



Parents/Guardians and Sky Islanders,

These are challenging times, and we are all being called upon to go forward in ways that keep each of us safe and healthy. We know that you must be anxious about the coming school year and how we intend to go forward. Let's take a look at that, knowing that circumstances are changing almost daily, and revisions will be forthcoming.

### **SCHOOL IN THE NEW AGE OF COVID-19 / Scenarios**

At this time, we are joining other regional districts by planning to re-open the school to students on August 6. According to this plan, every student attends school on campus every day from the start to the end of the school day for in-person instruction, enrichment, and community building. Exceptions will be made for students who are immune-compromised and who themselves would, or have a family member who would, be put at great risk by attending school in person.

Our building and program provide us several healthy advantages—windows that open; space to move activities outside; smaller classes; wide hallways and common areas for safe distancing. However, we are not solely relying on those advantages to keep us safe. They will be enhanced to ensure that the educational, health, and social-emotional needs of our school community are being met and that CDC guidelines are being followed to the best of our ability.

At a minimum, the following health precautions will be in place:

1. A new Meridian temperature kiosk will read the temperature of anyone entering the building; two new hand-held infrared temperature readers will also be available.
2. Masks will be required of all students, staff, and visitors in all areas in the school building and on site.
3. Hand sanitizers will be available and required at the front entrance and are available in each classroom—everyone sanitizes hands at the beginning and end of each class.
4. Frequently touched surfaces (door handles, desktops and chairs, computer keyboards, etc.) within the school will be regularly sanitized and cleaned.
5. Windows will be kept open in each classroom to increase ventilation of outdoor air.
6. Drinking fountains are no-touch container refill units and will be routinely cleaned and sanitized.
7. Toilets and sinks in bathrooms and sinks in classrooms will be no-touch fixtures.
8. Shaded outdoor classrooms are being created in the breezeway, courtyard, and ramada to maximize use of outdoor areas.
9. Use of outdoor spaces for lunch and breaks will be required.

The current public health crisis continues to develop, and we intend to be flexible and prepared. In the next weeks we will continue to follow State guidance and will be sending you more specific and revised policies that will be put in place as we enter this next phase. Please also refer to our school [website](#) for updates.

Stay safe, *Shari*

Dr Shari Popen, Director

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