



VALLEY PARK SCHOOL DISTRICT

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August 6, 2021

Dear Valley Park Families:

I hope you have found time to unplug and safely enjoy your summer with family and friends. As summer is rapidly coming to an end, we are excited to welcome back all students to in-person instruction, 5-days a week, in accordance with our district calendar on August 24, 2021. [LINK TO DISTRICT CALENDAR](#)

In preparing for the 2021-2022 school year, we have developed multiple layers of mitigation strategies in our Return to Learn Plan to protect our students and staff's health and safety and limit disruptions to in-person learning as much as possible. [LINK TO RETURN TO LEARN PLAN](#)

We believe that amidst the uncertainty of COVID-19, the mitigation protocols and practices outlined in our plan provide us with the best opportunity to create healthy learning environments for all students and staff, maintain a 5-day a week, in-person instructional model, and offer after-school activities, extracurriculars, and athletics. In addition, our plan aligns with the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and the St. Louis County Department of Health (DOH) guidelines and recommendations regarding sanitation, social distancing, personal protection equipment (PPE), and other layers of protection.

A BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE RETURN TO LEARN PLAN INCLUDES:

- We will social distance in our classrooms and learning spaces to the extent possible with a goal of maintaining at least 3 feet of distance.
- Masks are required indoors and on school busses for all students (PreK-12th grade), staff, and visitors.
 - Wearing masks properly significantly reduces learning interruptions due to quarantines.
 - Unlike last year, students will not have access to livestream teaching if they are quarantined at home, so it is essential that we do everything possible to keep kids in school.
- Masks will be optional outdoors for all students and staff, including recess.
- Modified Quarantine-- a student identified as a close contact from a school exposure who is asymptomatic will not need to quarantine and miss in-person learning because all students and staff will be masked indoors, and other mitigation practices will be in place.
- We plan to offer as many high-quality learning experiences and traditional activities and events as safely as possible, including Field Trips, All After School Activities, Athletics, and Extracurricular Events.
- Students and staff are asked to monitor their health daily, take the Healthy Hawk Self-Assessment, and stay home if they are sick. [LINK TO HEALTHY HAWK SELF-ASSESSMENT](#)

Thank you, as always, for your patience, grace, and understanding as we continue to monitor evolving conditions and make important decisions to ensure our schools are safe and healthy places to learn for all students, staff, and families. We are very much looking forward to welcoming students back to in-person instruction on August 24th!

Sincerely,

Dr. Tim Dilg
Superintendent



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IMPORTANT UPDATES

IMMUNIZATIONS

Per the state of Missouri, all students **MUST** be in compliance/up-to-date with their immunizations in order to attend school and the **immunization record MUST be turned in before the first day of school on August 24, 2021**. Your child's doctor's office can fax immunization records to: 636.923.3656. For a full list of required immunizations, [PLEASE CLICK HERE](#).

ST. LOUIS COUNTY IMMUNIZATIONS FOR CHILDREN

St. Louis County Department of Public Health is offering an extensive back-to-school immunization and vaccination effort for COVID-19 and routine immunizations. Beginning on Monday, July 19th, the health department will offer no-cost immunizations for children aged 3 to 18, and free COVID-19 vaccinations for ages 12 and up. The effort will continue from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday-Friday until September 17th at three locations. Students should bring a copy of their shot records. Locations:

- South County Health Center, 4580 S. Lindbergh Blvd. in Sunset Hills
 - Additional opportunities will be available from 4-7 p.m. on Wednesday evenings at South County Health Center
- John C. Murphy Health Center, 6121 North Hanley Road in Berkeley
- North Central Community Health Center, 4000 Jennings Station Road, in Pine Lawn

VACCINATIONS

According to the CDC, vaccination is the leading public health prevention strategy to end the COVID-19 pandemic. All families and staff members are encouraged to consider the advantages of vaccination.

- Families and staff can learn more about the COVID-19 vaccines, how they were developed, and where to access a free vaccine by visiting: [It's time to revive St. Louis County \(revivestl.com\)](https://www.revivestl.com)

FALL SPORTS

Fall practices begin on August 9th for Volleyball, Softball, and Boys Soccer and August 10th for Cross-Country. Specific practice times and locations are:

- Boys Soccer: 8/9/21 (Head Coach Tom Probst tprobst@vp.k12.mo.us)
 - 9:30 am - 11:30 am Meramec Levee Fields
- Softball: 8/9/21 (Head Coach Katie Alexander kalexander@vp.k12.mo.us)
 - 9:00 am - 11:00 am Softball Field
- Volleyball: 8/9/21 (Head Coach Angie Buckman abuckman@vp.k12.mo.us)
 - 9:00 am - 10:30 am at the Field House. **Masks will be required for volleyball.**
- Cross Country: 8/10/21 (Head Coach Alexis Mathews amathews@vp.k12.mo.us)
 - 7:30 am - 9:00 am at the Field House

Any student-athlete planning on competing in the fall season must have an up-to-date [physical](#) and a completed [MSHSAA Pre-Participation Form](#) on file with the Activities Office before practicing. [Physicals](#) are now valid for two years from the date of the physical examination. However, the [MSHSAA Pre-Participation Form](#) must be completed by a parent or guardian **each year**. Student-athletes cannot practice until both forms are completed and turned into the Activities Office. Questions? Call the Athletic Office: (636) 923-3614. Visit www.vp.k12.mo.us/athletics for forms and the most up to date information. Fall athletic schedules can be found by visiting: [Athletics / Athletics Calendar \(vp.k12.mo.us\)](#)