



New Life Academy



▶ Re-Opening Campus 2020

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The New Life Experience

Despite global uncertainty -- one certainty remains -- we serve a sovereign God who is in control. New Life Academy's mission and purpose remain strong and focused during these challenging times. While we may have to do things a little bit differently at first, each day we will continue to build vibrant relationships, care for one another, serve others, and build faith-forming habits in our day.

Our Christ-centered community and the unique qualities that you value and expect will not change:



Small Class sizes and low student:teacher ratio (11:1).



Building faith together through worship & service.



Engaging, hands-on learning throughout our campus.



Athletic opportunities.



Experiences in the arts.

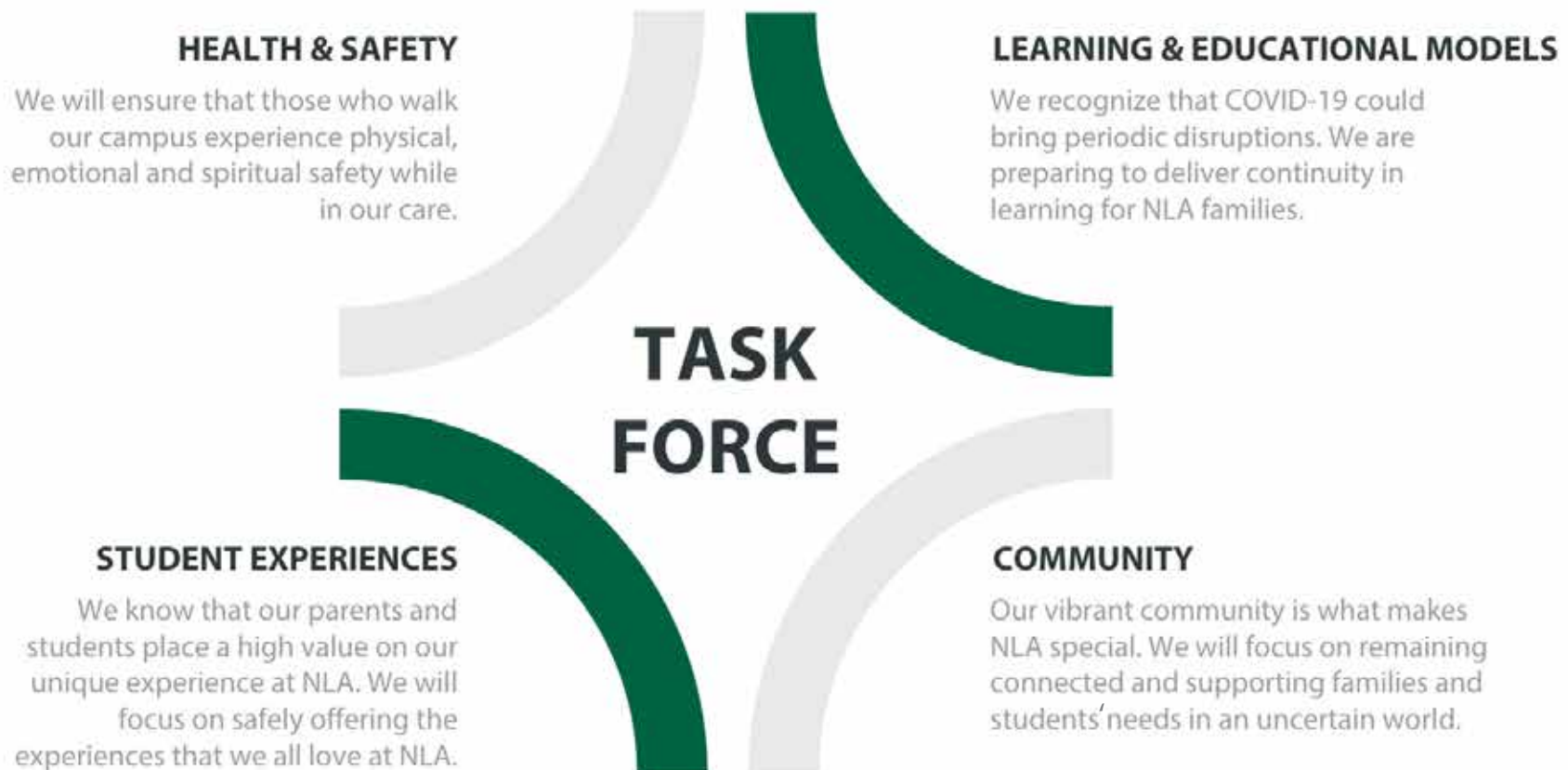


Celebrating successes.

••••▶ Re-entry Planning

When we left our campus for spring break in March of 2020, we couldn't have imagined the urgent shift to remote learning in the context of a global health emergency. While our nation and world is still navigating the health situation of COVID-19, we are no longer in a sudden crisis. During the past few months and for the remainder of the summer, we are planning to be back to in person learning this fall with provisions to shift to remote learning if mandated.

New Life Academy has established a re-entry task force committee, which is working diligently to develop a re-entry strategy that allows for flexibility, transparency, and prioritizes the health and safety of our community. We are currently preparing our campus and program to support students in the fall of 2020 in the following areas:



Re-entry Task Force

Thank you to those who provided their expertise during our planning.

