

October 2, 2020

Dear YES Prep Families,

We hope this message finds you safe and well. This week we welcomed our first group of students back to in-person learning on campuses including our founding North Central Elementary and Southeast Elementary students who attended their first day of school in their brand-new buildings! Watch this [news story](#) which captured the staff at Southeast Elementary getting ready to welcome students back in person. A big thank you to all teachers and staff across the district who worked tirelessly to create safe spaces for our students and thank you, families, for all your help and flexibility as well.

Please know, we will continue to rigorously enforce safety protocols and improve them where we can. We know this virus brings many challenges, but our staff is ready and steadfast on our commitment to serve students in the safest way possible. Thank you for your patience and flexibility as we make decisions that prioritize the health and safety of our students and staff.

### **In-Person Learning at School Begins Next Week for [Cohort Two](#)**

As a reminder, in-person learning at school for **Cohort Two (students in transitional grades 6, 9 & 12) who selected and confirmed the In-Person at School program option via the YES Prep Program Survey, begins next Monday, October 5.** Please be sure you have reviewed details about the Daily Health Check and are familiar with the In-Person Readiness Checklist below to ensure a smooth and successful transition onto campuses next week.

Students in **Cohort Three (Grades 7, 8, 10, and 11)**, your deadline to **complete the Program Option Survey is next Monday, October 5!** In order to complete your learning program selection survey you will need to login to [Skyward Family Access Center](#). For instructions to complete survey click [here](#).

### **In Person Reopening Timeline**

- **Beginning Tuesday, September 29:** Elementary students and limited number of students grades 6-12
- **Beginning Monday, October 5:** Students in transitional grades 6, 9 & 12
- **Beginning Tuesday, October 20:** Students in grades 7, 8, 10 & 11

\*For all our students at our partnership schools, please refer to the phase-in plan that your campuses have shared with you. Also, Spring Branch families should refer to the survey deadlines shared by Spring Branch and the Northbrook campuses.

For all our families with elementary students continuing online learning at home, please remember students should log in to Imagine Learning every day and complete a minimum of 40 minutes of math and 60 minutes of literacy per week within the platform.

Families of secondary students continuing with online learning at home, please check with your student(s) about their assignments and have them follow up on any missing schoolwork.



## Student Daily Health Check

At YES Prep, we believe that we will be most successful in mitigating the spread of COVID-19 when we work together as a community, hold ourselves accountable and maintain the highest level of commitment to the safety protocols and procedures in place for everyone. One of these commitments we ask families to make is completing the Daily Health Check (a wellness self-screening).

We are requiring families to complete the Daily Health Check **before the student arrives at school each morning** to ensure a faster check-in process on campus. If the answer to any question in the Daily Health Check is YES, your student must stay home, and you should notify your school and healthcare provider. The Daily Health Check can be completed in Skyward online or mobile before leaving home for school: [Skyward Access](#) / [Instructions](#). We appreciate everyone’s participation in this and all other proactive safety measures.

\*For all our students at our Spring Branch partnership schools, your child will take the SBISD daily student health app. Please visit Spring Branch’s website for information about how to download the health app to your phone.

## Reignited In Person: Are You Ready for In-Person Learning?

To assist families in preparing for a smooth transition to in-person learning at school, YES Prep has created the [Reignited In Person webpage](#) on our website. This page outlines all the information and protocols you should know for a successful transition back to campuses including an *In-Person Learning Readiness Checklist*. Please take some time to review each item in this checklist below and visit the [Reignited In Person webpage](#) before your student’s first day of in-person learning on campus. You can also access a printable version of the checklist here: [Elementary](#) / [Secondary](#).

## In-Person Readiness Checklist

Step	Details and Guidance	
1. Complete Daily Health Check	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Complete the Daily Health Check in Skyward online or mobile <b>before leaving home for school.</b> <a href="#">Skyward Access</a> / <a href="#">Instructions</a></li> <li>If the answer to any question is YES, your student must stay home, and you should notify your school and healthcare provider.</li> <li>A student who must remain off campus will shift to online learning at home if they feel well for schoolwork.</li> </ul>	
2. Prepare Materials	<b>Elementary</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fully charged device with charger</li> <li>Headphones</li> <li>Mask</li> <li>Water bottle</li> <li>Backpack with supplies</li> <li>Car/bus rider tag</li> </ul>	<b>Secondary</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fully charged laptop with charge</li> <li>Headphones</li> <li>Novels or workbooks</li> <li>Mask</li> <li>Water bottle</li> <li>Backpack with supplies</li> <li>Student ID</li> </ul>
3. Prepare for School Arrival	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bus riders – put on mask, use sanitizer and follow social distancing seating</li> <li>Car riders – provide extra time for temperature check and to put on mask before exiting the car</li> </ul>	
4. Follow Arrival Procedures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Be prepared for contactless temperature check every morning in the drop off/carpool lines</li> <li>Continue social distancing while on campus</li> </ul>	

## COVID-19 Tracker Dashboard

YES Prep's commitment to health and safety includes being transparent about the number of COVID cases at our campuses. We will be providing data on the number of test-confirmed, new cases of COVID-19 on a weekly basis. YES Prep will continue to send communications directly to our school communities about positive cases related to individuals who have been present at our campuses. To see the tracker dashboard, visit: [yesprep.org/covidtracker](https://yesprep.org/covidtracker).

\*Data on student cases at YES Prep Northbrook MS/HS, Hoffman MS and Eisenhower HS will be reporting on the [SBISD](#) or [AISD](#) website, respectively, under their home campuses.

## Legacy Community Health COVID Testing

A reminder that all Legacy School-Based Health Clinics are now open and offering telemedicine, curbside, and in-person visits to YES Prep students and siblings. COVID-19 testing is also available for symptomatic students and siblings (as testing supplies remain available). To schedule an appointment, call 281-628-2050.

\*Students of YES Prep Northbrook MS/HS, Hoffman MS and Eisenhower HS can access Legacy services at any of the YES Prep campuses with a clinic on site. Find more information [here](#).

## Progress Reports

A reminder that Progress Reports for secondary students (grades 6-12) were posted on September 30 and are available in [Skyward Family/Student Access](#). Please log in and review student grades in all classes as soon as possible. As a reminder, we have moved to a quarter-based grading cycle. Student grades in some high school courses will either earn or not earn credit at the end of this quarter and impact students' GPA. You can find the academic calendar [here](#) to review dates for each quarter. If you have any questions about individual grades, please contact the applicable teacher.

## Family Resource Center

The Family Resource Center is a centralized place where you can access the resources, tools, and training you may need to support your child's learning journey at YES Prep. This is a dynamic space that will continue to be updated to share connections to community resources, training on technology tools we use at the elementary and secondary levels, and links to Social and Emotional Learning (SEL) content. Be sure to check it out [here](#).

## Thank you, Principals! Thank you, Custodial Staff!

October is National Principals Month! YES Prep would like to thank our Principals for their leadership, courage and commitment especially during this time. Our Principals have been working around the clock to ensure that ALL students are provided with a safe, high quality education, whether that be through online or in-person learning. Thank you for all that you do for our schools, students, teachers, and community.

Last but not least, we would also like to take this opportunity to show our appreciation to all custodial workers, especially our campus custodians, on National Custodial Worker's Recognition Day. We thank custodians for all their hard work in making sure our public spaces, including our schools, are clean and safe. The key role they play in keeping our community safe is apparent now more than ever.

Thank you