



# 2020 - 2021 COMMUNITY WELLNESS PLAN

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# Introduction



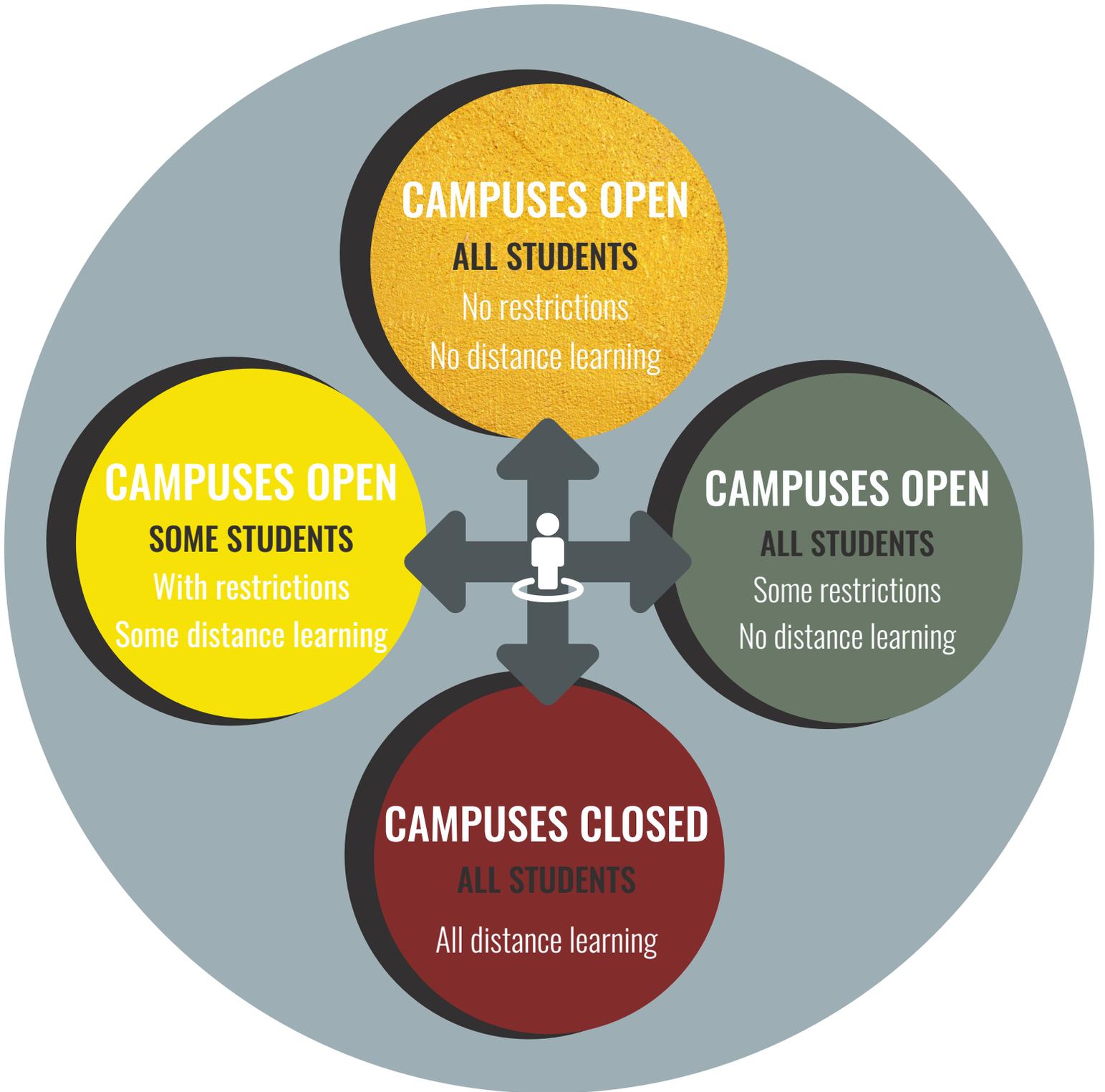
This is a summary of Chesapeake Montessori School’s Community Wellness Plan. **The full version of the plan will be published to the CMS community in July 2020.** The Community Wellness Plan includes different phases of campus closure and Distance Learning (DL) for CMS during the 2020 - 2021 academic year. These phases are anticipated in response to the continuing COVID-19 pandemic, which began in December 2019. **The school plans to operate on an academic calendar that runs from August 17, 2020, through June 18, 2021, for a total of 191 days.**

