

Covid-19 Response

Highlands Latin Stillwater Fall Opening

We look forward to welcoming you to HLS as we plan to open campus classes for the fall 2020 semester. Classes will begin on Monday, August 24th, and Thursday, August 27th.

Our plans for opening are developed based on the [CDC guidelines for schools](#). As these guidelines or the risk of the virus change, we will adjust. A summary of the CDC recommendations are below.

Stay home when appropriate

This is the most important preventative measure. We will follow the [CDC guidance for ending home isolation after Covid-19](#). In general, returning to school after symptoms requires:

- 3 days with no fever **and**
- Respiratory symptoms have improved (e.g. cough, shortness of breath) **and**
- 10 days since symptoms first appeared

Temperature Checks

It is expected that parents take the temperature of each child before leaving home to come to HLS. Our standard procedure is that students stay home if their temperature

is above 100 degrees °F. We will ask if temperatures have been taken as students arrive. Students risk being sent home if their temperatures are not taken before arriving. Consider purchasing a thermometer to keep in your vehicle.

Encourage Hand Hygiene and Respiratory Etiquette (wash hands and cover coughs)

Adequate Supplies (soap, paper towels, hand sanitizer, etc.)

- Washing hands for 20 seconds with soap and water is the most effective defense.
- Hand sanitizer may be effective when access to soap and water is limited.

Signs and Messages in prominent areas

Regular Cleaning and Disinfection

- Recent CDC guidance states that a person can get COVID-19 by touching a surface or object that has the virus on it and then touching their own mouth, nose, or possibly their eyes. This is not thought to be the main way the virus spreads, but we are still learning more about how this virus spreads.
- We will begin the day with disinfected surfaces and look for additional opportunities to disinfect throughout the day.

Reducing Shared Objects, especially those that are hard to disinfect

- All students will be provided with a personal set of supplies (pencils, crayons, scissors, etc.) for use at HLS. The sets will not be shared with

other students. As before, students will only need to bring their books and food for the day.

Classroom Layouts

- We are keeping classes small and providing adequate space and seating.

Lunch

- Students will eat in their individual classrooms with their classmates and teacher with the lunch they brought from home.

Changing Classrooms

- First Form Latin is the only class that students will change classrooms and we will be providing adequate classroom space, and we will require that students sit with their main classmates.

The CDC currently recommends but does not require cloth face coverings.

- We will follow state and federal regulations about requiring face masks. By being able to maintain social distancing we are not requiring our students to wear face masks/coverings.

Recess

- We will continue to provide play and stretch breaks with modified times and activities.

Resources

The following resources guide our planning. Changes in these documents will likely change our precautions.

[CDC Statistical Risk to Children](#)

[CDC Guidance for School](#)

[CDC Guidance for Ending Home Isolation after Covid-19 \(or the flu\).](#)