

HYDE 2020-2021



CHARTING OUR COURSE

Course Adjustment No. 1

August 2nd, 2020

July 9, 2020

Dear Hyde Students and Families,

After careful consideration, based on both federal and state public health guidance, we have decided to reopen Hyde School's campus for in-person learning this summer. Our plans to resume Hyde's co-curricular character education learning program are predicated on all relevant public health advice, particularly that of the State of Maine and local officials, as well as the U.S. Centers for Disease Control (CDC). As such, with a reimagined vision of life on campus, we have begun to chart our course for the coming school year.

Since the pandemic began we have set three overarching goals for our community:

- Promote the safety and health of our Hyde employees who deliver the program
- Deliver the Hyde education to our students and families within our new increased health guidelines
- Engage the Hyde community and build for the future

According to public health officials, the earliest a vaccine to prevent COVID -19 will be available is sometime in 2021. During this time, students will continue to be at risk of contracting the virus. While there is no way to guarantee that all students will be protected from contracting the virus, Hyde School is taking the steps to safeguard our community and stay true to our mission which is about building character and developing one's unique potential.

“Charting Our Course” sets forth Hyde's policies and protocols to create a safe and healthy campus. Due to the complex and evolving nature of COVID-19, this document will be altered and updated as we continue to monitor all public health information from federal, state, and local agencies. While there are some traditions that are uncertain, such as interscholastic fall competitions and all-school meetings, we are excited to take what we learned during spring remote learning and meld it into a new program which will be stronger as a result.

We recognize that there will be growing pains as we adjust to the “new normal.” We are counting on the grit and resilience of our community to make the adjustments we need to keep our community safe and healthy. Whatever we face, we will face together and be there for each other along the way. We are **#hydetough**.

Laura D. Gauld
President and Head of School



HYDE SCHOOL 2020-2021 CALENDAR*

SUMMER 2020

Wednesday	July 15	Student Leaders Return
Saturday	August 1	Summer Leadership Challenge Begins
Friday-Saturday	August 14-15	Summer Leadership Challenge Family Weekend (Virtual)

SCHOOL YEAR 2020-2021

Monday	August 17	All Students Return
Friday-Sunday	October 23-25	Fall Family Weekend (Virtual)
Wednesday-Friday	November 4-6	Fall Trimester Exams
Tuesday	November 10	Winter Trimester Begins
Friday	November 20	Students Dismissed for Fall Break
Monday	November 30	Fall Break Ends
Tuesday	December 1	Winter Trimester Remote Learning Begins
Friday	December 18	Winter Trimester Remote Learning Ends
Monday	January 4	Students Return; Faculty Professional Development
Wednesday-Friday	February 17-19	Winter Trimester Exams
Tuesday	February 23	Spring Trimester Begins
Friday	March 5	Students Dismissed for Spring Break
Monday	March 22	Students Return; Faculty Professional Development
Thursday-Sunday	April 22-25	Spring Family Weekend
Tuesday-Friday	May 18-21	Spring Underclass Final Exams
Friday	May 21	Class of 2020 In-Person Graduation Baccalaureate
Saturday	May 22	Class of 2021 Graduation

** All dates are subject to change based on federal, state, and local guidance.*

PREPARING FOR YOUR ARRIVAL ON CAMPUS

- During the 14 days prior to returning to Hyde, students should plan to stay at home and limit their contact to their family and/or anyone else living in their home. Students should also plan to monitor their health at this time; this includes daily temperature and symptom checks. Any students displaying symptoms of COVID-19, **must** remain at home until symptom-free.

- **Testing¹**
 - Hyde *strongly recommends* that students receive a COVID-19 test within 72 hours prior to departing their home state if tests are available for non-symptomatic individuals.

 - For any student who arrives in the state without proof of a negative test, Hyde School **requires** that they receive a COVID-19 test prior to entering campus. Testing for Hyde students is available at ConvenientMD, 193 Bath Road, Brunswick, Maine. An appointment may be scheduled by calling (207) 424-2272 or online at <https://convenientmd.com/locations/brunswick-me-urgent-care-04011/>.

 - Students who plan to travel to campus with an adult, and are not coming from Connecticut, Maine, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, or Vermont, the State of Maine **requires** that the **adult** receive a COVID-19 test 72 hours prior to departing your home state.

