



Family Community Commitment Pledge

The unprecedented challenges of 2020 call our community to make a renewed commitment to our R.I.C.E. values. Our shared responsibility to care for the most vulnerable among us, our insistent and compassionate interdependence, our rich creativity and our personal and collective empowerment to rise to the challenges we face have never been more obvious – or more called for – than they are right now.

One way the Academy hopes to live out our R.I.C.E. values is by meeting our families where they are. Recognizing the breadth of individual experiences, circumstances, and comfort levels among our community members, we have redesigned our academic and co-curricular offerings to give our families the choice between an on-campus or a fully virtual fall term. Absent unexpected events, we ask families to commit to their choice for the entirety of the first trimester. Virtual learners are not open to contracting COVID-19 on campus. On campus learners and staff, however, realize that coming onto campus does present some risk of infection and that it is only through our mutual commitment to one another's health and well-being that we can minimize that risk. We therefore ask each community member who chooses to come onto campus this fall to sign the Academy's Family Community Commitment Pledge on behalf of themselves, their immediate families, and their children.

I, as a member of the Ancillae community, on my own behalf, on behalf of my immediate family and on behalf of my children who attend the Academy, recognize and commit to the following:

- That I have read and understand all of the Academy's COVID-19 Health and Safety protocols and procedures, and that I and my family will fully comply for the duration of the 2020/2021 school year.
- That the Academy's COVID-19 Health and Safety protocols and procedures may change as new information and recommendations become available and that I and my family have an obligation to read and fully comply with any changes the Academy makes to its COVID-19 Health and Safety policy.
- That I must be honest and informed in completing the Academy's pre-arrival health screenings on RUVNA.
- That I and my immediate family will comply with any protocols my family's school district promulgates with regard to school bus safety.
- That neither I nor any member of my family will come onto campus knowing that we have had symptoms of, have been quarantined for, or have been exposed to COVID-19.
- That I will promptly notify the Director of Academy if I or anyone in my immediate family has been diagnosed with COVID-19, and that I will seek and follow the advice of my physician and local health authorities, as necessary.
- That neither I nor any member of my immediate family will come onto campus without Academy-recommended personal protective equipment, such as masks.
- That the Academy is closed to visitors this fall, including parents and other family members and that I have no right or expectation to be on campus other than to drop off or pick up my student(s).



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- That, absent extraordinary circumstances, I will arrive on campus during my designated drop-off and pick up times, that I will follow all signage, directions and safety protocols and that I and anyone accompanying me will wear a mask at all times while on campus.
- That, at home and in our daily lives, I and my immediate family, to the absolute best of our abilities, will follow all guidance, rules and regulations issued by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and any local health office regarding mitigating the spread of COVID-19, including avoiding large gatherings, wearing masks in public, frequent handwashing, and maintaining a social distance of at least six feet from individuals who are not part of our household.
- That I and my immediate family will strictly abide by any governmental or health department recommendation to self-quarantine or self-isolate.
- That, for the duration of the fall, 2020 term, I and my immediate family will avoid travel to any area, location or event known to have a breakout of COVID-19 or on the list of restricted states published by the Pennsylvania Department of Health.
- That I will make my family's health and safety a priority by ensuring that each member of my immediate family is up to date in terms of appropriate vaccinations and flu shots.
- That I and my immediate family will support and encourage my child/ren who are students at Ancillae to help them adapt to and become comfortable with the new practices and realities necessitated by COVID-19.
- That I will support, encourage and help hold accountable other members of the Ancillae community who have taken this Pledge to abide by it.
- That complying with this Pledge is my and my family's responsibility and that our failure to do so may result in a shift from on-campus to virtual learning for my children who are students of Ancillae.
- That I and my immediate family, without bias or judgment, will support and pray for any member of the Ancillae community touched or impacted by COVID-19.
- That I recognize and respect that other members of our community may have experiences or perceptions or concerns about COVID-19 that are different from my own, and that I will encourage my children to recognize and respect those differences without prejudice. But above all else, the expectation of the Academy is that parents and families will comply with the COVID-19 Student Health Policy.

In choosing to become a member of the Academy's on-campus community we recognize that each of us has a unique and heightened responsibility to become keepers of one another's health and well-being. We recognize our mutual responsibility to embrace, not just the letter of the Academy's safety protocols, but their spirit as well, on campus and off. Our hope is that, by asking everyone in our on-campus community to sincerely lean in to our R.I.C.E. values – our mutual responsibility to do what's best for one another – we will not only increase our chances of staying healthy, we will increase our chances of staying open, and foster comfort, confidence and a sense of continuity and community in every student, staff member and family on our campus.