

Dear ICE Families:

I am reaching out to let you know that we have the ability to host in-person learning at our school building starting on Tuesday October 6th. This is a revision of my previous statement that we would push our in-person start date to 10/19.

Starting on Tuesday our staff will be onsite and supervise students in classrooms as they complete their PATH related projects. Please take note of the following important information:

- We will open our doors starting at 9:15 each day and classes will start with Advisory check-in at 9:45 as they do now.
- Upon arrival, students will be assigned to a classroom which they will share with their grade, for the remainder of SIP.
- All new students will be guided to their new classrooms and will get to know their new school building in the first 2 weeks of in-person school.
- Student schedules will remain identical to what they have followed remotely until the start of regular academic classes on October 20th.
- Teachers will be able to take students outside during their break time ONLY in the small class group to which they are assigned. There can be no mingling of students between class groups.
- If possible, we encourage students to get tested for Covid-19 before beginning in-person learning, and at regular intervals thereafter. The DOE is providing priority testing for students. Please consult [this page](#) for more information and a list of testing sites that prioritize DOE students (scroll down to Priority Testing Outside of Schools).

Please be aware of these safety protocols that will be monitored and enforced:

Entering and exiting:

- All Students must enter the building on the 16th street side. Please maintain social distancing while waiting for entry. Students will be denied entry on 15th street.
- At the entrance you must show a completed health screening ([using this website or app](#)) or complete the health screening in writing (available at the school entrance).
- On Monday during advisory students will learn how to use the health screening app.
- Students' temperature will be taken at the entrance, or they can use the self-screening kiosk to take their own.
- We request that for now students bring computers to school if possible and comfortable. We will provide the school wifi password. This will reduce the wear and tear on our limited supply of machines until our new computers arrive.

Personal and community safety reminders:

- All students must wear a mask at all times while they are in the school building
- All people must observe social distancing and remain 6 feet apart at all times
- Students and teachers experiencing any symptoms of Covid-19 must stay home

- All people must wash hands before and after lunch, and use hand sanitizer throughout the day. There are wall-mounted dispensers in each classroom and around the building.

Moving around the building:

- Students and teachers may only use the 2 staircases (G and H) that are adjacent to the small gym on the ground floor, and the music room on the 5th floor.
- Students will NOT be allowed to use lockers at any time. Once students have cleared out the contents of their lockers from last year they will be secured shut.
- Only 2 students are allowed in a bathroom at one time. There will be someone in the hall to make sure that there are not too many students in the bathroom at once.
- Students experiencing any symptoms of Covid-19 will be escorted to room 522D where they will be screened by the nurse on site and we will contact home if need be.
- The Elevator will be in use ONLY for students that have a documented medical justification. This must be a doctor's note emailed directly to Eileen Ambrose at [eileen@iceeducate.org](mailto:eileen@iceeducate.org) before students arrive at school.

Lunch:

- Lunch will be supervised by an ICE teacher and take place either in a classroom, the building cafeteria, or Stuyvesant Square park adjacent to our building.
- These options will vary daily. Please recall that students may bring lunch to school or eat the free lunch offered. NO student may purchase lunch from a store while on break and return to the building.
- We will not be able to offer use of the microwaves at this time.

Dismissal:

- Classes will end at 2 pm and students will be escorted out of the building by their last teacher of the day. We may change this to allow some students to remain in the building to participate in after-school clubs until 3. Stay tuned.
- Students expecting a parent or guardian to pick them up can wait with an ICE staff member outside the 16th street entrance OR in the lobby if weather does not permit.

We look forward to welcoming some of our students back to our school building and have every confidence that we can keep everyone safe and healthy. We trust that a collaborative effort will make this process a positive one for all.