

Khalsa Montessori School

7/29/20

Dear Khalsa Community,

The State of Arizona has experienced two consecutive weeks of declining cases as well as decreasing positive percentages of those tested. This is good news. The John Hopkins Coronavirus Resource Center (<https://coronavirus.jhu.edu/data/new-cases-50-states/arizona>) shows Arizona in green as one of the few states who are achieving this metric. As of today, we intend to start school on August 17, offering both in-person and distance learning for charter school students. If the Governor issues an Executive Order that requires that all learning be distance learning, then we will begin all charter school students with distance learning. If the Governor declares all schools must be closed until after Labor Day or October 1, then we will be closed until that time.

The staff has been working diligently to create our unique Khalsa Montessori School Distance Learning Plan. Additional information will be provided regarding the plan next week. The KMS Decision Tree for COVID-19 and the KMS Fall Operational Plan will be updated soon, too. As promised, another community Town Hall will be held next week, Wednesday, August 5 from 4:00pm-5:30pm. The Zoom account has been updated to include a larger number of participants and the invitation is here:

Topic: KMS Roadmap for Re-Opening Zoom Meeting

Time: Aug 5, 2020 04:00 PM Arizona

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/74928766101?pwd=L3NxWVJ6UGd2OG01ZmhSL1crbEtndz09>

Meeting ID: 749 2876 6101

Passcode: 8Yb4TD

I hope you will join us in reviewing the changes in the Fall Operational Plan as well as answering your questions regarding the plan as well as the Distance Learning option.

The younger students in the primary and toddler programs will start on August 17 in person and with a distance learning component for those families who choose that option. The younger children are licensed through the Arizona Department of Health Services as a daycare center. This program can be open. *We plan on staying open regardless of the charter school's status.* If the Governor orders all daycare centers closed, we will close. I do not think this is likely to happen.

Thank you for all your support and the incredible GOFUNDME drive for Air Purifiers in every classroom. We have exceeded the goal and will utilize all funds for these types of expenses. When we work together as one community, we are capable of great success.

Sincerely,



Karen Paxton

