



# Flowing Wells Unified School District

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Dear Flowing Wells Families,

During this pandemic, we have been forced to continually adjust our daily routines and as a result, the opening of this school year was anything but typical. We are incredibly appreciative of our families and staff working tirelessly to create a remote learning environment. We appreciate your feedback and understanding as we work to refine our instructional models. Each school is in the process of setting up virtual parent meetings to talk with families and staff about our collective work.

As you may be aware, both the Arizona Health Department and the Pima County Health Department have established metrics to monitor the spread of COVID-19 and offer guidance in decision-making about opening schools to in-person instruction. Flowing Wells is actively monitoring the information and participating in the Back to School Initiative established by the Pima County Government Office. I would encourage you to review the information posted on each website. In reviewing the current Pima County Health metrics, county officials indicated it will probably take **another six (6) weeks** for metrics to be all yellow or green, indicating that in-person instruction should be considered. Please understand this information is continually changing and can be adjusted at any time.

Flowing Wells will use the metrics as the initial guidepost for reopening school for in-classroom instruction. The second significant consideration will be the guidance provided by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) to manage the possible spread of the virus in our schools. The CDC provides specific guidance about social distancing, the use of masks, group size, organization of groups (cohorts or pods) and other safety protocols. A particular challenge will be handling positive cases in our schools once some level of in-person instruction is in place. Positive cases will result in a process called **contact tracing** to look for possible spread, followed by specific actions that may include sending individuals or groups of students and staff home for isolation or quarantining. This process is a coordinated decision-making model involving both the District and Pima County Health Department. The result of a positive COVID-19 case will cause disruptions, as everyone affected will have to act quickly to seek medical guidance and plan for additional remote learning.

The District will provide information and update the website as the school year continues. On the District website, the COVID-19 information can be found by selecting the banner link titled **Flowing Wells Safe and Strong**. Under Important Links, the District has posted information about the Distance Learning Plan (Remote Learning), Safety Plan (mitigation planning), Pima County Health tracking, and other important documents guiding the District.

Flowing Wells is currently serving **meals** from 11:00 AM- 12:00 PM at Hendricks, Laguna, Davis, Douglas, and from 11:00 AM-12:30 PM at FW Junior High, and from 11:30 AM-12:30 PM at FW High School. Starting next week a new option of picking up **two meals at one time** will be available at FW Junior High from 3:30 PM-5:30 PM every Tuesday and Thursday. Please bring your child's student identification or you can give their name to be looked up in our system.

Pima County also has created a **free COVID-19 testing** center in the middle of the District at the Ellie Towne Flowing Wells Community Center. Anyone can schedule a free test through the Pima County Website, and testing is offered every Wednesday, Friday and Sunday. It is incredibly well run and a tremendous resource for our community.

As of this letter, all community health indicators point to continued remote learning until mid-September. We will continue to monitor the PCHD Progress dashboard and send out an update entering the Labor Day weekend. Thank you for your continued patience, support and participation as we navigate this pandemic together.

Sincerely,

David Baker, Ed.D.  
Superintendent