

CGCS URGENT UPDATE: August 31, 2020

The Governing Board voted on August 13, 2020 to transition in person learning once the benchmarks were met from state and local county health departments. As of August 27, 2020 the Arizona Department of Health services indicated three benchmarks have been met for Maricopa County for one week. If the benchmarks are met for one more week, we will plan to open for in person learning on September 21, 2020. (At this time, we need the percent positivity to be below 7% for one more week to have students back to school in-person at Country Gardens.)

The Benchmarks are listed below:

- Two consecutive weeks with less than 100 cases per 100,000 individuals or decline in number of cases for two weeks within the county,
- Two consecutive weeks with percent positivity below 7% within the county, and
- Two consecutive weeks with hospital visits for COVID -19 like illnesses below 10% within the region.

The students will bring back their packets on September 21, 2020. Students will be allowed on campus at 7:30 AM at the earliest if dropped off. All students will directly report to their first hour class upon arrival. Staff will be available to escort your child to their classroom. Students who arrive later than 8:00 AM must check in at the front office. A parent must sign a child in or check out any student who is under the age of 18. All visitors must wear a mask on school grounds.

All students who return to in-person learning will be required to wear a mask daily to school. If your child is not able to do this, then your child will need to continue with distance learning/packets.

We will be emailing a survey on August 31 to all families to be completed and returned by September 2. This will help us prepare for busing and in-person learning. If your child will not be returning to in-person learning, your child will be provided packets and you will be required to pick these packets up during school hours. Students must complete and return the packets for a grade. Teachers will not be zooming for distance learning for the classwork in these packets. Teachers will be available to answer any questions that your child has on their packet via email or phone. Information will be shared by your child's classroom teacher on their available times and reminders of contact information in the classwork packet.

Be sure to review the Health & Safety Protocols for returning to in-person learning on our campus. They are listed on the front page of our website: www.cgcsaz.com. It is important that your child understand these protocols so we can keep all of our students and staff safe and healthy, so we can continue to stay open for In-person learning.

We will contact families soon on dates and times we will be selling school shirts. These are required for in-person learning.

Teachers and staff are excited to have all of our students back on campus on September 21! Look for the updates on our school website and by email as we get closer to September 21. We will email all families before we start school. Thank you for your continued support as we get ready to have students back to our amazing CGCS campus!!!

CGCS Administration

Survey to be returned by Wednesday, September 2, 2020

Please complete one for each child.

Name of Child _____ Grade _____

Name of Parent _____ Signature _____ Date _____
(print)

Please initial below, all your choices for your child at this time. This will let us know if your child is returning to in person learning on campus or continuing with distance learning packets and if they will be riding the bus. The bus decision is extremely important for us to know, so we can plan appropriate seating for students on the buses. **If you live close to the school, it would be preferred that you drive your children to and from school for a while, during the continued decline of this pandemic, BUT this NOT a requirement!**

_____ My child will return to In-person learning on September 21, 2020.

_____ My child will continue with packets for distance learning. I understand my child may transition back to in-person learning on Mondays. Transportation needs one week notice for busing.

_____ My child will be riding the school bus to school starting September 21.

_____ My child will be riding the school bus home from school starting September 21.

Bus Transportation will be contacting families regarding schedules for pick-up and return times for bus transportation very soon. Make sure we have your current phone contact information on file.