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**Town Hall October 1, 2020**

# Guiding Principles

The health and safety of the Grace community

Designing for flexibility and adaptability

Our commitment to equity and inclusion

— Ensuring robust learning and academics, and keeping the teacher/student relationship at the center

Preserving a caring community, and maintaining connections

## DECISION MAKING and PROCESS

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We are continuing to monitor community spread in Montgomery County by observing the test positivity rate and number of new cases. We have determined that based on these data, the option of once-a-week in-person meetings outdoors is safe to add to our offerings.

# Montgomery County COVID-19 Data Dashboard

Updated 9-30-2020



## MONTGOMERY COUNTY | COVID-19 DASHBOARD

[Click here to see progress of our phased reopening](#)

Last updated: 09/30/2020

**22,584** **809**

Max of Cases

Deaths

Using the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\) Guidance for Coronavirus Disease 2019 \(COVID-19\) Response](#), Montgomery County developed criteria and conditions to be met or show substantial progress in order to continue the gradual relaxing of restrictions and move towards reopening businesses and public amenities in our communities. The metrics below are best when viewed and considered holistically. They show (1) the current three-day rolling average, and (2) the number of days out of the last 14 days that saw improvement calculated using a modified CDC [methodology](#). These metrics signify the various goals of a decrease in new cases/deaths/hospitalizations/patients, increasing capacity in County hospitals, and increasing testing capacity. Metrics will be updated by 2 p.m. daily.

Number of New Confirmed Cases

**75**

THREE-DAY AVG

**9** /14 Days  
Declining Days

Number of New COVID-19 Related Deaths

**2**

THREE-DAY AVG

**6** /14 Days  
Declining Days

COVID-19 Related Hospitalizations

**61**

THREE-DAY AVG

**3** /14 Days  
Declining Days

Number of COVID-19 Related Emergency Room Patients

**5**

THREE-DAY AVG

**6** /14 Days  
Declining Days

COVID-19 Related ICU Hospitalizations

**17**

THREE-DAY AVG

**14** /14 Days  
Declining Days

Acute Care Bed Utilization Rate <70%

**70%**

THREE-DAY AVG

**3** /14 Days  
of Adequate Capacity

Intensive Care Unit (ICU) Bed Utilization Rate <80%

**63%**

THREE-DAY AVG

**14** /14 Days  
of Adequate Capacity

Percentage of Ventilators in Use <70%

**26%**

THREE-DAY AVG

**14** /14 Days  
of Adequate Capacity

Test Positivity

**2.8%**

THREE-DAY AVG

**14** /14 Days  
Declining Days

Tests Administered

**3,349**

THREE-DAY AVG

**10.1%** Testing Capacity  
in last 30 days

[Click here to see methodology section](#)

[Click here to see detailed metrics](#)

**Beginning October 6,  
2020, we will move to  
Phase 2:**

**Connected Remote  
Learning (CRL)**



**Plus Outdoor Day  
Option  
= CRL+O**

# CRL+O IMPORTANT POINTS and DATES

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- All students will have the option to be on campus for an **in-person, outdoor half day (8:30 am-12:00 pm) once a week**
- Participation in the outdoor day is **OPTIONAL**. Families who would like to opt in should do so via the form presented later in the presentation.
- This mode will start the week of October 5, 2020, so the **first on-campus day will be Tuesday Oct. 6, 2020**
- This mode will continue for four weeks, until October 29, 2020
- Grace will communicate a decision about our mode for Nov. 2, 2020 onwards in an email no later than **Wednesday, Oct. 28, 2020**

# CRL+O INSTRUCTIONAL FEATURES

- The outdoor day will provide opportunities for play, safe socializing, group cohesion, nature exploration, sports, physical activity, and more
- Children who do not come to campus for the outdoor day will have a flexible morning at home with the opportunity to do **self-selected activities** and (hopefully) find time to be outside
- On the outdoor day, the remote learning schedule will resume in the afternoon at 1:00 pm, with specials and closing meeting for all students
- On all other days of the week, instruction will continue via Seesaw and Zoom as it does now.
- To ensure that everyone can participate, Chapel will move to Monday at 12:30 pm. The Zoom link remains the same.

