



October 2, 2020

Hello Scottsdale Unified Families,

As we head into Fall Break next week, we have a few important reminders to share. As some of you may have heard, we had the unfortunate news of learning that two Chaparral students have tested positive for COVID-19. We wish these students a speedy recovery.

We thank you for your continued vigilance in ensuring we can reopen, and remain open, through everyone's cooperation with wearing face coverings, recognizing and immediately reporting symptoms to our school nurses, and staying home at the first sign of illness. Our ability to reopen is directly tied to everyone's contributions to public health and use of best practices to stop the spread of COVID-19.

Despite this news, we are still planning on reopening all schools for in-person, on campus learning for those who chose it on Monday, October 12, unless otherwise directed by the Maricopa County Department of Public Health (MCDPH). Keep an eye on the District website at [www.susd.org](http://www.susd.org) and your school's website for any late-breaking news. A listing of school websites is found at [www.susd.org/Schools](http://www.susd.org/Schools).

### **Masks Are Required**

As we move to reopen, we would like to remind everyone that SUSD students and staff are expected to wear a face mask that covers the nose and mouth while they are on campus, on a school bus or on other District property. We also expect parents and family members to wear a mask if they exit their vehicle or walk on to school property, although we do encourage family members to remain in their vehicles when dropping off and picking up students. Please also note that the [Maricopa County regulation](#) requiring face coverings remains in effect. Although we have added 500 additional hand-washing and hand-sanitizing stations to our campuses and increased the frequency of cleaning high-touch surfaces, we do encourage students to bring their own supply of hand sanitizer, tissues and wipes (as age-appropriate).

### **SUSD COVID-19 Metrics**

Wondering what our current case count is? We are committed to being open and transparent with this information to safeguard everyone's health, safety and well-being. The known, lab-confirmed COVID-19 case count for SUSD students and employees is updated weekly and posted on our website at [www.susd.org/COVID19](http://www.susd.org/COVID19).

### **Close Collaboration with County Health**

The District, our schools and our network of on-campus Registered Nurses are constantly working closely with MCDPH to prepare and respond to the appearance of COVID-19 cases in our schools. Our nurses have undergone extensive training to recognize symptoms and initiate isolation practices. They are also responsible for reporting possible cases to MCDPH and the District. Read about [SUSD's detailed COVID-19 response plan](#) at [www.susd.org/COVID19](http://www.susd.org/COVID19).

We are counting on you to be vigilant about your student's health and to keep your student home from school if s/he is exhibiting any sign of illness. You can refresh yourself on the widely recognized symptoms of COVID-19 [here](#).

### **What's Next**

- **October 5 - 9: Fall Break Week | All SUSD Campuses, Offices and Facilities Closed**
- **October 12: Grades 6 – 12 Come Back to Campus. All SUSD Grades are On Campus.**

### **COVID-19 Waiver Required**

Parents and guardians are reminded that in order for students to be allowed on campus, we must have a signed COVID-19 Parental Acknowledgment and Disclosure form on file for every SUSD student. The forms are found in [ParentVue](#) and available for download in [English](#) and [Spanish](#) from our website.

### **Immunization Records Required**

Immunization records must also be up-to-date with our on-campus Registered Nurses in order for students to be permitted on campus. **Students without this record on file or in hand the first day of school will not be allowed to remain on campus.** See the Arizona Department of Health Services immunization requirements [here](#). If you need assistance with obtaining immunizations, 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.

### **If Your Student Becomes Sick**

*In the unfortunate event your student should become ill during the course of the school day, he or she will be sent to the on-campus Registered Nurse for further evaluation. When a student's illness requires further attention or includes a fever above 100.0 degrees Fahrenheit, the Nurse will call the numbers on file with the school for the student to be picked up as soon as possible. It is extremely important we have accurate contact information on file for the comfort of your student and the health and safety of everyone on campus.*

### **Are You Traveling Over Break?**

If you or members of your household travel during Fall Break, or really at any time, you may be exposed to COVID-19. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has a website full of helpful information to review before, during and after travel. Visit [www.cdc.gov/Travel](http://www.cdc.gov/Travel) to learn more. It is imperative for all members of the traveler's household to be mindful of monitoring for symptoms of COVID-like illness. At the first sign of illness, please stay at home, contact a medical provider for further assistance and refrain from coming to any SUSD campus, facility or riding a school bus.

### **Find Your School Bus Route**

Wondering what bus stop and bus route your student is assigned to? Bus routes are assigned by the address on file with the school for the student's home location. The bus route finder and other helpful information is in our Parent Directory found at [www.susd.org/Parents](http://www.susd.org/Parents). Look for Bus Routes under "B". Questions, concerns or any issues relating to buses should be directed to the Transportation Department. A list of contacts is available at <https://www.susd.org/Transportation>.

### **Meal Service is Changing**

As our school schedule allows more students on campus, our Nutrition Services staff will be shifting operations as well.

- There will be no meal service during the week of Fall Break.
- Curbside meal service has ended at Mohave, Pima, Redfield, Sequoia, Tavan and Yavapai.
- Free meal service will continue at the Oak Campus, 7501 E. Oak St., in Scottsdale each Wednesday from 7 - 9:30 a.m. and from 4 – 6 p.m. We will still be offering 7 days' worth of meals, at no cost, for any child 18 and younger.

### **Information Technology Help Desk Hours During Fall Break**

During Fall Break, the SUSD Information Technology Help Desk phone lines will be open to assist you with technology questions and issues Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. The Help Desk is closed on weekends.

For assistance, call 480-484-HELP (480-484-4357).

### **Fall Break Reminder**

Remember, District Offices and all school campuses are closed for Fall Break next week, from Monday, October 5 through Friday, October 9. We will also pause the weekly briefings during that time. For the latest District and school news, be sure to check the website, available for you any time of day or night at [www.susd.org](http://www.susd.org), and find a list of all school websites at [www.susd.org/Schools](http://www.susd.org/Schools).

Have a safe, fun and healthy Fall Break! We look forward to welcoming everybody back on Monday, October 12.

Respectfully,  
Scottsdale Unified School District [Leadership Team](#)