2020-2021 Scattergood Reopening Plan

This document outlines some initial key dates and safety protocols for the 2020-2021 School Year (Scattergood’s 130th Anniversary!).

KEY DATES

- **High School Students** return to campus two weeks earlier than normal:
  - Seniors: Thursday, **Aug. 13**
  - Other Returning Students: Saturday, **Aug. 15**
  - New Students: Sunday, **Aug. 16**

- **Middle School Students** will begin school on Friday, **Aug. 21**

- The First Semester will conclude Friday, **Nov. 20** (though some distance learning will continue for Middle School students Nov. 30 - Dec. 11)

- We will continue to evaluate the situation and make a decision on the return dates for the second semester in the coming months.

SAFETY PROTOCOLS

We are under no illusion that we can make Scattergood a risk-free environment for our students and staff. That said, we believe it is worth it to be together, and we will do all that we can to minimize the risk of transmission of COVID-19 on our campus. Some of these precautions will feel onerous at first, but we expect that habit and collective sense of purpose will help us meet the many challenges that lie ahead.

The following list is an outline of steps we are taking to prepare for the resumption of classes. Expect more details to come.

- Creating a position on staff titled “COVID-19 Response Coordinator”. Annabel Higgin-Houser will be working closely with the Health Office, students, parents, staff, and Cedar County Public Health to coordinate our response to the pandemic.

- Initially arranging for the testing of each community member for COVID-19 near the beginning of school, and testing all community members periodically.

- Implementing protocols for masks and social distancing in different contexts.

- Determining, with parents, guidelines for student and family behaviors in the 2 weeks before their arrival at Scattergood (or, for middle schoolers, while school is in session).
• Making hand sanitizer available throughout the campus, along with other physical changes.

• Moving as many classes and activities outdoors as possible.

• Changing our schedule to accommodate the additional time needed to eat together safely.

• Adjusting our dining hall arrangements and protocols to allow for social distancing at meals.

• Evaluating our campus instructional space and scheduling classes in appropriate room sizes to facilitate physical distancing.

• Ensuring daily health monitoring.

• Reducing non-essential trips off campus for staff and students.

• Quarantining and testing students who show symptoms of COVID-19.

• Making the dorms a residents-only space, where some precautions will be reduced. Because of this, we will ask high school students to either choose to be a remote student or a 7-day boarder.

• Training teachers and implementing technology to facilitate distance learning if a student or teacher cannot be in a physical classroom.

• Consistently monitoring the risk level of Cedar and Johnson counties, and making adjustments to our protocols as warranted by the rate of infections.

• Creating clear expectations for parents if their child were to test positive for COVID-19.

• Working to make a plan with individual community members who are at higher risk of complications from COVID-19 or who have family members at higher risk.

We know that this is a long list. We believe this is what is necessary for us to be back together safely, and we welcome thoughts and feedback on anything in this plan.