

Dear Adams Families,

As we are all aware, Saint Louis Public Schools altered its plan for the beginning of the 2020-2021 school year in the interest of public safety and health. We initially decided to offer all classes virtually and implemented

Instructional Support Centers to accommodate students and families requiring supervision, instructional and technology needs. We are pleased with our efforts to date. The purpose of this communication is to provide our current return to in-person learning plan.

We are intending for grades **Pre-K** – **2**nd **to return to school October 19, 2020** and grades **3**rd – **6**th **October 26, 2020**. Virtual learning will continue for families that selected to remain at home. It is important that you are prepared for some of the changes that you and your student will experience upon the school's reopening. First and foremost, to keep numbers in line with district policies some students may have different teachers. You will receive information about this from your child's teacher.

Arrival and Dismissal Times (for in-person students): Breakfast begins at 7:50am. *Please do not bring students before this time.* Instruction begins promptly at 8:15 a.m. and students will be dismissed at 2:00pm.

Entry: Preschool and Kindergarten students will enter the building at Door #4 located on Vista Ave. Grades 1st- 6th will enter the building at Door #12 located on the playground. **Only students will be allowed into the building.** All students are required to wear masks. There will be a hand sanitizing station upon entry into the building. Upon entry, students will sanitize hands and have their daily screening. Once the screening is completed students will report to their classroom for breakfast.

Daily Screenings: Upon arrival, temperatures will be taken. *If the temperature reads above 100 degrees, students will not be allowed to attend school.* If your child does not pass the health screening you will be contacted to pick her/him up immediately.

Physical Distancing & Masks: Classroom furniture is arranged so that students meet the social distance criteria set forth by our District. Masks are required upon entry to the building and must be worn throughout the day. Masks may be taken off only during breakfast and lunch. Once a student has eaten, he/she must put their mask on immediately.

Hand Washing: Students and staff will wash hands more frequently throughout the day and will utilize hand sanitizer when hand washing is not available to reduce the transmission of germs. Handwashing is still the #1 way of combating germs. Proper handwashing will be reinforced and monitored closely by school staff.

We simply can't thank you enough for your understanding and patience during such a trying time as this. Our goal is to get our students and staff back into schools; however, we must do so in a way that keeps them safe and healthy. We must prepare for different future scenarios, knowing we may have to change course along the way. So far, 2020 has been an unpredictable and challenging year full of uncertainty. We are appreciative and grateful for your commitment, as well as your confidence in Adams Elementary School. Please be assured that we are making decisions with the best interest of our students and staff. All have continuously worked hard to ensure the safety, well-being and educational success of our students. Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions and/or concerns.

Sincerely,

Dr. Felicia Miller, Principal