

To: Families for Rocketship MKE
Subject: Announcing our Return to Work
From: School Principals

Dear Rocketship Parent/Guardian,

Rocketship is excited to share updates on our reopening plans. Given new guidance from the Milwaukee Health Department we will now be able to offer on campus learning for every student who wants to participate in in-person learning.

This letter is to provide more details about our return to campus timeline and how you will officially opt-in for on-campus learning or continued virtual learning for this school year. We will phase in by grade level the week following Spring Break (April 2nd-9th).

Return to Campus Dates

- **Tuesday April 13:**
 - **All 3rd and 5th Grade Cohorts**
- **Thursday April 15:**
 - **All K4 and 4th Grade Cohorts**
- **Monday April 19:**
 - **All K5, 1st, and 2nd Grade Cohorts**

Following the CDC guidelines for schools and learning from schools that have been open this year, we have been able to establish health and safety protocols and learn about best practices for how to continue to operate our schools safely. Our health and safety protocols include universal masking (adults and kids), increased sanitizing and disinfecting, hand hygiene, individual student materials, screening, and increased ventilation in all spaces. We made significant HVAC updates to our school systems, including MERV10+ filters and additional in room HEPA air purifiers for all spaces.

We understand that not all parents are ready to return to on campus learning at this time, so we will continue to offer our virtual learning program for the rest of the school year.

We will strictly adhere to our layers of protection to limit the risk of transmitting COVID-19: We are mitigating the risk of COVID19 spreading on our campus through layers of protection. Universal mask wearing, and daily symptom screening will be universally enforced. We have increased our ventilation and sanitation efforts and test all our in-person staff biweekly for COVID19.

We will enforce health and safety protocols with students. All health and safety protocols must be adhered to 100% of the time. If a student struggles to maintain proper mask usage, maintain physical distancing when asked, or if their behavior poses a risk to the health and safety of themselves, their classmates, or their teachers, they may be required to return to distance learning. As always we view you, our families, as partners in this work and we will communicate proactively with you if your child's behaviors become a concern. Please talk with your child about

proper mask usage, social distancing, keeping their hands to themselves, as well as reviewing how to properly wash their hands before returning to school.

All parents must abide by health and safety protocols for on-campus learning: In order to maintain safety for all students, staff, families, and our school community students may never be on campus if they begin to present symptoms of COVID19 throughout the school day. All parents must commit to arranging pick up of their child within 1 hour if they become ill throughout the school day. If an in-person student is required to stay home they can continue to participate in class virtually on those days.

Student Screening and Timely Arrival and Dismissal: One of the key ways we will keep all students on campus safe is through daily health screening. We are currently planning our arrival system and will update you with details when they are finalized.

Student arrival begins at 8:10AM and ends at 8:30AM. All students must be screened prior to entering the school building with their guardian present (there will be a station for walkers, and car riders will be screened in your vehicle). No students will be permitted to arrive at school without a guardian escorting them, and no late students will be permitted to enter campus after 9:00AM. If there is an extenuating circumstance (for example, a doctor's appointment), an arrangement must be made beforehand with the front office by the parent. Dismissal time runs from 2-2:30PM.

All students must be picked up by 2:30 PM. If a student has 2 late pick-ups the parent must meet with a school leader to develop a plan. Students with multiple late pick-ups may be returned to virtual learning.

Attendance is critical to your student's success: All students who opt in for on campus learning must commit to being in attendance every day unless it is an excused absence. If your student is unable to attend school, families must call and notify the school by 9:00 AM. If a student has two days of unexcused absence they must meet with a school leader to discuss attendance and create an attendance plan. Students with multiple unexcused absences may be returned to virtual learning.

We are asking ALL PARENTS to [fill out this form](#) by MARCH 24th to inform us if you want to return to on campus learning or remain in virtual learning.

In Partnership,

Kourtney Vang
Principal, Rocketship Transformation Prep