 - Following testing or proof of a negative test, students may enter the campus and begin the enrollment process. While a student awaits their test results, they may be **quarantined²** on campus either in the Family Renewal Center (FRC) or the Merritt House **for the period of time it takes for a negative test result to be returned.**

¹ While both CDC and Maine guidelines are evolving, the following document may help clarify some of the testing guidance in the State of Maine. See Keeping Maine Healthy FAQs <https://www.maine.gov/covid19/restartingmaine/keepmainehealthy/faqs>

² When the word quarantine is used in this document, it means that the student will be physically separated from the community while remaining connected through our remote programming. Students will be supervised by a faculty member and be in frequent contact with other faculty members and Health Center staff. Meals will be provided by Hyde Nutrition Services and delivered to the student at their quarantine location.

- Within 14 days, all students, including those who were tested in their home state, will receive a second, follow-up test.

Please refer to our Containment and Treatment Protocol on page 10 of this document in the event that a student tests positive for COVID-19 at any point during the preliminary testing process.

- **Packing List:** Along with the general packing list posted on our website, please pack the following items:
 - Thermometer
 - Washable Cloth Masks (7-14)
 - Hand Sanitizer
 - Disinfecting wipes to keep your space clean

You may direct your questions regarding testing and preparation to the Hyde School Health Center at (207) 443-7186

TRAVELING TO HYDE

Most students will arrive on campus between ***SATURDAY, AUGUST 15th through MONDAY, AUGUST 17th, 2020***. The Dean of Students' Office will be working with each student and family to complete a travel plan to coordinate student arrival and testing times. Students arriving after August 17th will need to coordinate with both the Dean of Students' Office and the Health Center.

All individuals -- both students and adults -- will be **required to wear a mask at all times** and will be screened for symptoms upon arrival. Adults who drop their student off will be asked to remain outside of the dormitories or other campus buildings. Student Leaders and Hyde Faculty, who will follow strict hygiene and sanitation practices, will be available to help students move their belongings into the dormitories. Registration will take place curbside with more information forthcoming.

Students who are traveling to campus via public transportation are expected to wear a mask and practice social distancing.

Non-compliance of our travel guidelines may lead to additional quarantine and testing.

You may direct your questions regarding traveling to campus to the Dean of Students Office at (207) 443-7119.

BASIC PROTOCOLS

- **SIX FEET APART:** We will be implementing a physical distancing protocol that **requires** all members of our community to be at least six feet apart from one another at all times. To accommodate this, classrooms, the Dining Hall, and gathering spaces have been reconfigured.
- **MASKS:** The entire Hyde School community will wear masks *at all times*, including in the classroom, unless students are alone in their room, when eating, or outside physically distanced. This policy will remain in place unless we as a community feel we have appropriately created our bubble and can be safe without masks in certain situations while physically distancing.
- **TEMPERATURE -- SYMPTOMS -- CONTACT (“TSC”):** Each day, all members of the community, including students, faculty and staff, will go through a comprehensive screening process which includes temperature checks, symptom checks and questions about contact with infected persons or others who may have been exposed to the virus.
- **HAND WASHING/SANITIZING:** Students, faculty, and staff will be instructed on and expected to practice frequent hand washing. This also includes the use of hand sanitizing products with at least 60% alcohol.

RESIDENTIAL LIFE

To begin the school year, every student will have their own dorm room. **TSC** will take place in the dorm each morning and evening. Students will have their temperature checked by a faculty member or a member of the Health Center staff and complete a health survey to report any symptoms or exposure to anyone with symptoms of the virus. Education on healthy hygiene habits and safety protocols will also occur in the dorm on a regular basis. This includes proper cleaning of both individual spaces and common spaces, such as bathrooms, handwashing, and laundering of masks. Along with individual cleaning, bathrooms will have enhanced cleaning protocols by a professional cleaning service.

You may direct your questions regarding residential life to the Dean of Students’ Office at (207) 443-7119.

DINING

Meals at Hyde School will operate in a way to create a healthy and safe environment for our community. Many meals will be grab-and-go, while others will be plated, boxed, or served; there will be no buffets or self-service bars for the foreseeable future. Single use packaging will be used when necessary.

We have two dining hall spaces, the Dining Hall and the adjoining Theater, which allow us to accommodate six (6) foot physical distancing.

Due to our commitment to maintain a healthy community, students will be **required** to remain on campus. For the time being, campus **does not** include trips to Big Apple, the local convenience store and Dunkin' Donuts. Any delivery from outside of campus must be from vendors that follow strict health guidelines as determined by a student-faculty committee. There will be a pop-up store in the Student Life Center and scheduled weekend, on-campus activities to provide opportunities for snacks and community downtime.

You may direct your questions regarding traveling to dining on campus to our Student Nutrition Office at (207) 443-7140.

You may direct your questions regarding off-campus dining options to the Dean of Students' Office at (207) 443-7119.

