



## Update and Parent Survey

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*Health of a Lion*

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Hello University City Schools Families:

We consistently review current metrics related to the pandemic.

Rates of transmission of COVID-19, active cases, and hospital admissions are going down in our region. Research suggests younger children attending schools and child care facilities are at less risk of getting or transmitting the virus. I give you this information because it is hopeful; however, we cannot understate the serious harm this virus continues to bring to some of our families and staff from both a health and wellness perspective.

I assure you, we are having conversations about the current situation to ensure that we are safe, gradual, and kind with our entire community. We strive to educate children amid a pandemic. **Let me stress; no decisions have been made regarding returning any students to school buildings.** But we are having deep, scientifically-based conversations that include consideration of safety, our vision of Learning Reimagined, well-being, and racial equity.

### Survey

To help us in our above conversations, I am again asking for your critical input through a survey that I hope you will complete as soon as possible or the end of next week. The survey determines if you would opt to return your children to in-person instruction if school buildings reopen. You can fill it out [here](#).

### Some safe fun

On Saturday, Sept. 12, the Loop Business Association is sponsoring a drive-in movie night in the parking lot behind Starbucks by the Farmer's Market. Admission is \$25 per car, and all proceeds go to the University City Education Foundation. Tickets are limited. For more information, click [here](#).

## Reminders

- **Free immunization clinic [open to all families](#):** Wednesday, Sept. 16, 3 to 6 p.m. at the McNair Administration Building, 8136 Groby Road.
- **Virtual curriculum nights** for families: Please look for individual communications from your schools regarding the time and links.
  - High School and LLC: Wednesday, Sept. 23
  - Middle School: Thursday, Sept. 24
  - Elementary Schools and Early Childhood Center: Tuesday, Sept. 29
- **Zoom with the Superintendent:** Tuesday, Sept. 22 at either 9 a.m. or 5 p.m. To register, click [here](#).
- **Parent Café:** An hour of guided mindfulness to center, relax and restore: Wednesday, Sept. 23, either at 9 a.m. or 5 p.m. To register, click [here](#).

I end with a shout-out to Brittany Woods Middle School for its virtual Zoom play, "The 11th," which premiered to families last night. It's exciting to see our students adapting and thriving. I am proud of them, thankful for our teachers and leaders for making this happen, and reflective regarding September 11, 2001. The play is powerful. You can see a recording at [www.ucityschools.org/BWThe11th2020](http://www.ucityschools.org/BWThe11th2020).

As always, please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns via [shardin@ucityschools.org](mailto:shardin@ucityschools.org) or my cell phone at 314-399-0941.

In Service of Our Children,

Sharonica Hardin-Bartley, Ph.D., PH  
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