



Dear Whetstone Community:

Due to the emergence of the novel COVID-19 virus that has created a worldwide pandemic, Whetstone Academy wants to assure our students, families, friends, visitors, referral sources and our staff that the safety and health of our community is our highest priority.

We understand the importance of education, preventative measures, and avoidance of unnecessary anxiety; therefore, Whetstone Academy has taken the following precautions and interventions to protect our community:

- We are screening all potential admits, family members and visitors for symptomology (including temperature, oxygen saturation level and past travels).
- ALL employees are mandated to be medically cleared each day upon arrival to campus and prior to contact with any student, which includes taking their temperature and oxygen saturation level.
- Whetstone has added a quarantine policy that gives staff an additional 14 days of PTO if they are medically quarantined.
- Implemented hand hygiene protocols in accordance with guidelines issued by the CDC.
- Maintaining the highest level of infection control and sanitization. This is always a concern for Whetstone as we are an active farm.
- Halting all air travel and limiting business-related travel to essential trips only, requiring CEO authorization.
- Limiting all student field trips to local nature trips and hikes.
- Cancelling Spring Family Seminar, but providing virtual Family Seminars and New Family Orientations.
- Postponing student home visits, but still allowing local visits if parents can drive to Whetstone.
- Confirmation with our supply chain that there are no current interruptions with food, pharmaceuticals or supplies to campus.

We will continue monitoring all COVID-19 developments and recommendations from the CDC, SC DHEC, NATSAP and CARF to ensure that we follow current best-practices to keep our community healthy and safe.

Whetstone Academy remains a leader in relationship-based and attachment focused care, dedicated to the hope and healing of our students and their families.