



Updated Protocol (Connelly and The Woods Academy campuses)

This document updates [the Reopening Plan \(“Plan”\)](#) for Escuela Argentina (“EA”). Given our shared space, it contemplates the reopening plan of Connelly School of the Holy Child and The Woods Academy campuses, and is intended to be consistent with those institutions’ plans and protocols. This Plan will be updated as needed. Additional changes/restrictions may happen at any time for the safety of the students and staff. None of these measures are completely without risk but taken together will drastically reduce risk and allow for the continuing of learning in as safe an environment as possible.

Health and Safety Protocols at the Connelly and The Woods Academy Campuses

Masks

- Masks are required in buildings and outside when social distancing is not possible. EA will provide all new faculty and staff with one cloth mask. Additional disposable masks will be available for faculty, staff and students.
- Masks must be worn [in accordance with CDC recommendations](#). Face coverings must be worn in schools according to the [MDH/MSDE](#) guidance.

Hygiene

- Students and teachers must “scrub in/scrub out” with hand sanitizer when they enter and leave the classroom.
- Frequent handwashing is encouraged.
- Cleaning will follow [the CDC guidelines](#).

Classrooms

- Doors should remain open for enhanced ventilation.
- Windows will be open to the extent possible given weather conditions.
- Students will remain in their assigned seats and desks throughout the school day.

Social Distancing

- Social distancing measures implemented throughout campus:

- o Desks spread 3 feet apart
- o When outside, teachers/employees will ensure that students adhere to social distancing guidelines
- o Hallways will have passage in only one direction, minimizing crowding
- o Hula hoops will be placed in the outdoor areas to ensure social distancing
- Students should always maintain social distancing.

Lunch

- No lunch will be served by the school during the school day.
- Students may bring their lunch to eat outside the building during breaks while observing proper physical distancing.
- There will be no sharing of food or drink between individuals.
- Though members of the community will have ready access to water, students are asked to bring one FILLED reusable water bottle daily to decrease the need for on-campus refills during the day.

Health Screening/Contact Tracing

- MDH recommends daily temperature checks and symptom screening of all students and staff prior to the start of the school day.
- Students and employees are required to use the [SchoolCues](#) (Symptom Screening App) for daily symptom check procedures before arriving on campus. **The App will notify each faculty/staff or parent if the student or faculty/staff member is required to stay home.**
- Based on information from the daily symptom check, if extended quarantining is required, a medical professional will identify the number of days of quarantine.

Arrival and Dismissal Protocols

- Elementary and Middle School students
 - o Families with students in multiple grade levels should all arrive at the scheduled arrival time for the youngest sibling. If students arrive early, they will be asked to remain in the car until their designated arrival time.
 - o Families must arrive within the arrival window given in order to make drop off as seamless as possible. We acknowledge the short arrival window, and appreciate your cooperation and support in getting our students back to campus in the safest way possible.
 - o Each car must have the last name & grade (example: **Sánchez, 1 grado A**) visible on the windshield.
 - o All people in the car must wear masks while their car is on school grounds. No one other than the student may exit the car. Upon arrival on campus, cars should approach the designated drop-off point and show faculty and staff the complete the [Symptom Screening form before](#) letting students exit the car.

- High school students
 - Upon arrival on campus, students should approach the designated drop-off point and show faculty and staff the completed [Symptom Screening form](#) before entering the building.
- Police support will be posted at entrance/exit to help with traffic flow. Their instructions must be followed.

Once students enter the building, they should proceed directly to their classrooms (floating assistants will be available to guide students through the buildings).

- Parents of students who arrive late must park in the parking lot near the main entrance of the main building and call or email (repcion@escuelaargentina.org) the front desk from there and wait until an assistant approaches the car to accompany the student to the classroom. The student should remain in the car, until an assistance approaches the car, and will walk the student to the classroom.
- If a student needs to leave early, parents should call the front desk or send an email to repcion@escuelaargentina.org to notify the time, and wait in the car for the student.

