



August 14, 2020

Dear Scottsdale Unified Families,

We hope you and your student are off to a strong start as we launch this school year. We are extremely grateful to you for the extra assistance and support you are offering your student. As we partner to deliver the best possible education under these circumstances, we also appreciate your strong partnership with our dedicated teachers to ensure students are attentive, engaged and progressing through their studies. Your grace and ability to navigate these challenges is what truly makes us all proud to be part of the Scottsdale Unified family.

### **Health and Safety Update**

The Governing Board meets on Tuesday, August 18 beginning at 5 p.m. The meeting agenda and any related documents, as well as a link to our YouTube channel where you can tune in live or catch a replay, is available at [www.susd.org/Board](http://www.susd.org/Board).

One of the key agenda items will be the decision around metrics for reopening school campuses for in-person learning. The Operations and Logistics Health and Safety subcommittee met on August 3 and August 10 to consider key questions and to review and discuss the Arizona Department of Health Services (ADHS) reopening guidelines. The subcommittee's recommendation to the Board will be to follow the ADHS guidelines. If you have not had an opportunity to review those guidelines, please view them [here](#).

Additionally, ADHS and the Maricopa County Department of Public Health (MCDPH) will be providing weekly updates on the re-opening metrics. The link to the summary dashboard from AZDHS can be found [here](#) and the MCDPH dashboard is available [here](#).

At this time, no Arizona county meets the established criteria for returning to learn in person. While the trend data is moving in a positive direction as evidenced by two of the three categories we are tracking, we are still not at a place where public health officials recommend reopening for in-person learning in any capacity. We will provide updates in each of these weekly communications so you are informed on how things are trending. For those who like even more detail, the MCDPH has a weekly COVID update you can subscribe to [here](#).

### **Athletics**

On Wednesday, August 5, the Arizona Interscholastic Association altered the start dates for fall high schools sports and issued [AIA Fall Sports Modifications](#) to provide guidance and match/game modifications for schools, administrators, coaches and players to follow in accordance with NFHS (National Federation of State High School Associations), state and local restrictions and recommendations. For more information on athletics, please reach out to your site Athletic Director and visit [www.susd.org/Athletics](http://www.susd.org/Athletics).

### **Immunization Compliance**

*Has Your School Nurse Reached Out About Immunizations?*

Please be aware that even if your child is attending school virtually or through an online platform, that they are required to be current on immunizations. ADHS is encouraging well visits with pediatricians so children maintain these requirements for school attendance.

Parents of Pre-K, Kindergarten and 11-year-old students: These are the grade levels and age groups most commonly affected by the ADHS [immunization requirements](#).

- Pre-K: Please review the Preschool ADHS document and pay special attention to Hepatitis A vaccines that are specific to this age group.
- Kindergarten: Please review K-12 ADHS Document. Vaccines do not have an age parameter and are required to start Kindergarten, regardless of age at start of school.

- 11-year-old students: Please see attached K-12 ADHS document. Physicians will not give the vaccine earlier than 11-years-old, so please schedule appointments within a couple days of the 11<sup>th</sup> birthday.

The [immunization requirements](#) are as follows:

- Any student who turns 11 years old will be required to receive a Tdap (combined Tetanus, Diphtheria and Pertussis) vaccine when at least five years have passed since the last dose of tetanus-containing vaccine.

AND

- Any student who turns 11 years old is also required to receive a Meningococcal Vaccine (MCV).

Please obtain a record as proof as immunizations given at the visit. Plan to provide the records to your school nurse; you can scan/email copies to the school nurse's office to have these immunizations added to your student's profile as soon as possible.

Maricopa County Department of Public Health offers immunizations free of charge. Visit <https://www.maricopa.gov/1809/Locations> or call 602-506-6767 for more information.

### Free Masks

In anticipation of school campuses opening once the metrics indicate it is safe to do so, we encourage families to have a supply of masks on hand for their student(s). ADHS is offering a package of free masks. To see if you qualify and to place an order for your household, visit: <https://www.azdhs.gov/preparedness/epidemiology-disease-control/infectious-disease-epidemiology/index.php#novel-coronavirus-order-masks>

### 10 Helpful Tips

The MCDPH has created [this helpful guide](#) for parents and guardians with 10 things you can do to help prepare students to return to campus.

### When We Have a Positive COVID-19 Case

The protocol for responding to positive cases of COVID-19 is being finalized in partnership with MCDPH.

Some of the core components include:

- School nurses will follow MCDPH guidelines and report COVID-19 diagnosis information to MCDPH to assist with their contact tracing.
- School nurses will train teachers and staff to recognize and report COVID-19 symptoms. A plan will be in place to send any student and staff members home, without delay, should they become ill.
- At-home screening of temperature and symptoms will be required each day for students and staff.
- Students and staff will be required to stay home if showing any symptoms of COVID-19.

### Navigating Google Classroom

Learn how to support your student in their Google Classrooms by learning how to turn in assignments, navigate Stream and more by viewing this video: <https://youtu.be/lqS-hoSljnw>

### Stay Up-to-Date

We are so grateful to you for your partnership, feedback and continuous support of our students. Information is changing often, so be sure to visit your school's website for the latest updates and announcements.

- View a list of school websites and contact information at [www.susd.org/Schools](http://www.susd.org/Schools).
- Find a list of all SUSD Principals at [www.susd.org/Principals](http://www.susd.org/Principals).
- Print a copy of the 2020-2021 school year calendar at [www.susd.org/Calendar](http://www.susd.org/Calendar).
- Follow your school and the District on social media: [www.susd.org/Connect](http://www.susd.org/Connect).
- Find the latest District updates at [www.susd.org](http://www.susd.org).

We look forward to bringing you another update next week.

Thank you,  
Scottsdale Unified School District