



Dear Parents,

First of all, I want to say thank you for allowing your student to attend Rush this year! We are aware of the unique challenges we face as a nation and a church, and we want to make sure you are informed of everything we are planning to keep your child safe.

As I'm sure you understand, we would love to make guarantees that no child is at risk of the virus during the time they are in our care. However, the only way to ensure that would be to cancel the conference all together which we do not want to do. What we can do is let you know the steps that we feel are reasonable for us to take and allow you to determine if our level of thoughtfulness and preparation are satisfactory for your child's participation. If at any time you are uncomfortable with sending your student to Rush, email [Reneel@perimeter.org](mailto:Reneel@perimeter.org), and we will provide a full refund.

**Please keep your student home if within the 14 days prior, he or she has shown [any of the COVID19 symptoms as outlined by the CDC](#)—including fever or cough—or has been in contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19.**

### **Grouping**

We are shrinking students direct contact to a small group or “pod”. A pod is made up of 2-3 small groups. Pod size is limited to the number of people who can fit in a 15-passenger van which will be used during the afternoon to transport students to their mission site. Students and leaders will also sit in their pods during program times. The purpose of the pod system is to reduce the potential of spreading infection. If a person comes down with Covid during the week, the hope is that the spread could be contained within that pod and not spread to all participants.

### **Masks**

We will provide a Rush branded mask to every student who attends Rush. Mask will be required whenever students enter the building and social distancing will be encouraged. Students may choose to wear their own mask from home, if desired. There will be hand sanitizer throughout the building as well. Students will also be required to wear masks when traveling in the vans, and on their mission site, if required by our mission partners. If their mission activity is outside, and the mission partners don't require masks to be outside, masks will not be required. Though, we will encourage students to stay within their pods while on mission.

### **Outside Activity**

Most of the research shows that the virus is not easily spread outside, due to greater ventilation, heat and humidity and the ability to socially distance. In order to take advantage of these factors, students will have small group time and meals outside. Monday Check In and Daily Drops offs will also occur outside. Masks will not be required during these times and students will be able to socialize with those outside their pod. In case of bad weather, the small groups will meet throughout the building and masks will then be required. All meals are individually boxed.

### **New Covid-19 Waiver**

On Monday, all students will need to bring a signed, paper copy of our new COVID-19 liability waiver in order to attend Rush. It has additional pre-screening questions that need to be reviewed. The waiver may be accessed and printed by [clicking here](#).

### **Drop Off Protocols**

Each student will have their temperature taken during drop off each day. Students with a temperature higher than 100.4 will not be allowed to attend until a negative Covid-19 test is presented and they are fever free for 24 hrs. Students who are ill will be sent home and their pod will be isolated until the ill student presents a negative Covid-19 test. If someone tests positive for the virus, then the entire pod (and any Rush student or sibling they spent the night with) will be sent home and unable to return to Rush. If someone tests positive for the virus, all Rush parents will be notified.

### **Early Check Out**

Any student that needs to check out of Rush due to an unavoidable appointment will need to check back in at the Bricks Entrance if returning the same day or to their assigned drop off location if returning the following day. A Rush Volunteer will greet them at the door and call the Staff on Duty to do a temperature check and pre-screening questionnaire. Students will need to present their mask and their Rush nametag in order to be permitted to the building. All Early Check Outs must be coordinated with [Reneel@perimeter.org](mailto:Reneel@perimeter.org) in advance as no parent will be allowed to enter the building during Rush.

### **Rush Parents & Guests**

In years past, we've been able to have guest seating during evening sessions for parents and non-Rush students. To maintain the strict health protocols Perimeter has in place during this season, only registered participants will be allowed during Rush programming. We invite parents and other students to participate in Rush online. We are working very hard to ensure that those joining our online experience get to enjoy the energy and excitement of our live program. Rush will be available online at [www.perimeter.org/rush](http://www.perimeter.org/rush) to view Senior High Morning Devos, Seminars, evening sessions, and the Closing Program.

### **Volunteers**

All Volunteers will check in at one location for temperature checks and pre-screening. Those details will be sent in the volunteer email. All volunteers will be required to wear a mask while in the Church building, on a mission's van or vehicle transporting Rush students, and at any mission site where our partner's require masks. Volunteers will also wear gloves while serving meals.

Thank you again for allowing your child to participate in Rush. We know that some of you may think we are being too careful and some may feel that we are not going far enough. I hope you can see that we have spent hours and hours trying to think through ways we can keep your kids safe and not lose the spirit of Rush at the same time.

Please let me know if you have any additional questions.

Thank you!

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