Distance Learning:

Cary Christian School is committed and always will be committed to in-person, on-campus teaching. It is on campus and in person where we can best develop the Teacher-Student Relationship and pursue your child's heart and mind. Our Distance Learning Program is designed for students who have a compromised immune system or who have unavoidable contact with someone who has a compromised immune system. In the future we hope this is a great opportunity for students who are sick and cannot come to campus. During this time, any family may choose Distance Learning. So that we can offer you an efficient and stable Distance Learning experience, we have installed a Microsoft Teams camera in every Logic and Rhetoric School classroom. In the Lower School, we have installed one camera per grade level. (This means: Your Lower School homeroom teacher may not be the same teacher that you watch for the live stream, since all remote learners will be watching the same one teacher per grade level.) Using Microsoft Teams in conjunction with Office 365 means students will have one platform to navigate and store documents.

How Distance Learning works:

1. Your child will log on* first thing in the morning at 8:00 or 8:15 A.M. (depending on grade level) to join the room in live streaming.
2. As they join, they will ensure they are muted with video disabled.   If your video presence is needed, make sure the background is appropriate.
3. All documents should be printed out and ready to go. (Distance learning families must be responsible for having a printer and keeping up with its maintenance.)
4. Students should be in their uniforms. There are times they may be seen on camera and need to appear as part of the student body, conforming to the same dress code as those students in the classroom.
5. Students will follow their normal bell schedule with time throughout the day for snack, bathroom breaks, and lunch. Our expectation is that they follow and do the work at home live, tracking with the class in real time.
6. In the Upper School, teachers may ask students to send in bell ringers, written work, pop quizzes, and classwork during the instructional time and not necessarily wait until the end of the day.
7. We expect Lower School students may need more parent support to submit their work back to the teacher. As such, Lower School students will be expected to submit each day's work in a timely way at the end of the day.
8. We expect students to act professionally in chat and interactions with teachers and other students.
9. If you have general questions or concerns about COVID-19, please email the COVID-19 email address.
10. Students who choose to Distance Learn, will be expected to stay in Distance Learning for 4-weeks or longer. If you want to see if a faster entry is possible, reach out to Kevin Seitz at kseitz@carychristianschool.org for a re-entry plan.
11. As stability increases and our mastery with the process improves, we will be more flexible with allowing students to interchange with their health needs.
12. Students and parents agree to our Academic Integrity Policy for Distance Learners.

If you are choosing to be a distance learner, you will not be able to participate in things like:

- Electives in the Upper School and Specials in the Lower School
- 6th – 12th grade sports practices and games at CCS
- Rhetoric Retreat and Field Trips
- House (Friday Activities, On and Off Campus Activities, Convocation, Leadership roles within House)
- Hands-On Experiments

Note: We understand that some students are choosing to learn remotely because of a disagreement over protocols and therefore may desire to participate in co-curricular activities. While it is fine to choose to learn remotely for this reason, participation in co-curricular activities is designed to be an extension of our on campus, in person learning community.

*On Tuesday, August 4, those who opt to Distance Learn will receive instructions on how to log onto their Microsoft Teams Accounts.

Whether or not you choose to Distance Learn, you must fill out this survey.