**Based on local, regional, and national recommendations, CMS will utilize the phases detailed in our Community Wellness Plan.** Decisions about the phase in which we begin the school year and decisions about shifting into and/or out of phases throughout the school year will be determined by the Board of Trustees and the Head of School. These decisions will be communicated via email to the CMS community with as much notice as possible; however, parents must be prepared for notice of closure at any point in the event of a suspected case of COVID-19 or due to last minute orders handed down by local, state, and/or national authorities.

Families that are not willing or are unable to participate in Distance Learning when unable to attend school on either of our two campuses must rescind the enrollment commitment to CMS for the 2020-2021 school year by the July 24, 2020 deadline. This must be submitted in writing directly to the Head of School.

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# WELLNESS PHASES



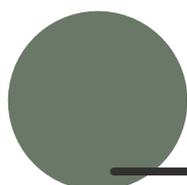


## **GOLD**

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### **Campuses open for all students with no restrictions. No distance learning.**

This phase anticipates that a vaccination and/or treatment for the virus is available. CMS may require a liability waiver. CMS will operate under a normal schedule and will be fully staffed. Tuition payments are expected to be paid per the CMS enrollment contract.



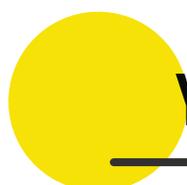
## **GREEN**

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### **Campuses open for all students with restrictions. No distance learning.**

This phase may require that a vaccination and/or treatment for the virus is available. CMS may require a liability waiver. CMS will operate under a normal schedule with the exception of extended drop-off and pick-up windows.

Classrooms will be at normal capacity. CMS will most likely be fully staffed during this phase, operating with two YCC classrooms, at least two and probably three Primary classrooms, one Lower EI classroom, one Upper EI classroom, and one Adolescent Program. No restriction to the number of staff who can occupy the classrooms and/or campuses at any age level. Tuition payments are expected to be paid per the CMS enrollment contract.



## **YELLOW**

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### **Campuses open for some students with restrictions. Some distance learning.**

This phase does not require that a vaccination and/or treatment for the virus is available. CMS will require a liability waiver. Staff and students in Elementary and AP are expected to wear face masks in accordance with current guidelines as appropriate. CMS will operate under a normal schedule with the exception of extended drop-off and pick-up windows. There will be no Tier 2 After-School Care. BSC & ASC will take place in your child's classroom.

CMS may not be fully staffed during this phase. The school will operate with restrictions on the number of children and staff who can occupy the classrooms and/or campuses pertaining to age groups based on national, state, and/or local guidelines. Campuses are open to all students 5 years of age and older. Campuses are open to students 4 years of age and younger who have a parent classified as essential personnel or are part of a business



having opened as per order of the MD Governor. There is distance learning for all other students 4 years of age and younger whose families pay tuition and seek the developmental support provided in the DLP. There is no distance learning for students 5 years of age and older.

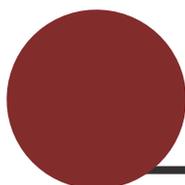
**Young Children’s Communities :** One Young Children’s Community (YCC) classroom will operate with 8 children or less and two adults. YCC1 Classroom will be open with Jenny Wyrick as the main in-person teacher. Amy Trader and Jocelyn Richard will be the rotating classroom assistants. Kate Mahoney will be the main distance learning teacher. Ms. Wyrick and Ms. Mahoney will work closely ensure continuity and community for families.

**Primary Communities:** Two Primary Communities will operate with 8-16 children and two adults in each room. Primary 2 will be open with Paige Edwards as teacher and Enas Khrais as classroom assistant. Primary 3 will be open with Shandra Dohoney as teacher and Brandie Martensson as classroom assistant. Michelle Washington will be the main distance learning teacher.

