



December 10, 2020

Dear BBS families,

As you are aware, Maricopa County Department of Public Health (MCDPH) updated our school benchmarks today, December 10, 2020. The COVID-19 data swiftly and constantly evolve, and BBS - in conjunction with MCDPH – constantly analyzes this data to ensure the physical, mental, and social-emotional safety of all Bright Beginnings students. After considering a wide range of data, BBS will **currently remain in a hybrid learning model**, serving both online and in-person students.

Using the data analysis process MCDPH has guided us through, our COVID taskforce evaluates all data to guide our decision. Our data analysis includes:

- MCDPH school benchmarks
- BBS staffing
- Current positive cases, isolations, and quarantines
- Review of our mitigation policies and procedures

We are doing all we can to ensure safety, but we are not oblivious to the steep rise in community spread. To that end, we advise that all parents should have a plan in place in the event we need to shift to a temporary virtual learning model. We will do everything we can to ensure as much notice as possible, but each situation is unique, and a situation could arise that would necessitate little advance notice.

Finally, we are looking ahead to third quarter. To allow us to plan for proper mitigation and safety procedures, families must select their online or in-person preference for third quarter instruction by **December 28, 2020**. After December 28th, selections will be set. To comply with new attending reporting requirements due to COVID, we must report in-person and online students differently. As such, this requires that your hybrid model selection remains set for the entirety of the third quarter.

*****Click Here - Third Quarter Hybrid Model Selection Link*****

We are committed to doing everything we can to safely offer both online and in-person options to families. We will continue to meet weekly and carefully consider all data for everyone's safety.

We will continue to communicate and stay connected.

Thank you for your help,

Amanda Patrie
Principal