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Health, Safety, and Learning at Horizon Academy

2020-21 School Year

Looking ahead...

Our current situation necessitates planning and preparation that is broad in scope, specific in its applications, and flexible in its deployment while continuing to provide a quality Horizon Academy education in the safest and most efficient manner.



Horizon Academy is committed to...

Partnering to Ensure Health and Safety

- Following standards, guidelines, and suggestions of federal, state, and local agencies and departments of health
- Consulting with international, national, and regional school associations and schools
- Consulting with industry leaders in medicine, finance, janitorial, and HVAC.



What Is Certain Within An Uncertain Future

CERTAIN

- The health and safety of our students and staff is our highest priority.
- Focused mission, small class sizes
- 21 years of expertise working with students who learn differently

UNCERTAIN

- The trajectory of the virus
- Social Distancing requirements
- Guidelines, regulations and requirements



Operating Certainties

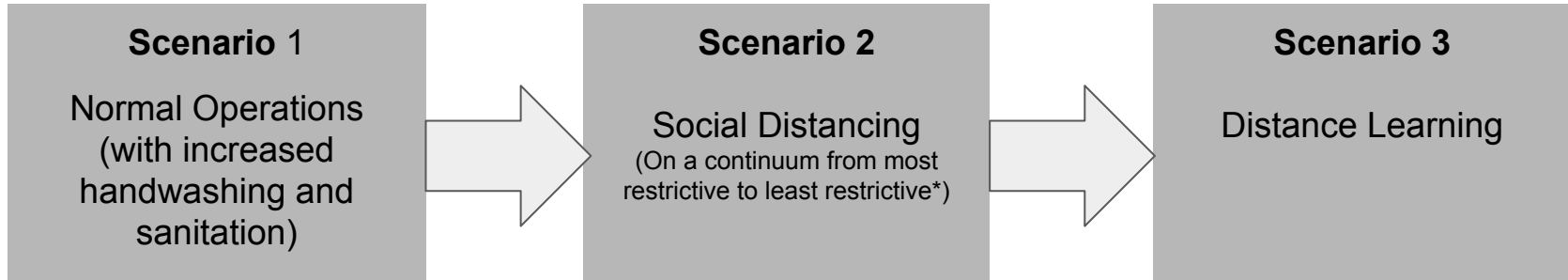
- Updated policies and procedures for personal hygiene
- Additional investments in cleaning and disinfecting the school and classrooms
- Some degree of Social Distancing
- Preparedness for teaching and learning across multiple scenarios



Decision Matrix

The safety and health of our students, faculty, staff and families will direct how and where we learn and operate. Our belief in our mission and our 21 years of experience and expertise will ensure the quality and high standards of our instruction.

Ability to Toggle Back and Forth



**Least restrictive within Social Distancing protocol includes, for example, cohorts of up to 20 students for P.E. and travelling to Specials classes.*

Criteria influencing decision-making...

- Recommendations from State and Federal government and agencies
- Phase 1, 2, or 3 in CDC policies
- Phase 1, 2, 3, or 4 in Johnson County policies
- Practices and policies of national and regional public schools
- Practices and policies of international, national, and regional independent schools



Scenario Characteristics

- The scenario summaries are not meant to be an exhaustive description or complete list of preventive and proactive measures.
- Scenario summaries are intended to highlight characteristics that are illustrative of a larger philosophy and approach.
- Flexibility is key and the ability to toggle from one scenario to another will be critical.
- Horizon Academy will continue to communicate with you and provide more specific details as the new school year approaches.



Scenario 1: Normal Operations

This scenario assumes that community spread of the virus is no longer a concern.

- The school returns to pre-COVID operations.
- Improved practices in hygiene and sanitation continue.



Scenario 2: Social Distancing

- Staggered arrival and dismissal with separate entrances for the lower school and upper school
- Health screenings as students arrive on campus before exiting car
- Hand sanitizing stations at every entrance
- Students are explicitly taught about social distancing protocols and visual aids are added throughout the school as reminders.
- Explicit measures for returning to campus following illness or exposure to illness
- Students are supervised washing hands on a consistent schedule
- Students and teachers remain in the classroom for lunch and specials (self-contained--teachers travel, not students)



Scenario 2, continued...

- Social distancing within the classroom
- Masks worn in common areas; face shields worn in the classroom during small and large group instruction
- Large group activities are cancelled (assemblies, field trips, etc.)
- Students provided individual supplies and Chromebook -- no sharing of supplies
- Minimize parents and visitors on campus



Scenario 3: Distance Learning

This scenario assumes that either the state or other regulatory body requires school closure.

- Learning is conducted online.
- The program will be based on an enhanced (synchronous) version of the distance learning plan and schedule executed in Spring 2020.
- The experiences, feedback, and lessons learned from that initial launch will be considered.



What Is Synchronous (Distance) Learning

Synchronous learning is a general term used to describe forms of education, instruction, and learning that occur at the same time, but not in the same place. The term is most commonly applied to various forms of digital and online learning in which students learn from instructors, colleagues, or peers in real time, but not in person. It is:

- Live
- Video and audio
- "Face-to-Face"
- Set class schedule
- Classwork & Homework



Other Topics Explored

- Before Care
- After-School Clubs and Extended Day program
- Distance learning practice once per month
- Students taking chromebooks home on a daily basis

