

September 5, 2020

Dear Parents of Elementary & Adolescent Students,

The Board of Directors met on Friday, September 4th to discuss the AZDHS benchmarks as of September 3rd. The Keystone Administration is pleased to announce that the benchmarks have been met for a return to in-person instruction in the hybrid model! We are grateful for your support as we began our school year in a Distance Learning format to ensure the safety of our students and staff. Please take the time to read this communication in its entirety, as it contains important information on the procedures and timeline for a return to campus.

- Please complete the [SURVEY](#) by 5:00 pm on Tuesday, September 8th. It is imperative we receive your commitment to in-person instruction or continued Distance Learning so we can properly prepare the classrooms to receive students.
- Monday, September 14th will be the first day of in-person instruction on campus.
- Keystone has committed to continue Distance Learning for the remainder of the 2020 – 2021 school year for those families wishing to remain off campus.
- If you choose for your charter student(s) to remain a Distance Learner, you will have the opportunity to return to in-person instruction at a later date. Dates to transition to in-person instruction will be: Monday, October 12th, Monday, January 4th, and Monday, March 15th. Notification of your intent to return to campus will be required in advance.
- In order to maintain individual classroom cohorts as much as possible, there will be No Elementary Extended Care offered at this time. Extended Care fees for October will be removed will be removed from FACTS.
- Face coverings will be required for all persons on the Keystone campus. Please refer to our updated [Mitigation Plan](#) for details. Current guidelines from the CDC do not recommend face shields as a substitute for cloth face coverings. Keystone is committed to following the CDC and AZDHS guidelines for a safe return and we have updated the Mitigation Plan to include these changes.
- Wednesday, September 9th at 6:00 pm., there will be a meeting for all parents whose children are returning to campus on 9/14. In this meeting we will answer any questions you have about our return to campus, review the Mitigation Plan, and share information on classroom procedures as we welcome our students back to campus. (Zoom invite information will be forthcoming)
- Thursday, September 10th at 6:00 pm., there will be a meeting for all parents whose children are continuing with Distance Learning. In this meeting we will cover the procedures for continued Distance Learning, share information on how and when you may choose to return to campus, and answer any questions you may have. (Zoom invite information will be forthcoming)

We would like to recognize the efforts of every member of the Keystone Community during the closure of our campus. The guidance of the Board of Directors, commitment of the Keystone staff, dedication of the administration, and the assistance of our parents have all been instrumental in our success throughout this process. It is with a grateful heart that we return to campus, and we share our joy with each member of our community.

Dr. Montessori reminds us, “We shall walk together on this path of life, for all things are part of the universe and are connected with each other to form one whole unity.” At Keystone, we are connected by our shared passion for Montessori education and dedication to our children. Welcome Back, Keystone families!

Sincerely,

Keystone Montessori

[Video Message from Ms. Laura & Mr. Stefan](#)

[AZDHS Benchmark Presentation](#)