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On Campus Learning

We will be on campus for in-person classes all 5 days a week for all students. We will follow a phased approach for opening (outlined on next page), which takes into consideration guidelines and recommendations from Centers for Disease Control (CDC), Minnesota Department of Health (MDH), and Minnesota Department of Education (MDE).



Standard drop-off and pick-up times will remain the same for all divisions.



Before and after school care will be offered.



Athletic offerings will be determined by MSHSL.

Preparing for Interruptions

Following the recommendations from our re-entry task force and lessons from this past spring, we are preparing for possible interruptions. In the event our local community experiences a spike in COVID-19 cases that impacts our physical operations, a shift to FLEXed or distance learning will happen for a period of time..



Life On-Campus | Phase I

The following modifications will be made for the start of the school year. We will re-assess after a few weeks to determine when we move between the phases of campus life.



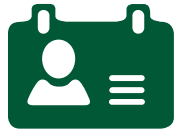
Entry/Exit Doors will be assigned by grade-level to control student traffic. District 833 will determine & communicate bus protocols.



Physical distancing will be utilized when possible in each classroom.



Sanitizing and cleaning processes have increased in frequency throughout the school day.



Campus access to parents and visitors is minimized.



Art, music, and Spanish specials will come to the classrooms for EE/LS.



Masks are required for 1st grade and older. Masks will be used in common spaces and passing times. In classrooms, masks can be removed when we are socially distanced. Medical exemptions apply.*



Group gatherings will be eliminated during Phase I. Chapel will livestream into classrooms.



One-way traffic flow will be implemented and lockers will not be used to minimize student contact in hallways.



Lunch will be eaten in the classrooms. Limited cafeteria service will be delivered to rooms. Common Grounds and A la Carte will not be offered in Phase I.

Confidence in Health and Safety

Standards of Care: Our priority will always be the health and safety of our students, faculty, and staff. We are developing Standards of Care for us all to work **together as one community** in keeping each other safe.

Our Commitment:



Nursing Staff:

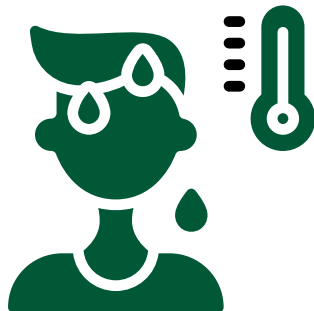
MDE guidelines require 1 nurse per 750 students. NLA will exceed guidelines and employ 1 full-time nurse and 1 part-time nurse for this school year (1.5/750).



Sanitation/Disinfection:

NLA will increase frequency of cleaning and enhance cleaning protocols on campus. Hand sanitizer will be placed in all classrooms and common spaces. Regular sanitation and deep cleaning procedures will be implemented.

Your Commitment:



Health & Screening

Parents will be asked to take their child's temperature each day before coming to school. If your child is sick or exhibiting any COVID-19 symptoms, please keep them home.*

Quarantine Procedures

Any person that has tested positive or been exposed to COVID-19 should be quarantined for 10 days. Return to school after 3 days of being symptom free (for positive cases).*

**more details will be coming from the health office*

Preparing for Flexibility

The health and safety of your child and our community is our top priority. New Life Academy is preparing for possible waves of interruptions to on campus learning . Our re-entry plan is designed so that on-campus and off-campus learning can flow seamlessly when needed. We will be on campus for in-person learning this fall and are preparing FLEXed and Distance learning if needed.

1 On-Campus with precautions



We will be on campus with in-person learning all 5 days a week. The year will begin with some precautions in Phase I that will ease as we progress through the year.

2 FLEXed



Students who are quarantined due to illness may continue learning from home for periods of time. High risk students in Grades 6-12 may opt for FLEXed.*

3 Distance Learning



We are preparing for potential interruptions to on-campus learning in the event there is a COVID-19 spike.*

**An Academic Committee is currently developing FLEXed and distance learning models should they be needed. Details will be available on August 6. FLEXed is intended for students who need to quarantine due to illness.*

The New Life Difference

New Life Academy is known for our caring community, a sense of belonging, academic excellence, and uniquely Christian worldview. Our small class sizes and 11:1 student to teacher ratio ensure that your child is known, loved, and cared for. What you may not know is how we are setting ourselves apart from other schools, both on-campus and through distance learning.



LIVE INSTRUCTION

During distance learning, our students received live instruction along with asynchronous resources.



FAITH & CHRISTIAN WORLDVIEW

Learning Bible truths, building faith forming habits, and being taught a Christian worldview continues both on-campus and distance learning.



GRADING

Unlike other high schools that moved to a pass/fail system, NLA MS/US students still earned their true letter grades.



COMMUNITY & CONNECTION

Regular zoom sessions for Bible studies, class lunches, group games, and story hours kept our community connected and cared for.



ACCOUNTABILITY

Students logged in each day and were held accountable for their work while we extended grace when needed.



SUPPORT AND CARE

Student support through office hours and counseling. Parent support through weekly devotions and a COVID-19 financial aid fund.



Who to call?

Academic Questions:
Your grade level Principal

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