for each room will be set and updated in compliance with current physical distancing requirements.

Cleaning: Supervised student cleaning plan will be practiced daily of high touch surface areas in both gaming and movie rooms and bathrooms. Additional hand sanitizing stations will be placed throughout the facility where bathrooms are not accessible in each room. Clear communication and signage will be in place.

Transportation: Max bus occupancy for school related vehicles will be set at fifteen.

Academics Mitigation Plan Academic Year 2020-2021

First Day of Class: August 13, 2020 Last Day of Class: May 20, 2021

- 1. Teachers will get classroom designs approved. Designs will ensure proper physical distancing measures of six feet between desks. When students or instructors are working in groups and cannot maintain proper physical distancing all persons are required to follow current face covering laws.
- 2. Teachers will maintain seven feet of distancing while instructing the class. When a teacher is unable to maintain proper physical distancing, all persons are required to follow current face covering laws.
- 3. Disposable face coverings will be provided to each teacher for students or visitors in the instance they have misplaced theirs.
- 4. Teacher/Student cleaning plan will be completed at the conclusion of each class day or event held in the classrooms. Clear communication and signage will be in place.
- 5. Digital textbooks and digital media will be utilized when possible using an online platform to minimize sharing of texts/media.
- 6. Students will not be permitted to share their laptops.
- 7. Maintenance staff will increase the cleaning of bathrooms located in academic buildings throughout the class day.
- 8. Hand sanitizing stations are located in each classroom near the entrance/exit of each room.
- 9. Staff and faculty will complete and report a daily symptom check to their immediate supervisor (director).

Library

Occupancy: Max occupancy for each room will be set and updated in compliance with current physical distancing requirements.

Cleaning: Supervised cleaning plan will be practiced daily of high touch surface areas to include computer labs, books, and bathrooms. Additional hand sanitizing stations will be placed throughout the facility where bathrooms are not accessible in each room. Clear communication and signage will be in place.

Band/Choir

- 1. Increased physical distancing will be maintained of no less than ten feet or current state requirements.
- 2. Supervised student cleaning plan will be practiced daily of high touch surface areas including equipment and classroom spaces. Clear communication and signage will be in place.
- 3. Students will not share equipment including sheet music with exception to drums. Each student will use their own drumsticks and cleaning/sanitizing of the drums will be completed between uses.
- 4. Use creative instructional strategies to stagger the number of students, provide additional physical distancing, and utilizing alternative warm-ups and rehearsal spaces.

Athletics Mitigation Plan Academic Year 2020-2021

- 1. Hand sanitizing stations have been located at the entrance/exit of all locations in the Estes Athletic Center.
- 2. Increased cleaning practices will be used including the use of a fogging sanitizer daily in each of the locker rooms and weight rooms. The addition of the fogging will help to sanitize personal and shared equipment used for practices and weightlifting equipment, benches, etc. Supervised athlete cleaning plan will be practiced daily of high touch surface areas to include used equipment and locker spaces. Clear communication and signage will be in place.
- 3. All student-athletes and coaching staff should wear masks upon entering and exiting facilities as well as when not participating in exercises
- 4. Staggered release of athletes from practice will be put in place to use the locker rooms and showers to limit the number of students in these spaces.
- 5. There should be no shared athletic towels, clothing, or shoes between student-athletes. Individual clothing/towels should be washed and cleaned after every workout, conditioning, and practice session.
- 6. Student-athletes will shower after athletic activity.
- 7. The Academy is researching the ability to create outdoor locker room spaces on the outdoor tennis courts utilizing a similar model to colleges and universities. This will be utilized as an alternative mitigation if necessary.
- 8. Students will utilize their personal canteen for hydration purposes during practices.

Dining Hall Mitigation Plan Academic Year 2020-2021

- 1. All dining staff will be required to complete and record their daily symptom check and temperature. This will serve as a log of employees and hours for contact tracing.
- 2. All staff will be required to wear a face covering and gloves during food preparation, serving of food, and cleaning equipment, tables, etc.
- 3. Limit of three persons to each table to ensure current physical distancing requirements. Fork Union Military Academy can update as necessary to meet current guidelines.
- 4. Limit dining occupancy to 207 persons. Fork Union Military Academy can update as necessary to meet current guidelines.
- 5. Supervised cleaning plan will be practiced in preparation for each scheduled service of high touch surface areas, kitchen equipment, serving lines, and dining facility. Additional hand sanitizing stations will be placed on the inside of each entrance/exit door. Clear communication and signage will be in place.
- 6. New plexiglass serving line shields have been installed.

Maintenance Mitigation Plan Academic Year 2020-2021

- 1. Will ensure water systems are safe in buildings with prolonged building shutdowns.
- 2. Will ensure ventilation systems operate properly to increase circulation of outdoor air as much as possible.

Human Resources Mitigation Plan Academic Year 2020-2021

- 1. Policies are in place to accommodate students and staff for higher risk for severe illness to limit exposure.
- 2. Policies are in place to accommodate flexible sick leave practices for staff, faculty, and students to stay at home or self-isolate when they are sick or have been exposed.