



You are receiving this email as your child(ren) is/are registered for one or both of the summer sessions. We ask you to review the decision matrix that includes the safety protocols for the summer sessions. If you do not want your child to attend summer school, please respond to this email by next Tuesday, June 9<sup>th</sup>, informing us of this decision. Due to the limited space available, we have other families' waitlisted who would like to join.

These protocols have been developed through extensive research among various public health entities both local and national. Involvement with national Montessori organizations have guided the application of the principles that meet the developmental needs of our students. Finally, a Physician Advisory Group was created to review the decision matrix. Their input was incorporated in this version. As the situation regarding COVID-19 is changing daily, the Khalsa Montessori School Decision Tree Matrix is a living document. It represents the path that will guide our decision-making into an unknown future. It may change as new information becomes available. Trust in each other and in our commitment to practices that keep us all safe is implicit in these protocols.

The matrix shows levels of risk: the first (pink) stage when school closed and a Stay-At-Home Order was issued in March, the second (red) stage includes the lifting of the Stay-At-Home Order and the gradual re-opening of the state. The third (yellow) stage is summer school. At this stage, we anticipate that there won't be a clear indication that cases are declining, hospital use is declining or that deaths will be declining. The fourth (blue) stage is intended to be our return to in-person instruction for a normal school year. The criteria used by Governor Ducey is that the percentage of positive cases as compared to the total number tested is declining, the number of patients visiting the Emergency Room with symptoms of COVID like illness are declining and the load on our local hospitals/ICU beds equals the capacity that they can comfortably manage. Currently, the data does not show that we have met all of these metrics.

Highlights of our plan for summer school:

- Small, restricted cohorts of students
- No co-mingling of children from different cohorts
- Therefore, no afterschool care
- Hours of school operation: 7:30am-3:00pm
- Temperatures will be checked upon arrival of staff & students
- Staff who move between cohorts will wear masks (gloves is needed)
- Emphasis on personal hygiene and social distancing where possible
- Elementary students and staff will use masks in the classroom
- Elementary students & staff masks will be optional on the playground
- At toddler & primary, children and staff will not wear masks
- At toddler & primary, staff who interact with parents will wear masks
- Staff who work with multiple cohorts of children will wear masks
- No food preparation or snack is allowed, families will provide snacks for their children along with lunch
- Any cohort with a student or staff member exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19 will stay home and isolate until a negative test result and/or symptoms including fever (without medication) abate for 72 hours

Khalsa Montessori School appreciates your patience in waiting for this information and your continuing support. Our intention continues to be the well-being and safety of the children, families, and staff of our school community.

Please respond to this email by 6pm Tuesday, June 9<sup>th</sup> if you no longer want to participate in the Khalsa Summer Program.

Blessings of health and wellness,



Karen Paxton