

Mingus Union High School Return to Learn Taskforce

June 30, 2020

Dear MUHS families,

As you may be aware, Governor Ducey announced yesterday that Arizona schools must delay the start of in-person classes until August 17, 2020. As we adjust school calendars and prepare for the reopening of our campus for the 2020-21 school year, we will do what is best for our students, families, staff, and communities. During the week of June 22-26, multiple subcommittees comprising the MUHS Return to Learn Taskforce developed action plans in response to considerations in the areas below, published by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) on May 19 and referenced by the Arizona Department of Education's Roadmap for Reopening Schools:

- Health and Safety
- Curriculum and Instruction
- Transportation
- Food Service
- Finance
- Technology
- Social and Emotional well-being
- Personnel
- Communication
- Athletics and Activities

The primary goal of our action planning is to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 in our school and community at large while we offer the best academic and instructional plans feasible.

Our Task Force has developed instructional options to include both in-person and distance learning. Calls and emails are going out to families to provide detailed instructions regarding enrollment in either option by July 10. The two options presented are based upon current conditions and subject to change with updated health information.

MUHSD has begun and will continue to implement these action plans within the coming days. Included in this plan are recommendations for;

- Home health screening; before students are sent to school they should be questioned by parents/guardians regarding COVID-19 symptoms and should stay home if ill.
- Maintaining Healthy Environments; increase the intensity and frequency of cleaning and sanitizing occupied campus areas.
- Adhering to State and Local requirements; compliance with the Mayor's proclamation regarding physical distancing and face coverings where distancing is not feasible in all campus locations and adherence to County Health services recommendations.

- Promoting Behaviors that Reduce Spread; require face coverings on all school buses and promote frequent hand-washing and use of hand sanitizer.
- Maintaining Healthy Operations; school events will be modified or rescheduled and campus visitation will be limited.
- Athletics and Activities; suspension of summer athletics activities and monitoring the local spread of COVID-19. Strict adherence to AIA guidelines for a return to participation.

Please continue to monitor the Mingus Union website and social media pages for more details as they are made available. We will continue to act in the best interest of our students and staff as we adjust our plans in order to address changing State and County Health Department recommendations in the coming days.

Sincerely,



Mike Westcott

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Mingus Union High School