



Julia Goldstein reopens for in-person instruction Oct. 19

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Health of a Lion

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Dear Julia Goldstein Families:

Thank you for your patience and understanding over the last few months. I am delighted to share that we will be reopening Julia Goldstein's classrooms to students under a blended instruction model on Monday, October 19, 2020.

We believe that the decision fully aligns with our goal of implementing a safe, gradual and kind return to classroom instruction as part of our Health of a Lion plan. Here are the critical points of our plan:

Gradual

Starting October 19, parents can elect to send their children to the center for direct instruction under a blended model of in-person and online education. Under this model, students will come on either Monday and Tuesday or Thursday and Friday, depending on their assigned days or "cohort." The students will engage in virtual instruction with their teachers on the three days they are not in school. The approach will give students and staff a chance to gradually acclimate back to a classroom routine while also adhering to new safety requirements and practices. If you have not done so already, please contact Principal Crystal Cauley at ccauley@ucityschools.org to let her know if your child will start attending via the blended model or remain at home in virtual instruction.

Safe

As we've discussed before, the blended model enables the District to create smaller student-teacher ratios, making more room for our children and staff to spread out and pay attention to safety and health standards. Here are other essential safety procedures in place.

- All staff will wear masks.
- Julia Goldstein students are strongly encouraged to wear masks.

- All staff and students/guardians will be required to do a health check-in by 8 a.m. on the mornings they are scheduled to come to school. This will be submitted via the Student 360 app that can be downloaded on a cell phone ([iPhone](#) or [Android](#)). More information on how to download and use the app can be found here.
- Drop-off will be in front of the building with staff assisting students out of cars and walking them into the building.
- Parents or guardians that have not completed the check-in app for the day will be asked to complete it in a designated area of the parking lot prior to their child entering the building.
- Buildings will be sanitized routinely during the day and deep cleaned on off-hours.
- All staff will be provided with sanitizing wipes and other materials to sanitize furniture and seats.
- All bathrooms will be sanitized throughout the day.
- Staff will coach the students through routine handwashing and ensure that students do not cluster in groups.
- Water fountains have been modified to fill water bottles.
- The District will be publishing both county and District statistics regarding COVID-19 on a new [Health of a Lion Dashboard](#) on the District website.
- Extra nurses will be deployed to Julia Goldstein to assist with health tracking and contact tracing.
- Quarantine measures will be employed when necessary with staff and students if needed.

Kind

- Staff and students will be given ample time every day to refresh outside and take mask breaks.
- Safety and health will be discussed in a child-friendly way within school buildings.
- Staff have been given options regarding returning to classrooms given their own home and health situations.
- Teachers will be able to open windows at their discretion and judgment for the best interest of the class
- Wednesdays will remain asynchronous, at-home learning days to give our teachers time to reconnect with staff and grow their skills during such a challenging time.
- Wellness kits will be given to all families returning to school buildings, including a water bottle, face mask, hand sanitizer and other items.
- Emotional wellness will be woven into all aspects of the in-person environment.
- Before and after-care will be available.

Next Steps

Further Information on downloading and using the app for the at-home health-check is available [here](#) and is also attached to this email. Para leer en español, haga clic [aquí](#). If your child's teacher has not contacted you, please expect to hear from them regarding your child's cohort days.

Thank you for trusting us with your amazing child and being ecstatic to welcome them back to our school building!

In Service of Our Children,

Sharonica Hardin-Bartley, Ph.D, PHR
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[How to: Student 360 health check-in app](#)

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