

Date: 08/08/2020

Dear San Tan Community:

We are providing you the following information in accordance with Governor Ducey's Executive Order 2020-51 issued on July 23, 2020. Please carefully read the following information below regarding the 2020-21 School Year.

Home Based Learning Plan: Our Home Based Learning Plan can be found on the School's website, available at <https://santancharterschool.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/charter-holder-distance-learning-plan-final-san-tan.pdf>.

Mitigation Plan: Our mitigation plan to address measures to combat the spread of COVID-19 can be found on the School's website, available at: <https://santancharterschool.com/branding/important-updates-on-covid-19/>.

School Calendar: Home Based learning began on July 30th, 2020 and will continue to August 28th, 2020. Attached to this notice is a current copy of the school's calendar for the 2020-21 School Year.

Having received guidance from the Arizona Department of Health Services, San Tan Charter School will begin on August 31st, our phased approach to return to campus. The phased approach will consist of our Home-Based or Hybrid model (on-campus Monday/Tuesday or Thursday/Friday with home-based instruction the other days of the week). This date is only an estimate and may be revised by the School at any time based on the Az Health Services Benchmarks.

Attendance Requirements: Please have your child continue to participate in the School's home based learning in order to be counted as present and attending. The School's home based learning plan requires the following minimum level of contact with staff, if you have any questions, please reach out to your campus Principal.

Free On-Site Learning Opportunities and Support Services: Beginning on August 17, 2020, we will begin offering free on-site learning opportunities and support services for students who need a place to go during the school day.

- Please be advised that free on-site learning opportunities and support services **is not** teacher-led classroom instruction. However, free on-site learning opportunities and support services will include in-person support services such as student supervision during standard school hours, and may include teacher-led or paraprofessional support for students engaging in home based learning instruction.
- If you believe your child needs a place to go during the school day, please contact Dr. Kristofer Sippel at ksippel@santancs.com to discuss whether your child qualifies for this service which is open to K – 12th grade students. The Arizona Department of

Education currently describes this service as a “safe learning space for students who are at-risk, in special education programs or who are the students of essential workers.” In addition, this program will be capped at 24 students. For more information on this service and qualifications, please visit our website at <https://santancharterschool.com/branding/important-updates-on-covid-19/>.

- Please be advised that free on-site learning opportunities and support services may be suspended or terminated if the School or the Arizona Department of Health Services advises closing the premises for public health reasons or in the best interests of the staff and students.

If you have any questions or concerns about the information in this letter, or if you need additional assistance, please contact me at ksippel@santancs.com. The information contained in this letter may change as the situation changes, and in accordance with any applicable law, regulation, order or Governing Board policy. ***Please continue to regularly review the websites listed below for important updates.***

All the best,

Dr. Kristofer Sippel

Superintendent

Important Websites

- School’s 2020-21 School Calendar: <https://santancharterschool.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/12/2020-2021-calendar-stcs.pdf>
- Home Based Learning Plan: <https://santancharterschool.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/charter-holder-distance-learning-plan-final-san-tan.pdf>
- Mitigation Plan: <https://santancharterschool.com/branding/important-updates-on-covid-19/>.
- Arizona Department of Health Services Benchmarks: <https://www.azdhs.gov/preparedness/epidemiology-disease-control/infectious-disease-epidemiology/index.php#novel-coronavirus-schools>
- On-site Learning Opportunities and Services Plan: <https://santancharterschool.com/branding/important-updates-on-covid-19/>.
- Arizona Revised Statute § 15-802, available at: <https://www.azleg.gov/ars/15/00802.htm>
- Governor Ducey’s Executive Order 2020-51, available at: <https://azgovernor.gov/executive-orders>