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Dear Pattonville Early Childhood families and staff,

I am following up on the email you received today from Dr. Pecoraro regarding changes in in-person learning options. As St. Louis County Department of Public Health guidelines and recommendations continue to change, we continue to adjust. You will find the updated color coded learning plan options and the updated re-entry plan are attached. Similar to our elementary schools, our program will begin in-person learning in the Early Childhood Yellow Phase starting Monday, Sept. 21.

What this means for your family:

For families who selected in-person instruction for this fall, this means:

- Students who attend the half-day preschool classrooms will use a hybrid model for in-person instruction.
 - Students who attend M-Th will attend 2 days per week.
 - Students who attend M/W or T/Th will attend 1 day per week.
 - Students will receive learning activities for at-home learning to use on non-attendance days.
 - *Note: Attendance days will be communicated individually to families.*
- CBIP 1 & 2 (Llama, Sharks, Whale and Giraffe classrooms) and Early Learning (Duck morning class) classrooms will follow their regular schedule.
- Full-day classrooms will follow their regular schedule with a maximum of 10 students.

For families who selected the Villemade Virtual Academy:

- There is no change. Students continue to participate in 100% virtual instruction through the end of the first semester (Dec. 22).

What we need families to do

Pattonville has been working for months on health and safety precautions to prepare for the return of students to in-person learning. You can review these precautions on our Pattonville Returns website at <https://bit.ly/PSDReturns2020web>. ***For families of students returning to in-person learning on Sept. 21, we need your help with the following:***

1. All students ages 2 and older must wear a mask while on the bus and at school, per the county health department's mandate. Staff will help our young students with this requirement. Mask breaks will be allowed when appropriate and it is safe to do so.

2. All families must review the [COVID-19 symptom list](#) each day. If your child exhibits any of the following symptoms, please keep them home and notify your child's school office: Fever of 100 or more/chills; cough; shortness of breath or difficulty breathing; fatigue; muscle or body aches; headache; new loss of taste or smell; sore throat; congestion or runny nose; nausea or vomiting; and diarrhea.
3. If your child has been tested for COVID-19 but has not received a test result yet or has been asked by their doctor or county health department to isolate or quarantine at home, please keep them home from school and contact your child's school office.

I am grateful for your patience, flexibility and understanding as we continue to work through this school year. I feel fortunate to be a part of such a wonderful community! I wish you and your family all the best.

[ECC Learning Options for the 2020 - updated 9_9_20.docx.pdf](#)

In Partnership,
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