



Centennial Academy Reopening Update

January 11, 2021

Greetings Centennial Academy Families,

We appreciate the compassion, empathy, and grace of our families and staff as we plan a safe return to in-person learning. This correspondence is to notify you that our [reopening plan](#) has been approved by Atlanta Public Schools. A special thank you is extended to Mr. Heckstall, Mr. Pressas, Ms. Freeman, and Ms. Ware, for diligently working on this task over the past few months with their respective teams.

Centennial will continue to monitor the COVID-19 community spread level and other relevant health data every 14-days in order to move forward with our tentative return date of February 1, 2021 for K-2 scholars and February 8, 2021 for 3-8 scholars. We will conduct our first health data check on Monday, January 18, 2021. If the levels of community spread are below 100, then we will proceed with in-person learning on February 1st. If the levels of community spread are above 100, then we will continue with 100% remote learning for an additional two-week period. At the Parent Town Hall Meeting last Wednesday, I communicated that the number of cases in Fulton County as of January 5th was 633, 6 times our threshold of 100. As of today, that number has risen to 809, 8 times our threshold of 100.

As a reminder, spread levels are based on the average number of new cases per day over a 14-day period, and are categorized as:

- Substantial Spread: *greater than 100 cases per 100,000 county residents*
- Minimal/Moderate Spread: *6-99 cases per 100,000 county residents*
- No/Low Spread: *1-5 cases per 100,000 county residents*

Our approach has remained consistent in that we will continue to prioritize the health, safety, and well-being of our entire community. We are eager to welcome our scholars and staff to campus for in-person learning as soon as it is safe to do so. Please continue to stay informed by following the trend data provided by the [Georgia Department of Public Health](#) website.

Again, Centennial will check the spread level on January 18th, and if the data indicates Minimal/Moderate Spread or No/Low Spread (*below 100 cases per 100,000 Fulton County residents*), then we will reopen on February 1st for grades K-2 and February 8th for grades 3-8. We will also allow our staff an opportunity to return to the building on January 19th in preparation for scholars. If we remain in the Substantial Spread category, then Centennial will continue our 100% remote learning program for an additional two weeks for scholars and staff.

Please note that this may be a different approach than Atlanta Public Schools and district guidance can be located [HERE](#) for reference. As a conversion charter school, Centennial has the autonomy to be more restrictive in reopening decisions to ensure the safety of our community. Continue to check email, social media, and our website for more details regarding Centennial's reopening plan.

Warmest Regards,

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