

September 6, 2020

Dear Ivymount Families,

We are now at our first benchmark date of September 8 to update you on the status of our Return to Campus Plan. **Ivymount students will continue with the Distance Learning Plan from home in September and October.** This continuity will provide stability for all of you who just began distance learning while also allowing us to continue working with local officials and making essential preparations for returning to campus.

Distance Learning will be provided through remote virtual instruction programs until we can return to campus for an in-person/remote hybrid model. The Continuity of Learning Plans in the spring provided continuity while transitioning from onsite programs. The Distance Learning plans provide students with an instructional experience to span more of the day. They include more time with live instructional opportunities and all content, courses, and programs, being taught throughout the week.

Unless your child's IEP can be fully implemented, an individualized distance learning plan or IEP addendum will be proposed based on your Local School System's expectations. Ivymount is committed to thinking creatively to best serve our students. We encourage our families and staff to contribute ideas and suggestions to overcome the barriers we face while implementing social distancing and other health and safety mitigation activities that impact our standard program operations.

Visit the COVID-19 tab on our website or click on the green link to read the full [**Ivymount Distance Learning Plan**](#) and view Program Schedules.

We are hoping to have some limited in-person programming in October. We will notify you as these plans develop. The quality and implementation of our Return to Campus Plan and the degree of community spread are equally crucial in determining when it is safe to resume on-site programming. Our decision to return will balance the safety and well-being of our entire community.

We want to thank you for completing the Family Survey this past week and appreciate the quick response. The information is critical when sharing your perspective with our planning committees and our board of directors. We look forward to sharing our Return to Campus Plan with you soon.

Sincerely,

Susan Holt
Executive Director