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Lucy Daniels School Operating Plan 2020-2021 School Year

Lucy Daniels School is current operating under our Covid-19 phased re-opening plan. Evaluations for new student admissions are being conducted, and the Lucy Daniels School team will work with each family to determine the best timing for a child's enrollment at Lucy Daniels School based on Covid-19 impact to in-person learning options.

To request more information regarding enrollment in Lucy Daniels School, please go to:

<https://lucydanielscenter.wufoo.com/forms/kzdrh2r0f7gs54/>

Plan for 20-21 School Year

Given our understanding of our students' unique needs, and the current data showing that NC continues to be heavily impacted by Covid-19, we have designed a plan that will allow us to flex between remote learning and hybrid of in-person/remote learning throughout the year, while also allowing families the option to remain fully remote.

Families enrolling in LDS will have two options for the fall:

OPTION 1: Full-time remote learning

OPTION 2: Hybrid of remote learning and in-person experiences

Option 2 is designed to adapt the structure of in-person learning according to the latest data and health guidelines. Because of our small school and class sizes, we have the ability to flex in a way that larger systems may not. As the year progresses, we will be making individualized decisions regarding in-person learning based on many factors, including parent preferences, teacher circumstances, and with consideration to the therapeutic environment we will seek to provide when bringing children back on-site.

For families that operate under option 2, we will provide a color system to indicate the level of in-person learning that is available at that time, with the possibility to move towards an increase in contact as the data shows it is safe to do so, and with precautions aligning with current health guidelines. For families that choose option 2, we will provide two weeks notice prior to moving forward with an increased in-person learning plan. We also know that we may need to shift more quickly back towards remote learning, should increased health and safety risks emerge.

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The Color System will look as follows:

Code Red: Remote learning only. No in-person contact. All therapy will take place via telehealth.

Code Orange: Remote learning is primary. The treatment team may choose to bring a student on site individually for in-person contact with a teacher, likely conducted in an outdoor space with parent present, and with appropriate precautions in place. This contact will occur at the discretion of the teacher, family, and with approval from the Director of Education. No regular in-person learning will occur. All therapy will take place via telehealth.

Code Yellow: Hybrid model of remote and in-person learning. Students will have access to regular in-person learning opportunities in small groups, at a minimum frequency of once per week. Therapy will take place in-person or via telehealth.

Code Green: Full in-person school days will take place, with precautions that follow recommendations developed by health officials as well as Lucy Daniels medical staff. Therapy will likely take place in-person.

Because of current data in NC which has indicated record-high rates of hospitalizations and new cases in the last two weeks, our current plan is to begin our school year under Code Orange.

Moving forward

Finally, we understand the challenge that our families are facing moving into the next academic year. For families that see Lucy Daniels School as the right place for their child's education, we believe this year is an opportunity for us to hold steady alongside you, to build and maintain the therapeutic relationships you and your child have with teachers and therapists, and to provide the same level of thoughtfulness and consideration for your child's emotional needs that brought you to us in the first place. We will continue to communicate with you as we have more information, and will be available to talk with you as needed over the coming weeks.

For more information, please contact **Deb Mugno, Ed.D., Director**
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