# CRL+O IN-PERSON ROTATION

<b>Day</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>
<b>Class</b>	Grade 3, Grade 4	PS/Prek, Kindergarten, Grade 1	Grade 2, Grade 5
<b>Time</b>	Drop off is between 8:30-9:00; pick up is from 11:45-12:00	Drop off is between 8:30-9:00; pick up is from 11:45-12:00	Drop off is between 8:30-9:00; pick up is from 11:45-12:00
<b>Teachers</b>	Labarre, Mendez, Murphy, Comas	Hamilton, Saffour, Martucci, Meyer, Mazza, Aponte, Whitaker	Kelliher, Cosby, LaPietra, Newman
<b>Admin</b>	Yarrington	Danish, Lafionatis	O'Connor-Floman
<b>Office</b>	McHugh	McHugh	McHugh



# CRL+O IN-PERSON FEATURES

For Kindergarten-Grade 5:

- Two classes will be on the large playground on any given day, and they will play in separate areas of the playground to maintain distance between the groups as much as possible

For PS/Prek:

- Students will be in one group on the early childhood playground

Other:

- We will have two tents, one on the large playground and one on the early childhood playground
- Students will spend the entire morning outside, weather permitting
- Students will remain outside in light rain and cool weather
- If severe weather arises when students are already at school, we will have safe, socially-distanced spaces in the building available

# CRL+O IN-PERSON HEALTH and SAFETY / PROCEDURES

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- [https://geds.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/Health-and-Safety\\_-CRLO-FOR-DISTRIBUTION.pdf](https://geds.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/Health-and-Safety_-CRLO-FOR-DISTRIBUTION.pdf)
- Families must make sure that all health forms and medications are up to date. For more information:  
<https://geds.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/Required-Forms-and-Student-Health.pdf>

# CRL+O IN-PERSON COMMUNITY AGREEMENT

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Covid-19 has upended life as we know it in the world and certainly in our schools. At a moment like this, communities must consider their strengths and leverage them in adapting to this new normal. Until we have a vaccine, none of us will be truly safe from the virus if we choose to re-enter our work and school communities.

With this in mind, we are proposing that each member of the Grace community agree to norms and expectations as a greater commitment to each other and our wish to stay safe. It also requires us to recommit to what we value as a community.

**When you fill out the form to opt in to sending your child to Grace, we will direct you to this agreement and you should indicate your consent when opting in.**

**<https://geds.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/GEDS-Return-to-Campus-Agreement.pdf>**

# How to opt-in to the in-person, outdoor day during CRL+O

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- Participation will be on an OPT IN basis.
- You must let us know **by 10:00 am on Monday, October 5, 2020** if your child will be participating by completing the Opt-In Form for Outdoor Day via the link you have been emailed. By filling out the form, you indicate your consent to the GEDS Return to Campus Agreement.
- To preserve proper ratios and safety, please do not treat this program as a drop-in program. However, if you decide to opt in to the Outdoor Day after we have begun operating in CRL+O mode, you should send an email to [nmchugh@geds.org](mailto:nmchugh@geds.org) no later than Monday at 10:00 am during the week your child will be participating.

# Important Dates in Phase 2 / CRL+O

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**Monday, October 5, 2020 by 10:00 am:**

Deadline to OPT IN to the outdoor day option.

**Tuesday, October 6, 2020:**

First on-campus day

**Friday, October 9, 2020:**

No school for students / Parent-Teacher Conferences

**Monday, October 12, 2020:**

No school for students / Fall Break

## Important Dates in Phase 2 / CRL+O

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**Wednesday, October 28, 2020:**

Announcement of next phase

**Thursday, October 29, 2020:**

Last on-campus day in this announced phase

**Friday, October 30, 2020:**

Head of School call to discuss next phase decision

**Monday, November 2, 2020:**

Beginning of next phase cycle (TBD)

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