



October 13, 2020

Dear La Salle Families,

While the COVID-19 pandemic continues to evolve, the one constant is the united effort of our families, students, and staff to keep our community safe. As I shared during the mid-quarter Family Meeting, we are committed to ensuring the return of our entire student body beginning **Monday October 19th**. Our comprehensive plan for in-person learning takes into account the health and safety mandates and protocols from both the City of St. Louis' Department of Health and the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Some of those mandates and protocols include:

1. Ensuring we have an ample amount of personal protective equipment (PPE) for every student, teacher, and staff person
2. Deep cleaning of our school daily
3. Improving ventilation
4. Only allowing essential visitors into our school building
5. Taking the temperature of every person that enters our school building

We have adopted additional protocols to include staggering class transition times, requiring all essential visitors to complete a health assessment prior to entering campus, partnering with a Federally Qualified Health Center/Agency to assist families with completing immunizations and receiving the flu vaccine.

As we prepare for in-person learning for all students here is what you need to know:

- A protocol has been developed to address students and staff who become ill while they are at school, including isolation, and providing PPE to the ill student and staff attending to them.
- Parents are being asked to screen their children every day before school, and if the child is ill, keep them home.
- If someone in the school, whether that be a student, or staff member, tests positive for COVID-19, the school community is properly notified. Immediate and rigorous contact tracing will begin.
  - Where required, class cohorts will be recommended for testing, sent home, or the school will be closed until public health officials determine it is safe for students and staff to return.
- There will be a clear communications process followed, so families will know if a member of our school community tests positive for COVID-19.
- The Head of School will work closely with public health officials to communicate updates in real time when a class must quarantine or the school must be closed.
- The school's staff will continue to complete rigorous professional development on health and safety.
- We will continue to invest in our students' mental and socio-emotional health because we know how difficult this period has been on your child and family. We will also

continue to ensure access to support is available, and that our school continues to represent inclusion, care, and optimism in the hearts and minds of all our students.

Although students will return to school in-person for the second quarter, families will again be offered two learning options to choose from beginning the Second Quarter of the 2020 - 2021 school year. Students that either are considered “at risk” or families that are more comfortable allowing their child to remain virtual may elect to do so. Please select from one of the learning options by **Thursday, October 15, 2020**. You can access the Learning Options Survey [here](#). Please also note that once an enrollment commitment is made and instruction begins, students will remain in the enrollment option selected for the remainder of the fall semester. If a form is not received, by October 15th we will assume the student(s) will be in-person beginning, Monday, October 19th.

I cannot stress enough that we are being very cautious as we plan for in-person learning for our students and implementing extra health and safety measures - the safety, protection, and well-being of our school community is my number one priority.

Thank you again, La Salle families, for all that you do each and every day – as we work together for the safety and success of our students this school year, and well into the future.

Best regards,

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Head of School