



August 6, 2020

Dear Nosotros Community,

As we begin what is surely one of the most challenging school years in history, I'd like to update you on some of the changes you can expect as we reopen Nosotros Academy. We plan to open to all students for remote learning beginning Monday, August 10, and will transition to on-site learning if and when it is safe to do so.

Let me assure you that the safety of our students, staff, and families is our highest priority. The situation in regards to the COVID-19 pandemic is fluid, and we will adjust our safety procedures as necessary based on the recommendations of the Centers for Disease Control (CDC).

Communication is going to be the key to our success during these turbulent times. We are going to use the Nosotros Academy website as the primary communication tool for this year. You will be able to find updates, enrollment forms, the student handbook, and information about your specific classroom on the website. Please visit us at: www.nosotrosacademy.org.

We will also be using a text messaging service called REMIND to send you quick updates re: school policy. Each family will be requested to join two REMIND groups during orientation: one for the entire school to receive general updates and one for the individual classroom.

Finally, if you have any questions or concerns, please contact your child's teacher or the front office. By working together to provide quality educational opportunities for our students, we will emerge from this public health crisis an even stronger community.

Sincerely,

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K-8 Student Handbook Addendum (Fall Semester 2020)

Due to the ever changing nature of the COVID-19 pandemic, families will not receive a paper copy of the Student Handbook during orientation this year. A copy of the Student Handbook from last year (2019/2020) is available on our website and will apply to all onsite activities if and when we **fully** reopen. In the meantime, here are a few things for all families to consider.

Visiting School

We will begin the year by teaching all classes remotely. At some point, depending on health and safety conditions, we may begin a phased reopening. In the meantime, you may have to visit the school for a number of reasons-to drop off forms, participate in orientation, etc. Please note that if you must visit the school, we will have the following safety protocols in place to protect staff and students.

- All visitors to campus must wear a mask and practice social distancing at all times.
- All visitors will have their temperature checked before being admitted to the classroom. Please follow the signs to the screening area.
- Please make an appointment before coming to school. To schedule a meeting, please contact your child's teacher or the front office at 623-1024.
- No more than two groups of people will be allowed in the front office at the same time.
- These protocols are subject to change depending on health and safety conditions.

Remote Learning

Remote learning is new to most of us — students, teachers, parents, and families. To help us all be successful with this new style of learning, we offer the following suggestions:

- Remember that the same goals apply to remote learning as in-person instruction, only the method of delivery changes.
- Some people will adjust to this more quickly than others.
- Strive to make sure all your online communication is respectful.
- We are all learning to do this so please have patience and a sense of humor.
- Help students set up a productive space for them to work at home.
- Stick with the same weekly schedule as much as possible.

Technology

Nosotros has a limited amount of computers and other technology to support the at-home learning of your student. Please contact your child's teacher if you need a computer for use at home or are having trouble getting connected to the internet.

Online Etiquette (Digital Citizenship)

The Nosotros Academy behavior policy remains in effect as students interact in their virtual classrooms. We expect students to communicate respectfully in written communication (i.e. no profanity) and video conferencing (i.e. respecting the dress code). Bullying, harassment, and intimidation through online classroom platforms will not be tolerated.

Note: Parents will be notified if any student violates this policy and the student/family may lose any computer equipment provided by Nosotros Academy.

Communication

Communication will be key in successfully navigating these times. The Nosotros Academy website will be the primary communication tool for this year. You will be able to find updates, enrollment forms, the student handbook, and information about your specific classroom on the website. Please make sure you are familiar with our website at: www.nosotrosacademy.org.

We will also be using a text messaging service called REMIND to send you quick updates re: school policy. Each family will be requested to join two REMIND groups during orientation: one for the entire school to receive general updates and one for the individual classroom.

Finally, please don't hesitate to contact your child's teacher. We will mail out progress reports and report cards at least 4 times per semester, as we have for the past several years, but you may want to establish more regular check-in times, especially near the beginning of the semester.

As always, please let us know if you have any questions.

DAILY SCREENING FOR COVID-19 SYMPTOMS

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2020-2021

Ask: “Have you had contact with anyone that you know has been diagnosed with COVID-19?”

Contact is defined as being within six feet for more than 15 minutes or having direct contact with infectious fluids.

Ask: “Do you have any of these symptoms that you cannot attribute to another condition?”

- Fever or chills
- Sore throat
- Difficulty breathing
- Uncontrolled coughing
- Severe headache
- Vomiting
- Abdominal pain
- Diarrhea

Take the student or visitor’s temperature.

If their temperature is under 100.4°F, allow entrance.

If their temperature is 100.4°F or higher, have them sit in the shade for five minutes before repeating the test. Repeat the test up to three times before assuming they have a fever.

Keep the thermometer indoors or in a cooler.

Considerations from the Centers for Disease Control:

- Children tend to show different symptoms from adults.
 - About 20% of children with COVID-19 show no symptoms.
 - COVID-19 symptoms in children are almost identical to the flu, strep throat, and the common cold.
 - School-aged children typically have up to eight respiratory illnesses each year.
- The goal is harm mitigation.
 - We aim to reduce the emotional impact of daily screenings.
 - All results and symptoms will be kept anonymous to reduce the stigma of COVID-19 and related symptoms.
 - Overall, we aim to provide an accessible education to all students, prioritizing their physical and emotional health and safety.

10 things you can do to prepare for returning back to school

1 Practice Hand Hygiene

Often throughout the day. Teach your child to sing their ABCs, their favorite song, or have them count for at least 20 seconds ensuring they wash front, back, & in-between their fingers, thumbs and under their fingernails.



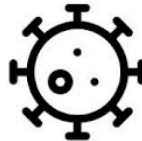
2 Practice Putting Face Covering On/Off.

Nosotros Academy mandates all K-12 students and staff wear a face covering at school. Teach your child to not touch the inside of their face covering when taking it off and to not touch or play with the face covering while on.



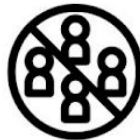
3 Face Coverings

Consider having multiple face coverings to give you proper time to wash them between use. It is recommended to wash and dry face coverings daily.



4 Know the COVID-19 Screening Questions

Review with your child each morning. Also, if your child is not feeling well, check their temperature before going to school and keep them home if it is 100 degrees or higher. Your child must stay home until fever-free without the use of fever reducing medication for 72 hours. If they develop a fever or show symptoms of COVID19 at school, they will be sent home immediately.



5 Practice 6ft of Distance

Measure the distance on the floor. Consider temporarily laying pieces of paper down for a visual.



6 Update Immunizations

Contact your child's pediatrician to see if your child's immunizations are up to date for school, make an appointment to get any required vaccines and ask about when to get a flu shot. Immunizations that are due can also be obtained at the Health Dept.

7 Your Child Will Only Be Able to Use Inhalers for Asthma Medication Administration

Speak with your child's pediatrician to obtain the proper multi-dose inhaler and update their Asthma Action Plan.

8 Bring a Reusable Water Bottle

Water fountains will not be in service. Water for refilling bottles will be available.

9 Verify/Update Emergency Contacts

Verify that your contact information is correct and up to date. If you have completed your child's registration and the information changes, contact the office with the correct information; we will update your contacts. It is important to update all emergency numbers so a contact can be reached at any given time.

10 Stay Informed

Educate yourself from reliable sources such as the:

- CDC (www.cdc.gov/coronavirus),
- Pima County Health Dept (webcms.pima.gov),
- Arizona Dept of Health (azdhs.gov),
- Nosotros Academy website (nosotrosacademy.com).

For additional questions, contact Nosotros Academy
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