

COVID-19 SUMMER UPDATE

Happy July! I hope this finds everyone healthy, safe, and enjoying some outside activities. In this unprecedented summer, we are all having to rethink our activities, social events, and daily schedules, but with a little more freedom than last month. With continued observance of social distancing, face covering when out of our homes, and frequent hand washing, hopefully we should be able to stay virus free.

Since our school year ended on May 29, 2020, we have been preparing for our next school year to address all health and safety issues to be ready for our 2020-2021 school year beginning on August 13, 2020.

We have purchased an Electrostatic Disinfectant Sprayer to use on a regular basis to insure that our school is virus free. The disinfectant cleaner we use is KaiBosh, an EPA Registered hospital grade product that is effective against a wide variety of bacteria and viruses and doubles as a cleaner, as it kills 99.9% of household bacteria and viruses. For further information on this fantastic product, please see: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mGd9ruUJcCO>

We have also implemented several new procedures including taking everyone's temperature with a touchless thermometer as they enter the building, requiring masks/cloth face coverings to be worn, and practicing social distancing. There will be some modifications to the school schedule to adjust to the lunch times, and bagged lunches are definitely recommended. The items that students will be allowed to purchase will be items that are prepackaged, as no one will be able to handle any food products that are not wrapped/ sealed. Plastic eating utensils are also sealed in packages for students to use. A new process for microwaving food will be in place so that students will not touch handles of the doors or controls. All students must have their own water bottles to be refilled from the water cooler, as no one will be able to use the water fountain as previously used. We have added hot water to all restrooms and have soap and hand sanitizer available all around the school and in all classrooms. Teachers will clean and sanitize all desks, computer keyboards, and other often touched areas of the classroom every period of the day.

As you can see, we are getting ready for another excellent school year, and looking forward to our students returning!! It is still quiet here, but not as lonely as we have a small group of summer school students for their six weeks summer program. Enjoy your summer and your July 4th celebration of the birthday of our country!

Sending wishes for health and safety,

Dr. Allison