

July 30, 2020

Dear Presidio Family:

During this time of uncertainty, we understand and support your desire for information regarding the reopening of Presidio School. The Governor and State Superintendent of Public Instruction issued a proclamation on July 23, 2020 stating that the decision to open schools would be left in the hands of the individual school districts/schools based upon examination of local data related to infection, hospitalization, and death rates. There is another clause in this proclamation that states if a school decides that it is in the best interests of students, their families, teachers and school faculty and staff to not open for in place learning and move to distance learning, the school is still required to provide a place for any student whose parents/guardians need them to go to the school site during normal school hours. On Tuesday, July 28, 2020 the Presidio Board of Directors and many of our Presidio parents/guardians attended an emergency board meeting to discuss the health and safety concerns surrounding Presidio School's option for a blended learning model, the most recent Center for Disease Control and Pima County Health Department's recommendations regarding in person/blended learning models, and the proposal to temporarily move to a distance learning model. The Presidio Board of Directors unanimously agreed to adopt the proposal for Presidio School to temporarily move to a high quality, flexible distance learning program for all students until Pima County "meets" the following matrices:

- COVID-19 infection rates under 5% in states/areas
- Decreasing cases of COVID-19 over two consecutive weeks
- Decreasing COVID-19 related deaths over 14 days
- Decreasing hospitalizations

Presidio School will be open for students to participate in distance learning on Presidio's campus

While Presidio will only offer a distance learning model for the foreseeable future, we recognize that for a variety of reasons, some students must participate in the distance learning model on campus one or more days each week. Rest assured, we will meet your needs! We have many teachers and paraprofessionals who have indicated that they are willing to participate in the distance learning model on campus in order to provide the supervision and quality care Presidio families have always received. Additionally, Presidio will offer after school supervision (Aftercare) to elementary students (grades K-5) and Aftercare fees will be extended to all elementary students.

Presidio will continue to follow CDC guidelines for mitigation strategies, personal hygiene, frequent cleaning and disinfecting of all areas, and the use of cohorting of students and staff for all who plan to participate in the distance learning program on Presidio's campus. Cohorting is using imposed groupings of approximately 10 to 12 students and/or distancing students by 6 feet and/or separating them with Plexiglas dividers, as recommended by the CDC, to reduce infection potential and to aid in infection tracking should a member of the Presidio Family become infected.

- Students may begin participating in distance learning on Presidio's campus on August 17, 2020.
- Students in grades K-8 who participate in distance learning on Presidio's campus must wear their uniform shirts.

How will Presidio School make the determination to lift the distance learning instruction decision?

The Presidio School Board of Directors and the Presidio School Leadership will continue to examine Pima County data and CDC recommendations. Specifically we will watch the following Pima County COVID-19 Progress Report and when the report indicates that the county has met and sustained the 5% infection rate and MET all three recommendations, we will rescind the remote learning only determination. The following is the most current report.

COVID-19 Progress Report and Local Recommendations As of July 21, 2020

Disease Data

Tracking information about cases and deaths helps us understand changes to the activity of COVID-19 in Pima County. These measures may indicate when COVID -19 spread is slowing in the community – whether naturally or as a result of the actions being taken to prevent the spread of the disease.

	Not Met	Progress	Criteria Met
Decreasing cases over two consecutive weeks			
Decreasing COVID-19 related deaths over 14 days			
Decreasing hospitalizations			

We need you... to complete the survey!

In order to allow us to meet student and staffing needs, we need each family to complete the attached survey. When responding, please include the following information

- First and last name and the grade level of each child attending Presidio.
- Where your child will participate in Presidio's distance learning program (on or off Presidio's campus)
- The days of the week your child(ren) will be on Presidio's campus to participate in the distance learning program
- If the days on campus will be different for different children, please complete a separate response for each child.

The health and safety of our #PresidioFamily is paramount during this time of pandemic. I greatly appreciate the feedback we have received from our families. Your support of our plans, our teachers and support staff, and our decisions makes this challenging situation far easier to bear.

Additional Information

Please see the accompanying information sheet detailing Presidio's plans for team teaching, delivering and implementing the Distance Learning orientation, a schedule for retrieving and returning school supplies, and the supply lists by grade level.

Happy Thursday and be well!

Jessica Montierth Puls, Principal