

HILL SCHOOL

Office of Head of School

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2020

Dear Parents,

Our Task Force met again this week to discuss the possibility of relaxing any of our healthy and safety protocols. We have decided to implement the following:

- Graduate students from the Miller Speech and Hearing Clinic at TCU's Harris College of Nursing will be invited into the building to work with our students whom they believe would benefit from therapy. Parents will receive notification in advance of this opportunity with the option of declining the speech services if you do not feel comfortable with your student working one-on-one with a therapist.
- Student-athletes who are learning remotely will be allowed to participate in a sport with certain requirements in place:
 - Parents must submit the daily COVID-19 questionnaire by 10:30 a.m. each day
 - Parents must transport the student to campus or to the competition
 - Temperatures will be taken upon entering the building
 - UIL and Hill School guidelines will be in place which includes face masks worn in accordance with the governor's executive order
 - Failure to comply with any of these requirements will result in the student not being able to participate.
- Mask breaks will continue and students will go outside on a regular basis. This means that students must bring a coat or heavy sweatshirt and gloves or mittens, if appropriate, to wear while they walk outside. Mask breaks are important for many reasons, and students will not be excused from taking the necessary breaks.

Chilly fall weather is here, and this serves as a reminder to many that the Holidays are fast approaching! Beginning this weekend with Halloween, until we ring in the new year, our community will experience a holiday season that may look different from holiday seasons in the past.

In signing Hill School's Partnership Agreement, we decided together to take care of each other. And we've done a wonderful job of staying safe and preventing the risk of infection within our school community. While we are away from school for an extended break at Thanksgiving and again during Winter Break, it's very important that we continue with our shared responsibility for each other's health and safety. Please continue to be mindful of our health and safety protocols which include wearing a mask when in public and when within 6 feet of someone outside your household, practicing good hand washing, and staying positive! I strongly believe that our students need each other and need to be with their teachers, and my hope is that we will be able to return to campus after each break and avoid sending everyone home for remote learning.

Currently, Tarrant County's community spread level is at "substantial" which means that large-scale community transmission, including within communal settings (e.g., schools, workplaces), is significant. If you find yourself wondering what to do in a certain situation, please refer to our Decision Tree for families. If you need to report exposure or a positive case of COVID-19, email Health@HillSchool.org.

We are all in this together! Be safe and be smart.

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