



Tolleson Elementary School District No. 17

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Dear Tolleson ESD Families;

Thank you for your patience and support for our first day back of distance learning on August 7th.

Both Arizona Department of Health Services and Maricopa County Health do not deem it safe to return to school at this time and recommend Distance Learning continues. Today, August 11th, our Governing Board will discuss and take possible action regarding a safe date to return to school. The health agencies are providing data to support the Governing Board's decision-making process.

In the meantime, until we return to school, Governor Ducey's Executive Order 2020-51 indicates schools will provide a space for children who urgently need it so they can be supervised at school while they participate in Distance Learning. If your child urgently needs a place to be supervised at school to effectively participate in Distance Learning, please complete the form at this link immediately so we can identify what families need this support.

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=TUxxSjWqbkGdzo-ocbN2ziLmSXa_z-FLhjEWUpn27t5UNjJCUldOUkVfVUEwN1pKQ1NBWjEyVDI5OC4u

The supervised space on campus that we provide for students who urgently need this service will be monitored by support staff because all of our teachers are busy teaching via Distance Learning. Breakfast and lunch will be provided in the supervised space, all COVID-19 safety protocols will be followed including physical distancing and cloth face coverings will be required. Transportation can only be provided for students whose Individualized Education Plan calls for it. Laptops will be provided to students who do not already have a district loaned device. The hours of operation for this supervised space will be the normal school hours: 7:45 AM – 2:30 PM for Desert Oasis and Sheely Farms, 8:30 AM – 3:15 PM for Arizona Desert and Porfirio H. Gonzales. Space will be limited so you must complete the form by 5:00 PM on August 12th, and you will be notified on August 14th for the potential opening of supervised spaces on our campuses beginning Monday, August 17th.

Although we always like to do everything we can to serve our students and families in the most accommodating way, this pandemic really minimizes our ability to do so. Therefore, please realize your student is safest at home, and our supervised space will not look at all like a typical day at school with activities and mobility.

Please print and deliver to your school the acknowledgement form at this link

<https://www.tollesonschools.com/domain/257> when your child returns to school.

Sincerely,

Dr. Lupita Hightower

Chief Treasure Hunter & Superintendent

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