CAMPUS ACCESS

As of July 1st, 2020, in an effort to keep our community as safe and healthy as possible, we began restricting visitors to campus for the foreseeable future, with some exceptions such as admissions visits and other visitors as deemed necessary. Parents who would like to visit their students will need to schedule their visit ahead of time with the Dean of Students Office at (207) 443-7119.

All visitors will:

- Go through our TSC check;
- Sign in and provide contact information for potential contact tracing;
- Be informed of our campus social distancing and hygiene protocols;
- Wear a mask (they will be provided with one if needed).

Unscheduled evening/weekend visitors will be required to check in with the Duty Team before entering campus. The Duty Phone number is (207) 841-3016.

You may direct your questions regarding campus access to the Dean of Students' Office at (207) 443-7119.

CLEANING PROTOCOLS

Hyde School's Facilities staff has been thoroughly trained in cleaning, sanitizing, and disinfecting best practices related to COVID-19. The team has developed a comprehensive cleaning and sanitation system to reduce the risk of transmission of the disease. We have invested in cleaning products recommended by the FDA and CDC and equipment to aid in regular cleaning and frequent sanitation of common surfaces. Protocols include frequent cleaning of high touch areas, increased availability of hygiene supplies, and additional cleaning procedures for residential bathroom facilities.

You may direct your questions regarding cleaning protocols to the Facilities Department at (207) 443-6161.

PHYSICAL DISTANCING

We have determined maximum occupancy of classrooms and common areas. Signage will be placed in each area stating the room's maximum capacity, along with directional signage guiding foot traffic throughout campus.

You may direct your questions regarding physical distancing protocols to the Facilities Department at (207) 443-6161.

CONTAINMENT AND TREATMENT

When a student presents with COVID-19 symptoms, our “Symptomatic Student Protocol” is activated. A copy of this protocol is included in the Appendix. If it is determined that the student needs testing, they will stay in the FRC until the test results are returned.

Based on the prevailing CDC guidelines, in the event that a student tests positive for COVID-19 and is symptomatic, depending on their response to symptoms, they may be able to isolate on campus. If necessary, the student may return home for a period of time. This decision will be made on a case-by case basis. A symptomatic student must be isolated for at least 10 days and may resume community activities once the student is symptom-free for 24-hours without the aid of medications. As per the CDC guidelines, there is no need for additional testing to reenter the community.

If the student tests positive and is asymptomatic, the student will be isolated from the community for a period of 10 days. There is no need for additional testing for the asymptomatic student to enter the community.

You may direct your questions regarding containment and treatment protocols to the Health Center at (207) 443-7186.

TESTING AND SURVEILLANCE

As indicated above, all students will be tested at two predetermined intervals this fall. We will be monitoring federal, state, and local testing guidelines to determine whether further testing is needed. All students, faculty, and staff will be screened for symptoms using our TSC model on a daily basis.

You may direct your questions regarding testing and surveillance to the Health Center at (207) 443-7186.

ACADEMICS

Hyde’s academic programming will provide for the safest in-person learning environment while continuing to stay true to our mission. We have developed a model that allows us to rapidly shift our academic curriculum in response to personal and global events. Most students will attend in-person classes, with remote learning as an alternative under certain circumstances for those students who cannot attend classes in-person. We are currently planning to pivot from in-person

to remote learning for two weeks in December, as well as at any time we may be required to temporarily discontinue in-person learning as per federal, state, and local guidelines.

You may direct your questions regarding academics to Crystal Peltzer, Director of Studies, at (207) 443-7199.

ATHLETICS

Hyde realizes that the fall athletic season will look and feel different, but our commitment to daily physical wellbeing will be a cornerstone of our programming. While current interscholastic competition for the fall is uncertain, we are creating plans for various scenarios. We will continue to have an afternoon athletic block that includes, among other activities, soccer skill training, running, yoga, strength training, and other wellness activities.

You may direct your questions regarding athletics to Stefan Jensen, Athletic Director, at (207) 443-7380.

CONCLUSION

Hyde School takes great pride in knowing that families entrust their students to us. We all understand that no one can guarantee a virus-free environment, and until there is a vaccine, some people may become infected and ill. However, we believe that the guidelines we are implementing will provide a safe and healthy environment for our students to grow and flourish.

Hyde continually monitors relevant federal, state, and local health guidance in the midst of the complexities of this pandemic. While many variables are beyond our control, we recognize the need to be flexible and as communicative as possible. We look forward to partnering with you as we begin this exciting year ahead for your family.

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APPENDIX

