

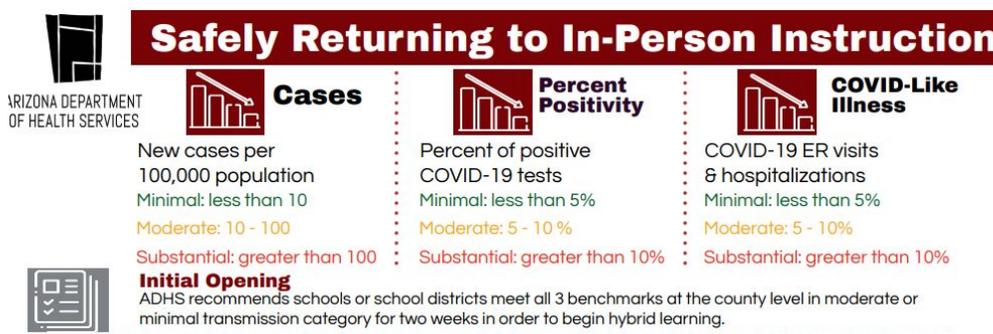


August 10, 2020

Dear Mission Heights Families,

I know many of you have been following the news and awaiting MHP's update on our re-opening of school on campus. Thank you for your patience and support as we navigate through these ever-changing waters. We are starting week two of remote learning, and we are highly anticipating the time we can all be back together again. I cannot emphasize this more. That said, though, as we have shared from the beginning, we want to do this as wisely and as safely for our students, families, and staff. Therefore, today I want to inform you all of the decisions we have made in regards to the newly published Arizona Department of Education Reopening Plan and Benchmarks. For those who have not seen this document, please click [HERE](#) for a pdf copy.

The ADE Plan for Reopening encourages schools to consider the following three benchmarks before reopening into hybrid or on-campus learning: Cases, Percent Positivity, and COVID-like Illness. As seen in the picture below, the Arizona Department of Health encourages there to be a consecutive two weeks with these statistics: less than 100 cases per 100,000 in the county's population, less than 10% of COVID-19 tests as positive, and lastly, COVID-like illness ER and hospitalization visits will be below 10%,



Therefore, these three statistics are what the Mission Heights' team has decided to use as our own benchmark for when we will begin our Phase 1 hybrid learning on campus. We will be watching specifically for Pinal County. You can find this data daily at this [ADHA Data Dashboard](#). We will be communicating as regularly as we can with what this data is looking like for Mission Heights. However, you can also follow along with us on this MHP [COVID Tracker](#) we have created.

All this said, however, **the AZ Department of Education has given every school permission to be open for on-site learning for families who are experiencing hardships.** This includes parents working outside the home, Special Education services, and ELL instruction. If this describes your situation, MHP will be open for these students starting August 17th, Monday-Friday, for our regular hours of 8:20 a.m.-1:30 p.m. We are asking that families who choose this option fill out this ["MHP On-Site Learning and Support Services"](#) form each Monday prior to attendance, so we can plan on who will be on campus the next week. We are honored to support our families in need with this service. Please know that the students attending will be sitting in a designated space with a teacher and will be required to wear a mask. Unfortunately, we are also unable to provide transportation at this time for these support services. There will be a pause each day for lunch where students can eat outside in our courtyard area. If needing food from our MHP caterer, please fill out this ["MHP Meal Pre-order"](#) form each Monday prior as well to reserve food. Food will be provided as it is now on Mondays and Wednesdays (8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m).

As an educational institution that serves many different families and situations, it is near impossible to meet everyone's needs exactly. Please know that Mission Heights has a staff who is honored and ready to serve our students and their families. We will continue to do our part to prepare our facilities safely, to engage and educate our students, and to serve this community as best we can. Thank you for taking part in this journey with us. Should you need anything or have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to us. We are in this together.

Blessings and safety to all,

Amanda Mace
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