

Important Information about Education During the COVID-19 Pandemic



- Going to school will look different for your kids this year because of the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19).
- COVID-19 is a virus that is transmitted in the air when an infected person coughs, talks, and breaths. It is important that the whole family follow safety guidelines around COVID-19, including:
 - 1. Wash your hands with soap and water often and especially before you eat, after you cough or sneeze or touch your face, and before you touch with others.



2. **Always wear a face mask** when you are outside of the house and at home when you feel sick or when there is someone from outside of your home visiting. Wash your mask often.



3. **Stay home when you are sick** and always stay away from large gatherings when possible.



- If anyone from the school comes to your home, make sure everyone is wearing a face mask and stay physically distant from the visitor to avoid spreading or catching the virus.
- Schools are offering classes online classes to avoid spreading COVID-19 in the community. Some schools have the option for in person classes if your student qualifies. Call your school to know your options for your child. Most schools are communicating through email. Make sure the school has your current email, home address, phone number, and emergency contact information.
- Even though some schools are not open for in-person classes, it is still very important for your children to attend classes online! Your involvement is very important for the success of

your child. You can contact your school district for more information on how to register your child for online classes. It is important that you understand what your choices are for your child's education. Some schools have an enrollment period when you can enroll your child. Many schools are providing laptops to students. Let the school know if you don't have access to the internet and they may be able to help you access affordable internet in your home.

- Even though classes are online it is very important that your child attends class every day. If your child continuously misses online school, he or she may be unenrolled from school and you will have to re-enroll them.
- If your child has an Individualized Education Program (IEP) you should call your school to find out how the plan is being implemented. Some children with an IEP are eligible for in person school.
- When the number of people who are sick from COVID-19 decreases in the community, some schools will open for in-person classes. They may open for classes every day or just a couple of days a week. However, these schools might go back to only online education if many people start to get sick from COVID-19 again.
- Before students can go back to school in person, families may have to sign waivers.
- When your child goes back to school in person, they may be required to wear a face mask at school. Face masks prevent the virus from leaving the mouth or nose and infecting other people. It is very important to teach your child the correct way to wear a mask. Children under the age of 2 years old should never wear a mask.
- Schools will have rules for physical distancing that your child will have to follow. Ask your school what those rules are.
- Your child should not go to school if they are sick with a fever of more than 100.4 degrees F / or have a cough, congested nose, sore throat, or fatigue. If your child becomes sick you should let the school know so that they can excuse the child from attending classes.
- If your child is going to school in person and feels sick for ANY REASON, even if it's not related to COVID symptoms, they will be sent home and cannot return for a certain number of days (the number of days the child will stay home depends on the school, but likely it will be 2 weeks).

- Your child should not go to school if anyone in the home tests positive for COVID-19. Call your school to tell them if anyone in the home tests positive for COVID-19 and they will tell you what you need to do and when your child can return to school.
- If you get a notice from your school that you do not understand, you can call your Resettlement Agency case manager for help, or you can call the school.
- If you call your school, you have the right to an interpreter.

If you need assistance with school, contact the Refugee School Impact Program in your county or your school district.

Refugee School Impact Program Contact Information:

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Aguila Elementary District #63 PO Box 218 Aguila, AZ 85320 928-685-2222

Alhambra Elementary District #684510 N 37th Ave Phoenix, AZ 85019 602-336-2920

Avondale Elementary District #44295 W Western Ave Avondale, AZ 85323 623-772-5000

Balsz Elementary District #314825 E Roosevelt St Phoenix, AZ 85008 602-629-6400

Buckeye Elementary District #3325555 W Durango St Buckeye, AZ 85326 623-925-3400

Buckeye Union High School District #2011000 E. Narramore Ave Buckeye, AZ 85326 623-386-9701

Cartwright Elementary District #835220 W. Indian School Rd. Phoenix, AZ 85031 623-691-4000

Cave Creek Unified District #9333016 N 60th St Scottsdale, AZ 85266 480-575-2000

Chandler Unified District #801525 W Frye Rd Chandler, AZ 85224 480-812-7000

Creighton Elementary District #142702 E Flower St Phoenix, AZ 85016 602-381-6000

Deer Valley Unified District #9720402 N 15th Ave Phoenix, AZ 85027 623-445-5000

Dysart Unified District #8915802 N Parkview Pl Surprise, AZ 85374 623-876-7000

East Valley Institute of Technology District #4011601 W Main St Mesa, AZ 85201 480 461-4000

Joint Technical Education Fountain Hills Unified District #9816000 E. Palisades Blvd Fountain Hills, AZ 85268 480-664-5000 Fowler Elementary District #451617 S 67th Ave Phoenix, AZ 85043 623-707-4500 Buckeye, AZ 85326 623-474-6600

Gila Bend Unified District #24 PO Box V Gila Bend, AZ 85337 928-683-2225 Ext. 114 Litchfield Elementary District #79 272 E Sagebrush St Litchfield Park, AZ 85340 623-535-6000

Gilbert Unified District #41140 S Gilbert Rd Gilbert, AZ 85296 480-497-3300

Littleton Elementary District #65 1600 S 107th Ave Avondale, AZ 85323 623-478-5600

Glendale Elementary District #407301 N 58th Ave Glendale, AZ 85301 623-237-4000

Madison Elementary District #38 5601 N 16th St Phoenix, AZ 85016 602-664-7900

Glendale Union High School District #2057650 N 43rd Ave Glendale, AZ 85301 623-435-6000

Maricopa Regional School District #509 3409 W Whitton Ave Phoenix, AZ 85017 602-452-4700

Higley Unified District #602935 S Recker Rd Gilbert, AZ 85295 480-279-7000

Mesa Unified District #4 63 E Main St No 101 Mesa, AZ 85201 480-472-0000

Isaac Elementary District #53348 W McDowell Rd Phoenix, AZ 85009 602-455-6700

Kyrene Elementary District #288700 S Kyrene Rd Tempe, AZ 85284 480-541-1000

Laveen Elementary District #595001 W DOBBINS RD Laveen, AZ 85339 602-237-9100

Liberty Elementary District #25 19871 W Fremont Rd Mobile Elementary District #86 42798 S 99th Ave Maricopa, AZ 85139 520-568-2280

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Osborn Elementary District #8 1226 W Osborn Rd Phoenix, AZ 85013 602-707-2000 Roosevelt Elementary District #66 6000 S 7th St Phoenix, AZ 85042 602-243-4800

Paradise Valley Unified District #69 15002 N 32nd St Phoenix, AZ 85032 602-449-2000 Scottsdale Unified District #48 7575 E Main Street Scottsdale, AZ 85251 480-484-6200

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Phoenix Union High School District #210 4502 N Central Ave Phoenix, AZ 85012 602-764-1100

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