

On June 1, 2020, the Arizona Department of Education distributed its considerations for reopening schools for the 2020-2021 school year. Since that time, our task force has met weekly regarding reopening protocols for Bright Beginnings School. We just completed our third meeting and while COVID-19 cases continue to rise we felt it necessary to reach out to you for input regarding your child's return to BBS.

The task force has discussed whether we can offer a hybrid schedule and/or distance learning as a choice for students. Several district schools and larger charter schools are offering options including remote learning and streaming at the start of the school year and there have been inquiries as to whether BBS can offer the same. When our charter was written 25 year ago, it was established as a brick and mortar school (in-person) and unless the state mandates a closure, we are unable to offer a distance learning option at this time. In the event of a mandatory closure, online learning will immediately be implemented, and we will ensure staff will receive further training to be well prepared for this transition. BBS's ability to offer any options other than brick and mortar requires the government and/or Arizona Department of Education to continue to fully fund public schools serving students who remain at home in a distance learning program. While the state has not yet granted funding flexibility to schools due to the COVID crisis, we continue to be proactive and ask for your feedback as to your preferred method of learning upon reopening of our school.

Please complete the brief survey by Thursday, June 24th at 4:00pm by clicking on the link below:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BBSFall20>