



SDUC Friday reminders and updates

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Dear U. City Schools Families:

I wanted to remind you that during the weeks of November 23rd and November 30th all students will be participating in virtual learning. There will be no in-person instruction. Here is the schedule:

- **Monday Nov. 23 and Tuesday Nov. 24:** All virtual classes for all students.
- **Wednesday, Nov. 25 - Friday, Nov. 27:** Fall break; no school
- **Monday, Nov. 30 - Friday, Dec. 4:** All virtual classes for all students
- **Monday, Dec. 7 and Tuesday, Dec. 8:** Cohort A in grades PreK-6 return to in-person instruction (we have not made a final decision regarding the return to school date for 7th/8th grade students)
- **Thursday, Dec. 10 and Friday, Dec. 11:** Cohort B in grades PreK-6 return to in-person instruction

Each building will share communication regarding expectations during those two weeks.

We've also had some inquiries regarding some of the terms we use when describing COVID-19 situations to our parents. Here are some key points, per the St. Louis County Department of Health:

- **Quarantine** is used to keep someone who might have been exposed to COVID-19 away from others. Someone in quarantine stays separated from others at home. **Close Contact** means a person was within 6 feet of a positive person for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period starting from two days before the onset of symptoms. Quarantine lasts 14 days and typically starts two days prior to the last point of contact with a positive individual.

- **Isolation** is used to separate people who have COVID-19 and/or people with COVID-19 symptoms from healthy people. People who are in isolation should stay home. They should stay in a specific “sick room” if possible, and away from other people in your home. Use a separate bathroom, if available. Current evidence suggests that an individual may be contagious 2 days before the symptoms start and likely for up to two weeks after the date that symptoms started.

In the District, we have strict protocols for reporting to parents.

- In a situation where a student or staff member tests positive, a letter is sent directly from me to all families and staff in the particular school building notifying them of the positive case.
- Parents are contacted separately by their principal or the athletic director if contact tracing determines that their child will have to quarantine due to exposure.
- Principals will also directly notify parents in particular classrooms if a member of the class or group is quarantining.

You are also encouraged to check-in to the District’s [COVID-19 dashboard](#) for the most up to date numbers of positive cases and quarantines within district buildings.

Thank you for keeping safe and encouraging your children to do the same. Proper mask-wearing and physical distancing remain the best ways to prevent the transmission of COVID-19. Please abide by the St. Louis County Department of Health order to not travel over the holiday break and to limit gatherings to under 10 with people in your immediate social bubble.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at shardin@ucityschools.org or on my cell phone at 314-399-0941. Have a great weekend.

In Service of Our Children,

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