



COVID-19 MONITORING

2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR





Deerfield Academy's commitment to the health and safety of our students and employees is longstanding.

In the context of COVID-19, Deerfield has implemented an array of new processes and protocols that have been guided by extensive scientific and medical advice from experts in the field of public health, medicine, building infrastructure, and education. A robust set of strategies is in place to mitigate the risks of COVID-19 on campus and among the campus community, and we will continue to consult with experts and review the most current science to ensure that we are supporting and protecting community health while fulfilling the promise of our educational mission. Deerfield Academy is prepared to make necessary changes to ensure the highest level of safety for everyone on campus and in the greater community, and it will take the commitment, cooperation, and flexibility of all of us throughout the year.

Deerfield Academy leadership will continue to monitor and evaluate pandemic-related conditions and performance indicators on a daily basis throughout the school year. Daily review of these indicators will help us evaluate factors related to disease transmission in the region and on campus, monitor the ongoing effectiveness of our COVID-19 control measures, and inform decision-making regarding any needed modifications to campus operations. The Academy will also be collaborating with the local health department regarding all aspects of our COVID-19 control program. Deerfield will be prepared to adjust these plans to correspond with updates to governmental and public health guidelines as well as evolving circumstances. Consulting with experts, DA will use a mixture of campus and regional indicators to make decisions about changes to campus operations. These changes may include relaxing some of the controls in place as the public health landscape allows or it may include tightening controls on campus.

THE FOLLOWING INDICATORS WILL PLAY A KEY ROLE IN MAKING DECISIONS ABOUT ANY OPERATIONAL CHANGES:

Regional Indicators

- State and county incidence of COVID-19 cases, trajectory of positive cases, and percent of positive COVID-19 tests
- Local hospital capacity
- Federal, state, or local government orders



Campus Community Indicators

Campus COVID-19 Testing and Response

- Number of tests administered
- Diagnostic test turnaround time; rapid turnaround time effectively limits secondary transmission
- Number of new cases or positive test results among students and employees
- Connection between cases (cases that are epidemiologically linked; affected individuals were both present at some point in the same setting during the same time period while either or both were infectious)
- Ability to rapidly isolate and quarantine affected individuals

Campus Community Compliance with Public Health Measures

- Adherence to Healthy Deerfield practices such as wearing face coverings and practicing physical distancing
- Adherence to daily symptom screening

Capacity of Campus Resources

- Availability of isolation and quarantine space as needed based on cumulative number of cases excluding those who recover at home
- Inventory of key resources such as personal protective equipment for health center staff, hand sanitizer, cleaning and disinfection supplies
- Employee staffing levels to assure required service levels in critical areas such as health services, dormitory supervision, dining, housekeeping, and academic programs