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October 2, 2020

Dear Valley Park Community:

This week, it was our sincere pleasure to welcome our early childhood and kindergarten students back to school. The fact that this was possible is a testament to the strength and determination of everyone in our community. As we reach the end of our first week of in-person learning with our youngest learners, I want to express how proud, appreciative, and impressed I am with our students' resiliency and adaptability and the patience and creativity of our Valley Park staff. It was a safe, energizing, and excellent week of learning, and we look forward to continuing to welcome back more students each week throughout October.

Next week we are excited to welcome back and educate students in grades 1-2 in-person (Monday-Thursday) starting on October 5th. Our plan still includes transitioning grades 3-4 on October 12th, and 5th grade on October 19th. As we approach the start of the 2nd quarter (October 26th), we are looking forward to expanding our in-person learning opportunities for middle school students and high school students. Look for more information specific to secondary students (6th-12th grade) in the coming weeks. When in-person learning resumes for 6th-12th grade, those students and families who committed to the [6-12 Virtual Learning Pathway](#) will continue to learn through our [Edgenuity Program](#) for the entirety of the first semester and have an option to return to in-person learning when the second semester begins in January.

As we move forward with the 2020-21 school year, our faculty, staff, and students' safety and well-being will remain our top priority. We have worked hard to develop a [reopening plan](#) predicated on sound health guidelines to mitigate the transmission of the Coronavirus and want nothing more than to see our students return to school and stay in school. The probability of staying open to in-person instruction rests solely with each of us. We each must play our part to be good citizens and [practice the health measures](#) promoted by many health experts. We need your help to make this a safe and successful school year. Please remind students that masks are for their safety and their friends' and teachers' safety. Masks are required on the school bus and at school for anyone five and older. We also need your help in screening your child EACH day before sending them to school. It takes less than 2 minutes to do a fever check and review [the Healthy Hawk Checklist](#). If your [child is sick](#), please do not send them to school.

Thank you for your continued partnership. Your children bring joy back into our buildings that have been absent of learners for too long. We look forward to all Valley Park students eventually returning to campus soon. We will continue to take every precaution to keep your children and our faculty/staff safe as we resume in-person learning.

Sincerely,

*Dr. Tim Dilg*  
Superintendent

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## UPDATES & REMINDERS

### BUS ROUTES

Families may access their child's bus stop and estimated pick-up/drop-off time by logging into the [Infinite Campus Parent](#) or Student portals, clicking "More" (on the left side), and clicking "Transportation". If you need additional support, please email Katie Henderson, Lead Bus Driver, at [khenderson@vp.k12.mo.us](mailto:khenderson@vp.k12.mo.us)

### COMMUNICATION ON COVID-19 CASES

The district will communicate with families and staff regarding positive COVID-19 cases in the district only if they are personally impacted or determined to be at risk as per CDC guidelines. Federal privacy laws protect student and staff confidentiality; therefore personally identifiable information on any individuals testing positive or being asked to isolate or quarantine will not be shared.

### ELEMENTARY START & END TIMES

**GRADES K-2:** 8:50AM-3:50PM

**GRADES 3-5:** 8:15AM-3:15PM

**Drop Off Times:** Elementary K-2: 8:35AM - 8:50AM Elementary 3-5: 8:00AM - 8:15AM

**Dismissal Times:** Elementary K-2: 3:50PM Elementary 3-5: 3:15PM

### FREE MEALS

All meals will be provided at no cost to all students throughout the first semester. This includes breakfast in the morning and lunch served in the classroom. Drive-thru Grab & Go meal service will also continue for all virtual learners.

### IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS

All students, those attending in-person and learning virtually, must present documentation of up-to-date immunization status, including month, day, and year of each immunization before attending school. The district will not allow a student to attend school until the district has satisfactory evidence on file demonstrating that the student has been immunized, that the immunization process has begun and satisfactory progress is being accomplished or that the student is [exempted from obtaining immunizations in accordance with law](#). Please submit proof of immunizations to our District Nurse, Tina Elsner.

<https://health.mo.gov/living/wellness/immunizations/pdf/2021schoolrequirements.pdf>

### POSITIVE EXPOSURE OR POSITIVE TEST

Families and staff are asked to contact the district as soon as possible if they, or someone in their household, think they have been exposed to someone with COVID-19, are awaiting test results, or test positive for COVID-19. Families should email our district nurse, [telsner@vp.k12.mo.us](mailto:telsner@vp.k12.mo.us) to inform the district.

### REPORTING ABSENCES

The Valley Park School District is following the [Washington University Pediatric & Adolescent Ambulatory Research Consortium's COVID-19 Algorithms for Clinicians and Schools](#).

- If a student has one low-risk symptom and no known exposures to a person with COVID-19, they must stay home until they are symptom-free for 24 hours. **Low-risk symptoms** include congestion/runny nose, nausea/vomiting/diarrhea, sore throat, headache, body aches, and fever (greater than 100.4)



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- If a student has two or more low-risk symptoms, OR one or more high-risk symptoms, and has not had any known COVID-19 exposure, they should stay home (or will be sent home from school) and must-see their doctor or receive documentation from [St. Louis County that they are COVID negative before returning.](#) **High-risk symptoms** include cough, difficulty breathing, and loss of taste or smell. If the student or staff member tests negative for COVID-19 OR the physician determines symptoms are non-COVID related, then they may return to school 24 hours after symptoms improve.

#### **Y-CARE**

It is our hope to resume Y-Care on October 26, 2020. Before and After-care will be unavailable until that time. Please [click on this link](#) to complete the registration form for your child(ren).