Arrival times

Connelly

- 1st, 2nd, and 3rd grades : 9:15 - 9:20 AM
- 4th, 5th, and 6th grades: 9:20 - 9:25 AM
- 7th and high school grades: 9:25 - 9:30 AM

The Woods Academy

- Jardín y preescolar: 8:50 - 9:00 AM

There are three Drop-off areas:

#1 Connelly Hall

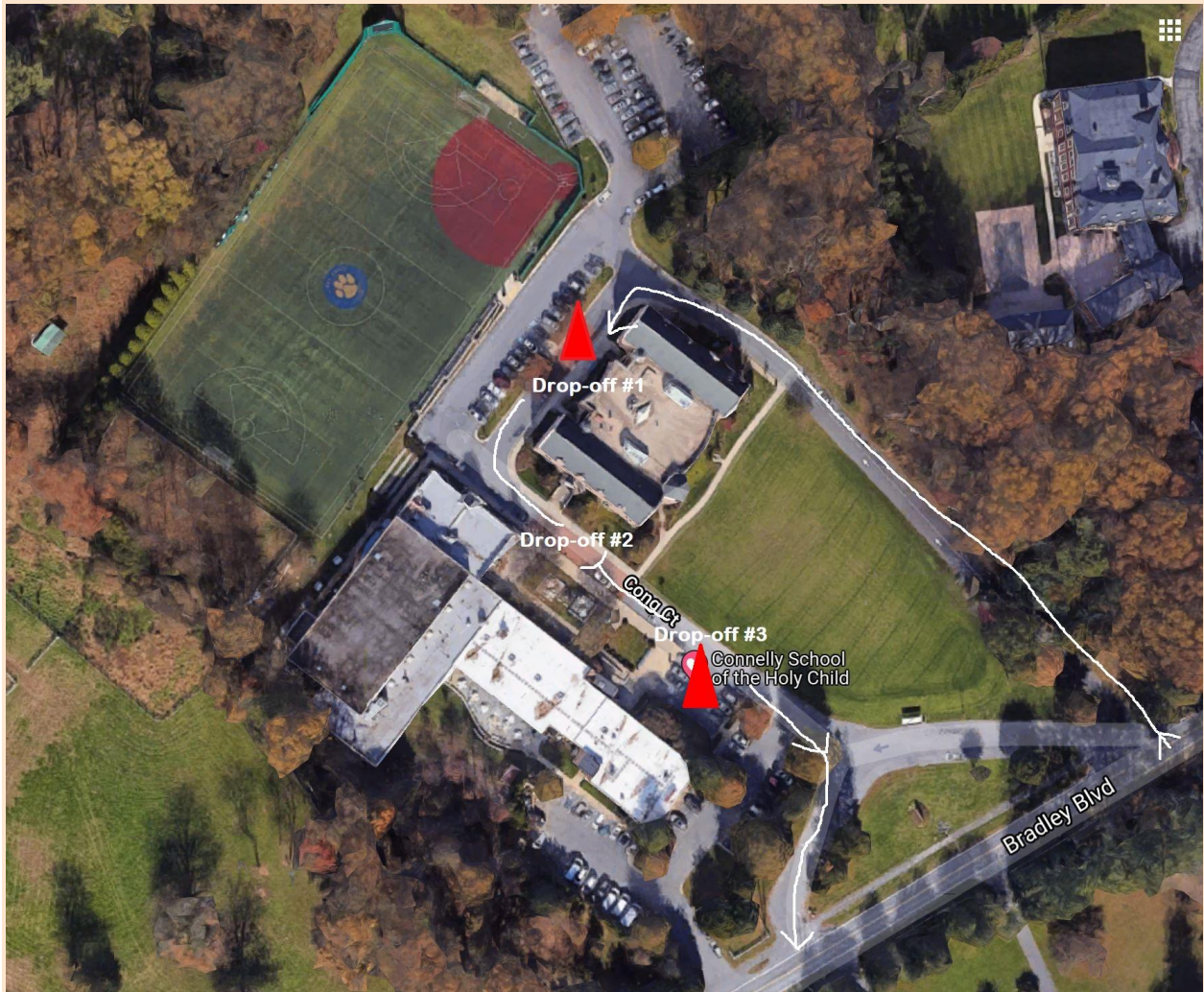
#2 Chapel and Gym entrance

#3 Main Building entrance (parking lot)

Students in the different grades will enter the buildings at these assigned entrances:

- Identify in the map the entrance door for your student:
 - 1st grade: drop-off #3 (Main building entrance (parking lot))
 - 2nd and 3rd: drop-off # 2 (Chapel & gym entrance)
 - 4th grade: drop-off # 1 Connelly Hall
 - 5th grade: drop-off # 3
 - 6th grade: drop-off # 1
 - 7th grade: drop-off # 2
 - 8th, 9th and 10th A grades: drop-off # 1
 - 10th grade B: drop-off # 3
 - 11th grade: drop-off #3
 - 12th grade A: drop-off # 2 (lower floor door) - Students may park in the parking lot at the back (please get instructions at any of the drop-off areas)

- o 12th grade B: drop-off # 1



Dismissal Protocols

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- 1st, 2nd, and 3rd grades : 1:15 - 1:20 AM
- 4th, 5th, and 6th grades: 1:20 - 1:25 AM
- 7th and high school grades: 1:25 - 1:30 AM

- Students will be picked up at the same location they were dropped off beginning at 1:15 PM.
- Parents picking up their students should have the same sign from drop off in their windshield, proceed to the pickup location, and remain in their cars.

