



March 12, 2021

Dear Parents & Guardians,

We are so excited to welcome our scholars back to campus! Beginning March 29, 2021 our scholars will be coming back to their classrooms to spend time with their teachers and classmates in a Hybrid Learning model. As we prepare to return to campus for the remainder of the school year, we would like to take a moment to remind you of COVID-19 safety procedures and provide you an idea of what your child's day will look like at school.

On the day your child is assigned to be on campus, you must complete the "Home-Based COVID Symptom Screening" survey (See attached) and message your child's teacher prior to arrival on campus. In addition, if anyone in your household has COVID-19 or is exhibiting any symptoms of COVID-19, DO NOT send your child to school. Once your child arrives on campus, their temperature will be taken. If they meet the required temperature expectations, they will go to their classroom to enjoy their time of learning. If your child exhibits a fever of 100.4 or higher, they will not be allowed on campus for the day. We advise parents to take their child's temperature at home before coming to campus.

It is expected that scholars are dressed in proper school dress code. We do understand that due to the pandemic, some scholars may not have access to shirts with logos. Logos are not necessary at this time on campus. Scholars MUST wear a face mask covering their nose and mouth. This is mandatory. If a scholar comes to campus without a face mask, one will be offered by the school. However, if a scholar refuses to wear a mask, they will not be allowed on campus. Scholars may not bring backpacks or other materials to school. All that they need for learning for that day will be provided for them in the classroom. It is recommended that your child brings a labeled water bottle with water only. They may also bring a small, healthy snack.

Once scholars are in their classroom, they will be seated six feet apart. They will each have a Plexi-glass sneeze guard on their desk for protection. The teachers will supply all necessary materials for learning including pencils, crayons, erasers, paper, etc. They will also be assigned a Chromebook to use at school. None of these items will be shared among classmates. Scholars will have a brief recess for physical activity. Recess time will not be shared with other classrooms as to ensure scholars are not intermingling. It is expected that scholars keep their face mask on for the duration of their time on campus.

At the end of the day, scholars on campus will have a choice to receive a hot meal to enjoy at home. This is the same meal provided our Distance Learners in the "Grab and Go" pick-up. This meal is provided at no cost. It will not be consumed on campus so please be sure your child has eaten lunch before coming to school. Please note that "Grab and Go" meals will be provided daily to Distance Learners (M,T, Th, F 1:30 pm – 3:30 pm, W 8 am – 12 pm).

Finally, at dismissal a placard will be required for parent-pickup. Please be sure to bring your placard with you on campus labeled with your child's name, teacher's name, and grade level. This is imperative to certify your child is safely leaving campus.

We thank you so much for your cooperation in ensuring the safety and health of not only your own children but the safety of all children and our school staff. Battling this pandemic takes a community effort and we must work together to help each other stay free from this virus. We appreciate your understanding as we take this slow approach to bringing our scholars back together. It is our hope to provide a summer school option in the month of

June. We are also highly anticipating opening our 2021-2022 school year in July with more days and times added to our schedule.

Please refer to the "Return to School Safety Plan" for more information on our school's complete safety protocols. More state and local health plans can be found on our school's website.

March 29<sup>th</sup> can't come soon enough! Continue to take care of yourselves and we will see you soon!

Sincerely,  
Debra Tarver

### **Home-Based COVID Symptom Screening**

**Caregivers:** If your child has any of the following symptoms, they might have an illness they can spread to others.

Check your child for these symptoms **before they go to school.**

- **Check a symptom only if it has changed from usual or baseline health.**
  - 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit or higher
  - Sore throat
  - Cough (for students with chronic cough due to allergies or asthma, a change in their cough from baseline)
  - Difficulty breathing (for students with asthma, a change from their baseline breathing)
  - Diarrhea or vomiting
  - New onset of severe headache, especially with a fever

If your child **HAS** any of the symptoms above:

- **Keep them home from school**
- **Consider whether your child needs to see a healthcare provider and possible COVID-19 testing.** CDC has a [Coronavirus Self Checker](#)\* available in its website, which may help you make decisions about seeking medical care for possible COVID-19
- **Contact your child's school, DESERT TRAILS PREPARATORY ACADEMY, and report that your child is sick.** The school may ask some additional questions to help determine when it is safe for your child to return to school.

If your child does **NOT** have any of the symptoms above:

- Send them to school as usual.

\*Coronavirus Self Checker: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/coronavirus-self-checker.html>