

Dear Khalsa Community,

COVID-19 positive cases continue to decline for another week. We will continue to follow our safety protocols. In the meantime, CDC, ADHS, and MCDPH have revised their guidelines and recommendations for schools. Yesterday, MCDPH released a document for re-opening schools that mirrors what we have done all year long: [K-12 School Guidance for COVID-19](#)

One new guideline applies to those people who have been fully vaccinated. If exposed to a positive COVID-19 case, a fully vaccinated person does not have to quarantine and should watch for symptoms over the next 14 days. If symptoms occur then isolation is recommended. [Quarantine Guidance for Household and Close Contacts of a Person with COVID-19](#)

One clear message from all these public health entities is to continue to follow the safety protocols. Spring Break begins soon and if you plan to travel out of town you are required to have your student tested prior to returning to school. The earliest date that students can be tested to return is March 18th. Please send your child's negative test result to the campus site coordinator before Monday, March 22nd.

This Monday, March 1st, re-enrollment packets will be handed out during car line at Primary and Elementary or upon arrival for students on the Palm Lane campus. Arizona Department of Education has a legal requirement that all schools must have open enrollment policies. Current Khalsa parents must re-enroll their student(s) in order to secure their position for the next school year. The school then goes to the waitlist for any openings in classes.

On Thursday, March 4th the next [Khalsa Zoom Town Hall](#) (Meeting ID: 858 6504 9844 Passcode: XE5DqY) has a guest speaker, Kathy Leitch, from the Montessori Foundation/International Montessori Council. Our topic will be "*Bridging the COVID Gap with Montessori.*" Join us for a presentation of Montessori principles that are uniquely suited to addressing the challenges of the COVID pandemic and its aftermath.

I look forward to seeing everyone that evening beginning at 5pm.

Sincerely,

Karen Paxton

School Director