

Friday, August 28, 2020

Good Afternoon CANO Family,

We have an important announcement regarding the reopening of our school buildings for in-person learning. After assessing the local pandemic data points over the last couple of months, NOLA Public Schools is reopening school buildings for in-person learning.

Beginning next month, all CANO schools will provide both in-person instruction and virtual instruction. This includes your school, Foundation Preparatory. Currently, the data shows that the number of new COVID19 cases has remained under 50 for the past ~19 consecutive days and the rate of positive test occurrences has been below 3% for the past ~19 consecutive days and below 5% for the past 34 days. This data will continue to be monitored and if it changes, we will change as well.

We know that the past five and a half months have been difficult without in-person school. We miss our students! As a network, we have prepared for hybrid learning. Our academic team, our school leadership teams, and our operations team have the strategies we need to teach effectively and in safe environments. This includes proper procedures outlined in every school's COVID19 Plan ([Click here](#)) and Student Handbook ([Click here](#)), kid-friendly signage in each building, lots of personal protective equipment like masks and hand sanitizer, specialized schedules that prioritize cleaning and reduce contact, and much more. More importantly, we will lean on our values, particularly passion and dignity, to guide how we welcome our students back.

Your child's health and safety, along with that of our staff, is a priority. Not only do we have building specific safety protocols, but also as a district, we are working on obtaining testing priority for school staff showing symptoms and routine testing for all. In addition to our in house nursing staff, staff members will have access to the COVID hotline to LCMC medical staff to address health concerns while in the buildings.

We need to hear from you about this. Complete this **mandatory reopening survey** ([click here](#)) as soon as possible and expect a call from us very soon. Many of you filled out the decision survey last time - *we need you to fill it out again*, under these new conditions. If you want more information, check out our Back to School: COVID19 page, ([click here](#)). Additionally, please follow us on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), and [Twitter](#) and sign up for our newsletter [here](#).

Staggered Start Dates	Grades
September 21st	PreK, K, 1st
September 28th	2nd, 3rd, 4th
October 12th	5th, 6th

October 19th	7th
October 26th	8th (Virtual 4 days a week, In Person 1 day a week)

Our very best,

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