



# REYNOLDS MOUNTAIN

## CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

# ***RMCA Opening Plan***

## ***2020-2021***

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# ***RMCA Opening Plan***

## ***Four Learning Models***

On March 16<sup>th</sup>, RMCA transitioned from on-campus instruction to Distance Learning and successfully completed the 2019-20 school year. We are appreciative of the work of our faculty and flexibility and patience of our parents and students to make Distance Learning a success. Our school's leadership team and our Board of Directors have worked diligently to finalize a plan for the best approach to provide an education for our RMCA community starting in August.

Reynolds Mountain Christian Academy's four school learning models are based on advice from our RMCA Board of Directors, ACSI recommendations, as well as guidelines from the CDC, North Carolina Health Department of Health and Human Services and the American Academy of Pediatrics. Our flexible plan allows for a seamless transition between learning models on-campus and distance learning.

# ***RMCA Opening Plan***

## ***Four Learning Models***

### **GREEN**

- Full-Campus Return for all Employees and Students
- No Modifications

### **BLUE**

- Full-Campus Return for all Employees and Students
- Modifications Implemented
- Distance Learning Option

### **YELLOW**

- Full Return for all Employees
- Hybrid Return for Students with face-to-face on campus and distance learning

### **RED**

- Employees Only On Campus
- Distance Learning for all Students

# ***RMCA Opening Plan***

## ***Safety Measures***



### **SELF-SCREENING**

All employees and students will conduct a self-screening at home that will consist of answering a series of questions as well as conducting a temperature check. Once on campus all employees and students will have their temperature checked for admittance to the school building. Temperatures may also be taken throughout the day for safety monitoring.



### **MASKS**

Employees and Students will be required to wear masks that must cover both mouth and nose. Masks may be removed with appropriate social distancing. Masks may also be taken off outside when appropriate to guidelines provided to the school. Masks must be a solid color with no design or message other than RMCA logo.



### **VISITORS**

All visitors will receive screening at the lower school office. Visitors will call the number on the outside door for admittance to the school building. Before entering the building, a visitor will have to complete a screening which includes a temperature check and signing of a waiver. Visitors must wear masks when traveling on campus. Visitors will not be allowed in the classrooms, gym, cafeteria, and must remain in designated reception areas.

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## ***Safety Measures***



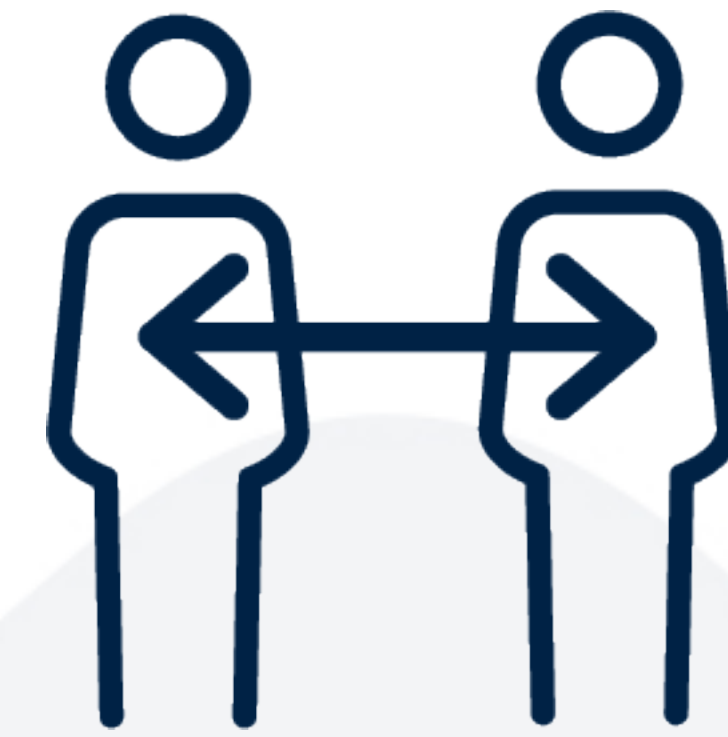
### ***START TIME***

Students may arrive to campus no earlier than 7:30 a.m. After admittance to the building, students will go directly to their classroom.



