



January 7, 2021

Dear Lab School Families,

I know that we are still grappling with the impact of yesterday's violent attack on our nation's Capitol. Our teachers and administrators have been available to our students throughout the day as they process these events in age-appropriate ways. Our students have many questions - as do we all.

We believe that as a School we have an obligation to partner with our students in understanding the many layers of complexity that these events reveal - the ongoing impact of systemic racism, the pervasive distrust of media and institutions, and the responsibility of national leaders to tell the truth and to unite rather than divide. We will continue in our commitment to grow into a more diverse, equitable, and inclusive community so that our students can make a long-term impact on building a more just society.

Please know that we stand ready to connect with parents and families if we can be helpful to you in these challenging times. We are grateful to each of you for the work you do to support our students, our faculty and staff, and each other.

Updated Return-to-Campus Plans

I am writing this afternoon to provide an update to our return-to-campus plans based on the necessary postponement of our COVID-19 testing today due to yesterday's events.

I have been working today with our administration and consulting physician to ensure that we revise our plan with a continued focus on a safe return to campus.

We are committed to obtaining a positivity check on our community via testing, and to continued monitoring of virus metrics and conditions in the nation's Capitol. That monitoring will be ongoing in the days and weeks ahead. We will make adjustments, if appropriate and necessary, to the revised plans that I am sharing today.

We will proceed in a staggered approach for our return-to-campus, with testing prior to all return dates.

To support this staggered return, we have been able to secure a testing window for **Elementary Students** on Sunday, January 10 from 10am-2pm on the Reservoir Campus, and we already have a previously announced testing date for **Intermediate, Junior High, and High School Students**, on Thursday, January 21 from 9am to 5pm.

Elementary Return-to-Campus

- On-campus instruction will begin for Elementary students on Thursday, January 14th and Friday, January 15th rather than Monday, January 11th.
- All students and faculty who are returning to on-campus learning will be required to obtain a negative COVID-19 PCR test - either through the School's provided testing on January 10th or through their own provider. If students/teachers choose to obtain their own test, it must be administered between January 7-10 and results must be submitted to Laurelle McCready by Tuesday, January 12th.
- If you previously registered for today's testing (January 7), **you do not have to re-register** or make an appointment for the testing on Sunday. You may simply arrive between 10am-2pm and receive your test. If you have not registered, you can do so [HERE](#).



- As previously announced, on-campus instruction will also take place on Thursday, January 21st and January 22nd, and then continue into the third quarter on January 25th and beyond.
- Please remember that we are closed on January 18 (MLK, Jr. Holiday) and January 20 (Inauguration Day) and have virtual classes on Tuesday, January 19.
- Lastly, if you have not already, please complete this [FORM](#) to indicate your intention for virtual or in-person instruction in the third quarter.

Intermediate Return-to-Campus

- On-campus instruction will begin for Intermediate students the week of January 25th with the schedule previously announced. We will not have on-campus instruction next week for Intermediate students.
- All students and teachers who are returning to on-campus learning will be required to obtain a negative COVID-19 PCR test through the School's provided testing on January 21st. A link to register for testing will be sent next week.
- Please remember that we are closed on January 18 (MLK, Jr. Holiday) and January 20 (Inauguration Day) and have virtual classes on Tuesday, January 19, Thursday, January 21, and Friday, January 22.
- Lastly, if you have not already, please complete this [FORM](#) to indicate your intention for virtual or in-person instruction in the third quarter.

Junior High and High School Return-to-Campus

- On-campus instruction will begin for Junior High and High School students the week of January 25th with the schedule previously announced. Virtual Community Days will take place on January 13th instead of Virtual Plus on-campus activities.
- All students and teachers who are returning to on-campus learning will be required to obtain a negative COVID-19 PCR test through the School's provided testing on January 21st. A link to register for testing will be sent next week.
- Please remember that we are closed on January 18 (MLK, Jr. Holiday) and January 20 (Inauguration Day) and have virtual classes on Tuesday, January 19, Thursday, January 21, and Friday, January 22.
- Lastly, if you have not already, please complete this [FORM](#) to indicate your intention for virtual or in-person instruction in the third quarter. High School groupings for on-campus instruction are TBD until we receive the student intent to return to campus forms, which are due on Friday.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to me with any questions. As always, thank you for your resilience and support through additional changes to our plans due to unforeseen new challenges.

Best,

Kim

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kim", written in a cursive style.

Kim Wargo
Head of School