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Return to School Plan
School Year 2020-2021

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PREPARED FOR LEARNING

We have been working diligently to ensure that we can provide our students with a safe, healthy, and excellent learning environment for their return to school this fall. Now, with:



Experience gained through 10 weeks of Distance Learning instruction (Spring 2020)

Practice and refinement of new protocols through our First Responders' Program (Phase I Return to Campus), and Summer School Face-to-Face (Phase II Return to Campus)

Feedback from parents to help inform our decision-making (Survey June 2020), and

Guidance of campus safety protocols by DHS, DOH, and the LJA Medical Hui (May 2020), a dedicated group of local and international medical professionals knowledgeable in their fields --

Le Jardin Academy is well-prepared to offer educational continuity and innovative instruction through enhanced safety precautions and flexible learning models to meet your needs.



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

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Image: LJA Summer School (Phase II)
Basic Digital Photography class

LEARNING MODELS

YOUR CHOICE - FROM DAY ONE!

33% of LJA households include someone at greater risk for COVID-19 due to underlying medical conditions

55% of families said they'd prefer a distance learning option if there was sustained spread of COVID-19 in Hawai'i.

Le Jardin Academy is pleased to offer its extraordinary curriculum--grounded in an inquiry approach and rich with experiential learning to promote voice, choice, and student agency--through two distinct learning models, with the flexibility to switch back and forth between models at designated points in the year.

With face-to-face and distance learning options available from day one, you'll choose the learning model that works best for your child(ren).

Option 1: Face-to-Face Learning (F2F)



Option 2: Distance Learning (DL)



ENHANCED LEARNING AND TECHNOLOGY

Blended learning tools already augment face-to-face learning across all grade levels--from younger students reflecting on learning via pictures and video to older students working on collaborative documents and presentations. Additionally, LJA has added the following enhancements to support learning for the new school year:



- Enhanced five-day schedule
- Students in grades PK-2 now have one-to-one iPads (one-to-one devices for PK-5)
- Additional video conferencing technology in classrooms to improve inclusion of distance learning students
- K-5 team teaching approach for enhanced flexibility and excellence in each subject
- Daily advisory for high school students
- Subject-specific support for secondary students
- More outdoor instruction



Image: LJA Summer School (Phase II) students maintain physical distancing during swim instruction.

HEALTH AND SAFETY PRACTICES

The following practices have been adopted and are presently in effect on campus during our Summer Programs. These practices may be updated to meet current public health conditions prior to the start of school.



Daily Self Screenings	All students and staff must complete a daily self-screening form, including a temperature check, symptom check, and questionnaire assessing one's likelihood of coming in contact with COVID-19, online and prior to arrival on campus.
Physical Distancing	Enhanced physical distancing protocols have been implemented for all classroom, outdoor, and transition activities. Protocols may vary by LJA Risk Response Level and according to the unique needs of each division and activity.
Masking	Students and staff must wear face masks to school each day. Masks will generally be worn in the classroom and common spaces on campus where physical distancing cannot be maintained. Procedures may vary by division.
Handwashing hygiene	Students and staff will practice frequent and effective handwashing with soap and water as our primary means of hygiene. Specific practices and hand washing schedules may vary across divisions.
Sick Child Protocols	Sick children must be kept home, and may return to school after 72 hours with no symptoms. Protocols for sick students and faculty are in place, as is a COVID Response Plan the event of a COVID-19 case on campus.
Visitors to Campus	For the safety of our students, visitors to campus are restricted. Pre-approved visitors must complete a self-screening form prior to arrival on campus.
Cleaning and Disinfecting	Enhanced procedures for classrooms, offices, and high touch areas have been deployed.
Travel	LJA complies with Federal and State travel guidelines. Travel related to field trips may vary by Response Level.