### ***HAND SANITIZER***

Hand sanitizer stations will be available at all building entry points and will be required to use upon entry to the building. Everyone will be required to use hand sanitizer when entering and exiting the classroom.



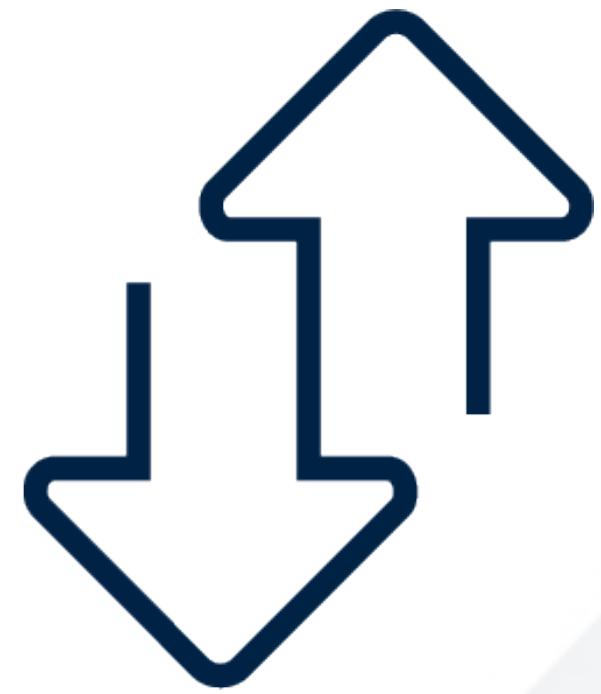
### ***SOCIAL DISTANCING***

Social distancing guidelines will be enforced whenever possible including offices, classrooms, etc. Classroom set-ups will be designed with limited use of tables and all desks and chairs will face the same direction with social distancing parameters in place. Students will sit 6 feet apart.



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### ***HALLWAYS***

New one-way pedestrian traffic patterns will exist inside the Upper School Building. The routes for travel outside classrooms will be clearly marked and monitored in all buildings.



### ***LUNCH***

Students in all grade levels must bring lunch until further notice. No outside lunch delivery. Students will eat lunch in the gym, outdoors and classrooms to practice social distancing. Parents may not join students for lunch until further notice.



### ***FIELD TRIP/STUDENT ACTIVITIES***

Field Trips/Student Activities will look different for this school year to meet the needs of social distancing guidelines and updated safety standards.

# ***RMCA Opening Plan***

## ***Cleaning Process***



### **AIR QUALITY**

Our HVAC units have been serviced and upgraded to include hospital grade filters.



### **CLEANING CREW**

An increased cleaning staff is assigned to campus to disinfect our common areas and restrooms regularly throughout the day.



### **PLAYGROUNDS**

Playgrounds will be sanitized throughout the day.



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## ***Cleaning Process***



### ***NIGHTLY***

Each evening our gym, student care room, campus restrooms, classrooms, and athletic locker rooms will be disinfected.



### ***WEEKLY***

The buildings will be sanitized on a weekly basis by electrostatic fogging.



### ***STUDENT CLEANING***

Students in grades 5-12 will clean their area with disinfectant prior to traveling to another class.

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## ***Cleaning Process***



### **TEACHER CLEANING**

Teachers will conduct a daily cleaning of furniture, classroom supplies, manipulatives, and technology.



### **WATER FOUNTAINS**

Students are encouraged to bring water bottles from home as there will not be access to water fountains. There are numerous water filling stations available around campus.



### **RECEPTION AREAS**

We have installed plexiglass screens in reception areas.

