



The Maddux School

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Dear Maddux Families,

By now I am sure you have all seen the recent message from Ivymount School & Programs regarding a recent COVID-19 positive test. While this event does not pose an immediate health threat to The Maddux School community, it does have an indirect impact on our reopening plan. Out of an abundance of caution, there have been key members of the team of staff who were working to prepare the building for our return who have been asked to quarantine. As a result, there have been delays in some of the essential building preparation projects that were scheduled to wrap up this week. They were on schedule to be completed, but the team did have a very busy schedule in preparation that has now been temporarily stalled.

Based on all of the current research and best practices, we continue to invest our time and resources towards the mitigation of as much risk as possible. To do this, we need to ensure that we have covered all of our bases and have been able to complete all of our projects and plans thoroughly and effectively. The team being quarantined has directly impacted our start date. After much discussion, we have decided to bump our return to campus schedule back one week. Our new schedule is:

- Week of 10/5/2020: Continuation of Distance Learning Plan
- Week of 10/12/2020: Monday & Tuesday – Asynchronous Instruction for all of Maddux; W – 1st grade orientation visits; Th – 1st/2nd grade orientation visits; F – Pre-K/K orientation visits
- Week of 10/19/2020: Return to Campus

While we know this delay will be disappointing for some, it is an important reminder of how delicate things continue to be during this pandemic. We remain confident in our plan to return to campus, but recognize that this will likely not be the only email of this nature as we move forward. This emphasizes the importance of developing a plan that allows our school to move between the two formats easily and enables our community to make the choice that they feel is best for their health and safety.

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