- Students will wait in the area where they were dropped off that morning maintaining social distance at all times.
- Faculty/Staff supervision will be posted at each location to enforce protocols and coordinate pick up.
- Students must wear their masks until they are off campus grounds and maintain social distancing at all times while on campus.

The Woods Academy

- Students will be picked up between 12:50 and 1 PM.

Visitors/Meetings

- Masks are required to be worn for all visitors in all buildings.
- Whenever possible, all meetings will be held via Zoom or Google Meets.
- Visitors with previous scheduled appointments on campus must complete a health screen upon arrival and have their temperature taken.
- A table will be placed outside the front door of the Main Building for items that need to be dropped off for students.
- Students are not permitted to have outside food delivered to campus.

Library

- If a faculty or staff member needs supplies or materials from the library, they should email Carmen Delgadillo (biblioteca@eascuelaargentina.org) and she will collect them for pickup at the front desk.
- Students are not permitted in the photocopy rooms.

COVID-19 sick policy

- EA follows the [MDH and MSDE guidance for Maryland schools](#). In case of a confirmed COVID-19 case or the presence of COVID-19 symptoms, the EA will follow the guidance [to respond to cases and symptoms](#).
- EA has created an additional and separate room for the isolation of persons who become ill during the day on both campuses.
- **Parents/Faculty/Staff must notify the Head of School about COVID diagnosis.**
- The Head of EA will notify the Montgomery County Health Department if there is a confirmed case of COVID-19 and provide information necessary for them to conduct contact tracing.
- If your child has any [symptoms listed on the CDC website](#) as possible COVID-19 symptoms, he/she must be seen by the doctor AND get a doctor's note clearing the student to return to campus.
- If parents suspect the symptoms are related to another issue, EA must have confirmation from a doctor in writing indicating that it is safe for the student to come to campus.

EA will provide regular updates to parents and guardians on the school's COVID-19 status and will inform Holy Child and The Woods Academy administrators, students,

parents and guardians, and staff in a timely fashion about COVID-19 cases and outbreaks in the school all the while following federal and state confidentiality laws.

If indicated, a classroom or the entire school may need to be closed as part of the quarantine procedure instructions. The Montgomery County Department of Health will work with EA and Holy Child administrators to determine if a school must close and the length of closure according to the MDH guidance.

Getting Sick while at School

- If a student becomes sick or develops a fever during the school day, they will be evaluated by the administration and will be kept in an isolation room separate from other students, until they are picked up.
- If a faculty or staff member develops COVID-19 symptoms during the day, they must vacate the premises as soon as possible.
- The isolation room has an updated ventilation system.
- Once the administration notifies the student's family of the illness, and the need for the student to go home, the student must be picked up from school by a parent or emergency contact within one (1) hour.

Community Responsibility Pledge

Students, parents, and employees must sign the community responsibility pledge.

As a school community, we must work together to limit the spread of the virus and we must acknowledge our individual and collective responsibility to mitigate risk. All members of our school communities must lead by example, embrace accountability, implement best practices, and make personal sacrifices for the welfare of students, employees, and families. Both on and off campus, wearing face coverings, conscientious physical distancing, and limiting group interactions are necessary steps to increase the chances that we may continue to offer the meaningful, in-person educational experiences for which our Argentine School is known. There has never been a more critical time for partnership and cooperation. We are counting on you. In order to come to campus, the Argentine School is asking families to sign this pledge.

Como comunidad educativa es nuestra misión trabajar en conjunto para limitar la diseminación del virus y asumir la responsabilidad individual y colectiva de mitigar los riesgos. Todos los miembros de nuestra comunidad deben predicar con el ejemplo, hacerse responsables, implementar las mejores prácticas y hacer sacrificios personales por el bienestar de los/as estudiantes, empleados/as y familias. Para que la Escuela Argentina pueda brindar educación de calidad en persona, es necesario que los miembros de la comunidad usen las máscaras consistentemente, practiquen distanciamiento físico y reduzcan al mínimo los encuentros en persona tanto en el campus como fuera de él. En la historia de nuestra escuela no ha existido un momento tan crucial como este para colaborar y cuidarnos unos a otros. Contamos con vos. Para

participar de las clases presenciales, les pedimos que se adhieran a este compromiso firmando este documento.