# ***RMCA Opening Plan***

***If Students or Employees test positive for COVID-19, the following steps will take place:***

## ***STEP 1***

### **CONTACT THE SCHOOL**

The family should contact:

Lower School

Mrs. Hepler, School Administrator

[shepler@rmcacademy.org](mailto:shepler@rmcacademy.org)

828-645-8053

Upper School

Mrs. Messer, Principal [cmesser@rmcacademy.org](mailto:cmesser@rmcacademy.org)

828-645-8053.

## ***STEP 2***

### **QUARANTINE**

The student or employee and their household, will be required to quarantine at home for a minimum of 14 days. If the student feels well enough, they can join class through distance learning.

## ***STEP 3***

### **CONTACT THE N.C. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES**

The school will contact the N.C. Department of Health & Human Services and will follow their recommendations.

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***If Students or Employees test positive for COVID-19, the following steps will take place:***

## ***STEP 4***

### ***NOTIFICATION***

The school will communicate to the necessary class or grade.

## ***STEP 5***

### ***CLEAN***

Our facilities team will conduct a deep clean and sanitation around the student's space and classroom.

# ***RMCA Opening Plan***

## ***Frequently Asked Questions***

Please email [info@rmcacademy.org](mailto:info@rmcacademy.org)  
with any questions.

### **Do you anticipate this plan changing between now and August?**

As we continue to monitor the recommendations of the various health organizations, the CDC, NCDHHS, and ACSI guidelines, our plan may change accordingly.

### **Is there an online option for families to consider?**

Yes, a family has the option to choose Distance Learning as their learning model. If a family chooses this model, they are committed to using distance learning for the 1<sup>st</sup> semester. Parents must complete the selection form by August 3<sup>rd</sup>. If no form is received, you will be considered an on-campus learner.



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## ***Frequently Asked Questions***

### **Are there restrictions on what type of mask may be worn on campus?**

Yes, masks worn by adults and students on campus must cover both one's mouth and nose. Masks must be a solid color. Face shields are not allowed based on CDC guidelines.

### **What about chapels and student gatherings?**

Student chapels will be streamed in the homeroom via Zoom. Morning gatherings and all other school gatherings are suspended until further notice.

### **Will there be athletics in the fall?**

We desire to resume athletic competition this fall. However, we are waiting for guidance from the Western Piedmont Athletic Conference (WPAC). We will inform you of athletic participation and plans as they become available.

### **Will we have concerts and performing arts in the fall?**

We hope to have the opportunity for our talented fine arts students to perform; however, these performances may be a blend of in-person and online participation for families and guests.



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## ***Frequently Asked Questions***

### **What happens if students become ill during the school day?**

Students that become ill during the day will be separated from their class using the Student Care Room and parents/guardians will be notified with directions. Students with non-COVID-19 symptoms will follow handbook guidelines for return to school.

### **What happens if a student does not pass screening when arriving on campus?**

All health screenings will take place prior to students exiting the vehicle. If a student does not pass the health screening, students will not be permitted to enter the school building that day.

### **If one student or employee tests positive for COVID-19, will the entire campus shutdown and go back to online school immediately?**

If there is a positive test we will work with the local health officials on the next steps for our community.

### **During the semester, may I change to Distance Learning?**

Yes, but you must remain a distance learner for the remainder of the semester.

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## ***Frequently Asked Questions***

### **What technology is needed to participate in Distance Learning?**

All distance learning will occur through Google Classroom and Google Meets. Distance learners must be able to be on their own device with internet access throughout the school day.

### **Will after school care be available?**

Yes. After School Care will be offered on a limited basis to grades K-6 only. Students must be registered. If you need this service, please contact the school office for registration information. After School Care will be charged on a monthly rate only.

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## ***Leadership / Board of Directors***

- Tony Robinson, Head of School
- Susie Hepler, School Administrator
- Christy Messer, High School Principal
- Dannah Young, Director of Development
- Sarah Bolick, Dean of Students

- Pastor Jim Dykes
- Rollin Groseclose
- Nathan Hawkins
- Megan Washel
- John Hensley
- Jonathan Szucs



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