

Dear SVAE Families,

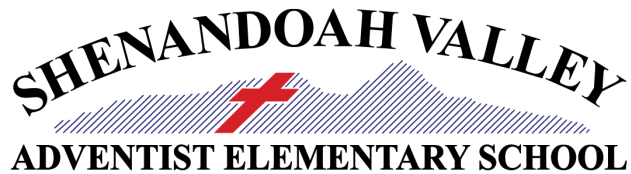
Shenandoah Valley Adventist school expects to open the physical doors on August 18 to as normal as possible situation allowed by Virginia's guidelines for our area for school year 2020-2021. This is our plan to start school if the commonwealth of Virginia stays in "Phase 3". The guidelines presented are based on both verbal and written information from Governor Northam, the local health district, and the Potomac Conference administration. After speaking to most of you, I know some of you had a couple questions that I did not have all the answers. I believe that all of the original questions are answered in this plan. It may bring more questions to your mind. Please do not hesitate to contact me!

1. General information for the start and finish of each day:

- All students/grades will attend school 5 days per week starting August 18, 2020 (Unless other arrangements are made for preschool).
- Start time will be at 8:00 am Monday through Friday. The students may start arriving as early as 7:35. The students are required to either remain in the car or maintain social distancing by family on the sidewalk outside while waiting to go through the health screen.
- There is no before-school care with the change in start time.
- Upon completing the screening process, students will need to go directly to the classroom and sit in their seats instead of attending the hallway morning worship/prayer until social distancing is no longer needed.
- All students must enter through the main entrance to have a health screening.
- Dismissal time is 3:15 pm Monday through Thursday and 12:00 pm on Fridays.

2. Harrisonburg Van Expectations:

- The van driver from Harrisonburg will be required to give a health screening to every rider before getting in the van.
- Every rider and driver in the van is required to wear a mask.
- Sanitizer will be available in the van.



3. Lunch time information:

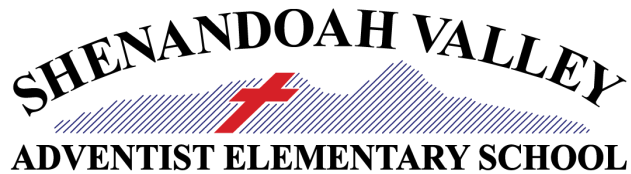
- SVAE will expect students to eat either outside by class or eat at their own desks in the classroom.
- SVAE can provide a hot lunch for those that choose.
- The cost for hot lunch is still: small \$3.00 or large \$4.00.
- We will schedule one classroom at a time to get hot lunch in the gym and take back to each classroom.
- Students will not help serve lunch. Paper/plastic will be used and thrown away instead of washing dishes.

4. Each classroom is not to intermingle with other classrooms.

- Recess times and/or location vary by classroom.
- There will be specific restrooms for each classroom to use. Students in 3-8 will social distance in the one boys restroom and the one girls restroom the 3 classes share.
- Special assemblies like chapel will be offered by Zoom in each classroom or weather permitting outside for as long as needed.

5. Masks/Shields and social distancing expectations:

- Masks/shields will be worn by staff if they come in close proximity and unable to social distance to best give a student help.
- All students in K-8th grade must bring a mask to school.
- Teachers may require students to wear a mask at specified times throughout the day.
- Students may use a mask more often if they or their parents choose.
- Mask teasing/bullying will not be tolerated.
- Students in their desks will be social distanced 6 feet in each classroom.
- Staff will wear masks/social distance with each other at all times in the building.
- Masks are subject to any other dress code policy.



6. Health screening process includes:

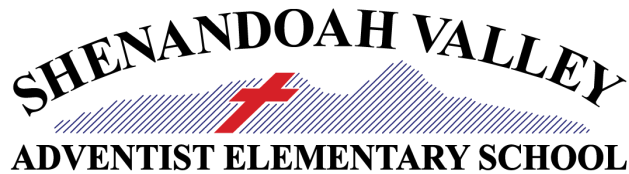
- SVAE will have infrared, non-contact temperature check instruments to be used every day at entry for every staff and student. The entry temperature will need to be no higher than 100.4 degrees to attend school, based on the attached sample school Health Screening guidance from the VDH.
- We will also ask the yes/no questions to each person entering the building. Individuals that answer “Yes” to any of the questions will not be allowed entrance into the building. Parents of young children will need to help with the screening. Masks will be required to put on after screening to walk down the hallway. Preschool is not required to wear masks.
- We will bring in a professional to give specific instructions on how to best get accurate information in the screening.
- Students will need to stay home for all illnesses.

7. Illnesses that begin during the day procedure:

- Students will need to be taken immediately to the sick room when symptoms manifest.
- Parents will be notified immediately, and expected to come pick up the child as soon as possible.
- SVAE is utilizing the small room beside the office as a “sick room.” It will isolate the student from the rest of the staff and students, have easy access to a single-occupancy bathroom, and the student will be easily monitored by the office staff until the student can be picked up.

8. Visitor expectations:

- Visitors will need to check into the office upon entrance to the school.
- The health screening procedures to enter that the staff and students follow will also apply to visitors.
- All visitors must wear a mask!



9. Procedure for COVID-19 or other illnesses scenarios:

- SVAE will notify the local health district if a person at school has contracted COVID-19, or if a person has been quarantined by a Physician until the results of the test come back. In either case, the health department would then come and investigate the potential exposure at the school.
- Our health district dictates that any person that has been closer than 6 feet for more than 15 minutes in the 48 hours prior to the person showing symptoms that tested positive for COVID-19 will need to quarantine for 2 weeks. The person in the COVID-19 testing process is treated the same as a positive COVID-19 test.
- SVAE will also follow the health district's expectations concerning potential exposure to others notification, closure of class/school, and the time table for a student returning to school.
- If 40% or more of the students in a classroom are in quarantine, that class will be taught online until most students can return to school. If COVID-19 were to spread to several classrooms, SVAE would work closely with the health district to determine if SVAE should teach online for a period of time.
- Students will need to stay home for all illnesses.
- For non-COVID-19 illnesses, the symptoms must be gone to return to school. Also, If a student has COVID-19 like symptoms but doesn't go to see a health care provider, the student must stay out of school for 14 days. If a physician confirms it is not COVID-19, the student may return after symptoms are gone for at least 24 hours.

We appreciate communication of any questions, clarifications, or concerns you may have. We realize this is a fluid situation and things may need to change. It is with prayerful, hopeful anticipation that we look forward to being reunited in August as an SVAE family!

Your Brother in Christ,

Mr. Hammond
Principal of SVAE