CAMPUS ENHANCEMENTS

We are deeply invested in ensuring the health and safety of our students, faculty, and staff, and have our Blue Crew and contracted vendors working tirelessly to keep our campus clean and inviting for our students. Important enhancements have been added to support a healthy learning environment for the new school year, including:



- New tents, awnings, and flexible furniture to support more outdoor learning
- New filters in all air conditioning units
- New portable hand washing stations throughout campus
- Bipolar ionization strips in classrooms to disinfect air particles
- Blower fans in classrooms to increase and redirect air flow
- Enhanced disinfection procedures for classrooms, offices, and high touch areas
- New electrostatic sprayers for daily cleaning
- Additional nursing staff coverage

LJA COVID-19 RESPONSE LEVELS

	Level 1 Low Risk	Level 1+ Increased Risk	Level 2 Heightened Risk	Level 3 High Risk
Situation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Isolated outbreaks No cases at LJA 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Low infection and spread rate Gov't restrictions on gathering/group size No cases at LJA 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sustained community spread Confirmed case(s) at LJA 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Widespread community Transmission Cluster of cases at LJA
Face-to-Face Learning Environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> LJA campuses open Enhanced cleaning/safety practices Physical distancing wherever possible (3-6 feet) Masking may be required Field trips and Athletics may take place 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> LJA campuses open; remote learning option available Enhanced cleaning/safety practices Enhanced physical distancing Masking required where physical distancing cannot be maintained (For PK-2 mask wearing protocols will vary) Outdoor learning and centers Field trips limited to on-island w/ safety precautions Avoid airports 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> LJA campuses open; remote learning option available Enhanced cleaning/safety practices Enhanced physical distancing Smaller group sizes enforced; preserve "ohana bubbles" Mask wearing mandatory Outdoor learning and centers No field trips No travel 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Some or all divisions closed Childcare may be offered for qualifying first-responder and LJA employee families with: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Enhanced physical Distancing → Mandatory mask wearing (For PK-2, mask wearing protocols will vary) → Small mixed age groups of students from the same families in same cohorts of 9 students + 1 teacher.
Distance Learning Environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students engage remotely Distance learning follows same curriculum as face-to-face 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students engage remotely Distance learning follows same curriculum as face-to-face 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students engage remotely Distance learning follows same curriculum as face-to-face 	Distance Learning for affected division(s) until Level 2 conditions restored

COMMUNITY EXPECTATIONS



By working together, we can greatly reduce the potential impacts of COVID-19 on our community. We ask for your kokua in adopting these shared commitments:

- Daily self-screenings
- Good handwashing hygiene at school and at home
- Keep sick children home until symptom-free for 72 hours
- Report any confirmed cases or exposure to COVID-19 to LJA. Please email school.nurse@lejardinacademy.org



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ)

Q: How do I know campus is safe for students?

A: LJA's health and safety protocols for a phased return to campus have been informed and approved by DHS, DOH, and the LJA Medical Hui. Detailed models specific to each division's needs have been crafted to mitigate the spread of illness on campus, and protocols for a COVID-19 occurrence are in place.

Q: How will we be notified of a COVID-19 case in the LJA community?

A: Should a case occur, LJA will activate its COVID-19 response plan. An all-school communication will be issued to notify families. Procedures are in place to aid those individuals directly impacted and to ensure proper disinfection of affected areas of campus.

Q: Will my child's learning look the same in F2F and DL?

A: Whether face-to-face or in distance learning, students will receive the same rigorous and engaging IB curriculum with the understanding that the learning experiences and how students' engage with them may look different between the two models.

Q: How will I know when LJA's Risk Response Level changes?

A: LJA's Risk Response Level can be found at any time on its website and in the LJA Weekly, and all-school announcements about health and safety in our community will be made regularly.

Q: Do I have to commit to F2F and DL for the whole year for my family?

A: Families can opt one or more children from the same household into Distance learning each Quarter, if the school elevates to an increased risk level, or in the event of required quarantine. We ask that in the event of a level 2, DL students remain in DL until the situation improves.

IMPORTANT DATES

July 7, 2020 **Division-specific Learning Plans**

July 30, 2020 **Parent Info Session**
6:00 p.m. | via Zoom

August 3, 2020 **High School Parent Info Session**
6:00 p.m. | via Zoom

August 4, 2020 **Lower School Parent Info Session**
6:00 p.m. | via Zoom

August 5, 2020 **Middle School Parent Info Session**
6:00 p.m. | via Zoom

August 6, 2020 **Junior School Parent Info Session**
6:00 p.m. | via Zoom



August 12, 2020

Welcome Back to School!