

Dear Futures Families,

In my recent letter dated July 7, 2020, I announced our plans to reopen all Futures Academy campuses on 8/31, pending additional information. Indeed, on Friday, July 17th, we received additional information when Governor Newsom announced the new rules for reopening schools. As we have reviewed the new rules in more detail, they do apply to public and private schools, even to those who do not accept federal or state funding, and therefore apply to Futures Academy as well.

Schools may reopen for live instruction only after the counties in which the schools reside have been off the County Monitoring List for 14 consecutive days. As of today, all of our schools are in counties on the watch list.

These new rules make it difficult to set a firm reopening date for our campuses. However, we wanted to communicate our plans to continue learning for the fall semester and how we are preparing to move between online classes and resuming on-campus options as soon as permitted.

We are fully ready to reopen our campuses, and we have all the safety procedures outlined in the Governor's directive in place. Our smaller school environments also allow us to maintain social distancing and monitor other safety measures effectively. We are confident that we are prepared to reopen safely and await approval to do so.

The fall start date remains August 31st. We have received requests from families who prefer to begin their fall semesters early, given their children are at home. Students who wish to start the term early may do so with online schedules by contacting their campus director.

With information changing weekly, we are not able to determine when counties will be off the watch list. As of today, we are planning to begin the fall semester fully online. This provides a contingency plan for all campuses for starting fall classes on time. We have also spent the summer making several improvements to our online learning environment, including new school-wide virtual clubs and social experiences, group homework support, improved online instruction tools, and even a new series of small group, online courses. We are prepared to provide a meaningful learning experience for your child.

On August 14th, we will determine which campuses, if any, can reopen for the start of the school year based on the County Monitoring List and communicate with you

if your campus can open. We will continue to monitor this list daily and communicate the reopening date for your campus as soon as we know it. When your campus reopens, you will still have the option to remain online or continue with a hybrid schedule as long as you choose to do so.

We will be ready to reopen our campuses when they are removed from the watch list. All campuses will have the following safety protocols in place to welcome you back to campus safely:

- Every safety protocol mentioned in the Governor's address is part of our reopening plan, including social distancing, personal protection equipment, and enhanced cleaning procedures.
- We have outlined policies for communicating any confirmed cases, should there be any, and for self-quarantine after international travel.
- Families will continue to have online and hybrid class schedule options.
- All campus leaders and teachers will receive training on safety protocols.
- All students and families will receive information on safety protocols.

On behalf of the teachers and administrators across Futures Academy, thank you for your patience with the evolving information. We look forward to learning with you in the fall semester, and we most certainly look forward to seeing you again soon!

With gratitude,



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