



Cañon School

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

In-person instruction at school will resume on Monday, February 1, 2021. A decision to resume in-person instruction was made by the school board during the meeting on January 25, 2021. Your child may continue to receive instruction through distance learning, but the school must be notified as soon as possible. Your teacher will contact you regarding this decision by January 27, 2021 at the latest.

Canon will be providing virtual instruction/distance learning on February 18 and 19, 2021, so the staff may receive their second vaccinations. Unfortunately, we have to travel to Mayer one at a time over the course of the day. We appreciate your understanding in helping keep our staff and students safe. Teachers will provide instructional information to students prior to those dates.

All students returning to school must return all borrowed equipment on the first day returning to in-person instruction. This equipment must be checked in at the front office to ensure safe return of the equipment and limit parent/guardian liability.

Welcome back to school!! We missed you. Let's keep working together to stay healthy and keep things rolling. The safety mitigation measures we used before the distance learning will continue. Again, we will limit school visitors. Please check in with Ms. Paula at the front office through the courtesy window. She will buzz you in if necessary. Also, visitors will not be allowed in the school building unless you have an appointment and are wearing a mask or face covering as mandated by Governor Ducey and the Arizona Department of Health Services (ADHS) Emergency Measure 2020-4.

You are our first line of defense. Please check your child's temperature every morning and observe them for coughing, difficulty breathing, fever, or other COVID 19 symptoms. If your child has a temperature of 99.9 degrees or greater, he or she must stay home. You may call your child in sick and if it is COVID-19 related, we will work with you individually to continue providing instruction for your child's ongoing education. If your child has COVID-19 symptoms, distance learning will be immediately implemented for 10 days to allow your child to quarantine at home.

Although this does not mean your child has or will have COVID-19, the school follows the Arizona Department of Health Services requirements below:

- When a child **with symptoms** has had close contact with a confirmed case of COVID-19 they are presumed to be positive and should isolate until 10 days have passed since

symptoms first appeared AND at least 24 hours have passed since the last fever without the use of medicine that reduces fevers AND other symptoms have improved. They may be referred for evaluation by their healthcare provider and possible COVID-19 testing.

- If a child **with symptoms** has no known contact with a confirmed case of COVID-19, they may or may not be referred to a healthcare provider for evaluation and may or may not be tested for COVID-19. In general, a doctor's note and/or negative test are **NOT NEEDED** if an individual meets the time and symptoms criteria covered below and in the release from isolation and quarantine guidance (attached).
- If a child **with symptoms** is **not** tested, they **NEED** a doctor's note to provide the alternate diagnosis and recommendations for return to school.
- All household members of someone confirmed or suspected to have COVID-19 should not physically attend school and should quarantine at home for 14 days.

COVID-19 Symptoms

Symptoms may appear 2-14 days after exposure to the virus. People with these symptoms may have COVID-19:

- Fever or chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea
- This list does not include all possible symptoms.

If you have further questions or concerns, please visit the Arizona Department of Health Services website for current information (www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/cases-in-us.html and azhealth.gov/coronavirus).

All visitors must wear a mask or face shield. The students will also have to wear a mask or a face shield, but will be able to have mask breaks at recess time unless they are within 6 feet of each other.

Three lunch periods are scheduled to lessen the number of students in the gym and the same group of students will be kept together at school. For example, 1st grade and 2nd grade will have recess together and 3 and 4th will be together as well.

The bus will run at the normal time and transport your child to and from school. Grade levels and siblings will be sat together. If your child rides the bus, a mask must be worn and all bus rules followed.

Parent-teacher conferences are scheduled for Thursday, February 4th. Teachers will be contacting you directly to schedule a conference to discuss individual student information during the appointment time. These conferences will be conducted by telephone or video.

If you decide to transition your child to or from distance learning, please notify the school as soon as possible and allow one week for processing.

Distance Learning Students

All distance learning students are required to complete their assignments as they are due. Some assignments must be completed online and others may be paper and pencil assignments. Your child should be present daily during the assigned online times your teacher has designated. The lessons are presented by the teacher at that time and may not be available for later access. If your child occasionally misses an instructional session, online access to curriculum is available through links in Google Classroom. Packets will be included for each child weekly and need to be picked up at the office on Fridays before 3:00 p.m. If you need an accommodation, please contact the school. **The packets for the week of February 1st will be available for pickup at the school on Monday, February 1st.**

As of February 1st, lunches will no longer be available for pickup at Harmil Plaza. For those parents choosing the distance learning school option: If you need a school breakfast and/or lunch you must order it the prior day and it must be picked up at the school between 7:00-8:00 a.m. for breakfast and 12:00-1:00 p.m. for lunch. Packets will also be available for pick-up and drop-off outside the front office.

Attendance: All children must have verified attendance on a daily basis using one of several options: 1) **Preferred method:** quick parent e-mail to teacher before 9:00 a.m., 2) quick phone call to the front desk at (623) 374-5588 x101 before 9:00 a.m. (please leave a message), or 3) each morning before 9:00 a.m., your child should visit their virtual Google Classroom and post a comment to their teacher stating "I'm here."

We appreciate your patience with the teachers as we work through the process of teaching online and in person. If you experience any technology issues, please send an email to your teacher as soon as possible. We will work with you to resolve any problems.

Useful links to know:

Canon's Safety and Mitigation Plan www.canon50.org

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ADHS School Metric Report <https://www.azdhs.gov/preparedness/epidemiology-disease-control/infectious-disease-epidemiology/index.php#novel-coronavirus-schools>
COVID-19 Symptoms <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html>

Keep in mind that this is a fluid situation. Due to an extreme shortage of substitutes, if a teacher or too many staff members contract COVID-19 or are quarantined, that classroom will return to virtual/distance learning until the teacher or staff members have recovered. If a COVID-19 outbreak occurs, an individual classroom or the school may need to temporarily close and packet instruction will resume. COVID-19 positive results should be provided to the school so appropriate action may be taken to lessen potential impact to others. Student privacy will be preserved under FERPA. We will provide additional communication if it is needed.

We understand and appreciate the patience and considerable effort that our families have provided during the distance learning time for school instruction. We look forward to resuming in-person instruction and seeing our students again!

Sincerely,

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Superintendent