



VIRTUAL LEARNING

January 3, 2022

Hello Premier Families,

In accordance with the Pennsylvania Department of Health's (DOH) recommendations, Premier Arts and Science Charter School will be CLOSING its school building and will operate on a full-remote schedule, effective January 4 through January 10. This is due to several positive COVID-19 cases upon our return to school. Students may return to school on Tuesday, January 11, 2022, if they are not displaying any COVID-19 symptoms. All staff will be tested prior to resuming in-person instruction.

For the 2021-2022 school year, Premier Arts and Science Charter School has posted and will continue to post information on positive COVID-19 cases on the school's website at pasc.net. For each case, we will identify the date and whether contact tracing was necessary. If individuals are identified through contact tracing as close contacts, they will be contacted individually.

Definition of Close Contact - Individuals within 6 feet of a positive case for 15+ minutes during the period of possible spread. Per the Pennsylvania Department of Health, this excludes K through 12 students who are properly wearing masks within 3-6 feet of each other.

PASCS considers several factors when determining if a classroom and/or school needs to close due to multiple COVID-19 cases. The Pennsylvania Department of Health recommends closing a building if 10-15% of students and staff are positive, or if there are outbreaks in several classrooms within a 14-day window. We believe the combined mitigation efforts at school, and within our Premier community, will allow us to remain learning in-person, as we closely monitor the impact of COVID-19 on our school community.

Students will be provided a Chromebook/laptop and/or work packets for virtual instruction (synchronous and asynchronous). Each one is assigned an email address and password; you can find this on a post-it inside of their computer. A video will be posted on our school website and Class Dojo with login instructions. However, do not hesitate to contact Premier's tech team if you need any further assistance.

During this virtual time, please continue to employ safe and considerate health practices at home - including but not limited to hand washing, ensuring that students get proper rest and nutrition, and limiting travel and gathering in groups.

We thank you for your support in this important matter.

Best,

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Interim Chief Operating Officer

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