**Elementary Communities:** The Elementary Program will be open for all children enrolled. Class sizes will operate with between 8 - 30 students, plus 1 - 2 adults. Students may be split into smaller groups.

**Adolescent Program:** The Adolescent Program will be open for all adolescents enrolled. Class sizes will operate with between 14-16 students and 2 - 3 teachers daily on a 4-day rotation, with 3 - 4 specialists as needed.

Tuition payments are expected to be paid as contracted at the AP level, Elementary level, and for those YCC and Primary children attending school based on one parent’s essential personnel classification. A decision about tuition pertaining to children participating in Distance Learning at the Primary and YCC levels will be made by July 17th. Families enrolled in ASC Tier 2 will be reimbursed for the period of time that the school is in Yellow Phase.



## RED

### **Campus closed. Distance learning for all ages.**

This phase anticipates that there is no vaccination or treatment available for the virus. Campuses are closed. The school operates at all levels using Distance Learning exclusively, based on the CMS Distance Learning Plan (DLP). Due to budgetary restrictions, layoffs, cutbacks, salary reductions, and furloughs are probable for many staff members during this phase. Tuition payments are expected to be paid per the CMS enrollment contract for the AP level, Elementary Level, and for children age 5 years and older at the Primary Level. A decision about tuition pertaining to children participating in Distance Learning at the Primary and YCC levels will be made by July 17th. Reimbursements will be made for BSC and ASC.

# SOCIAL DISTANCING AND SAFETY



In order to protect the health and safety of CMS students, staff, and families, we will adhere strictly to the following social distancing and safety guidelines during Green, Yellow, and Red Phases. In addition, CMS strongly encourages CMS staff and families to follow current CDC and State of Maryland social distancing protocols in their interactions with the community beyond CMS during the COVID-19 pandemic.

## SOCIAL DISTANCING



Only students and staff allowed to enter school buildings



Students stay 6 feet apart (when developmentally able)



Staggered recess and dismissal times to minimize large groups

## SAFETY MEASURES



Morning temperatures taken for staff and students. Must be < 100.0 F.



Families and staff must immediately report signs of illness to CMS office.



Families and staff must report any domestic or international travel.



MSDE, OCC, and CDC Sanitation guidelines will be posted throughout buildings.



Handwashing/sanitizing expected upon entering building and frequently thereafter.



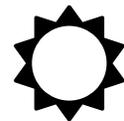
Teachers will offer handwashing lessons and reminders to students regularly.



Staff will disinfect materials, bathrooms, and common surfaces 1-2 times daily.



Disposable products will be used for drinks and snacks in the Primary.



Windows will be open in classrooms, weather permitting. Teachers may conduct class outdoors.



Staff will follow current face mask guidelines while on the CMS campus.



Children will wear face masks according to current guidelines as appropriate.



Elementary and AP students will bring a reusable water bottle to school every day.



Each campus will have a designated sick area to be used for children displaying signs of illness.

# SIGNS OF ILLNESS



This list is informed by the CDC website and the WHO website. This list does not include all possible symptoms. People with these symptoms may have COVID-19: fever or chills, cough, fatigue, muscle or body aches & pains, headache, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, conjunctivitis, nausea or vomiting, diarrhea, a rash on skin or discoloration of fingers or toes, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, chest pain or pressure, loss of speech or movement, abnormal behavior.

The following steps will be taken if any of the above signs of illness are observed in a student:

		
1. The student will be immediately quarantined to a designated sick area.	2. Parent(s) will be contacted immediately by phone.	3. Parent(s) or designated contact must pick up the child within 1 hour of call.

If your child is sent home with any of the above observable signs of illness, they will not be allowed to return to CMS until one of the following occurs:

	OR		OR	
Child is seen by a doctor and deemed able to return to school via a written note.		Child receives negative COVID-19 test confirmed by a doctor's note.		Child is in quarantine and symptom-free for 14 days.