

August 16, 2021

Dear The Pro-Vision Academy Community (PVA),

Please allow me to share my enthusiasm with you following our Back-to-School Bash this past Saturday. It was a great event and a splendid success! Seeing so many students and families attend reinforces my belief that this is going to be a great year at PVA! For those of you who were not able to attend, this was just the first of many activities that will be offered for students and families at PVA. We hope to see everyone at the next activity.

As we all know, tomorrow is the first day of school for the 2021-2022 school year. Our team of educators has been very engaged in preparing for the return of students! We look forward to welcoming our students tomorrow morning!

While we are returning tomorrow, unfortunately Harris County is experiencing a surge in COVID-19 cases. At The Pro-Vision Academy, our team takes the health and safety of our students, families, and staff very seriously. The priority is to ensure that we all are doing all that we can to mitigate the transmission of the COVID-19 virus and its variants.

To that end, I am requesting that everyone who is present on campus wears a mask. Scientists and doctors agree that this is the best way to ensure the safety of our community. Wearing a mask is a simple, non-invasive step to mitigate the virus. We will also employ other safety measures, including hand sanitizer in every classroom and common spaces, social distancing, communication and information from Harris County Public Health, sanitation steps for known cases, and on-going communication with you.

See below for guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Consistent and Correct Mask Use: When teachers, staff, and students consistently and correctly wear a mask, they [protect others as well as themselves](#). Consistent and [correct mask use](#) is especially important indoors and in crowded settings, when physical distancing cannot be maintained.

- **Indoors:** CDC recommends indoor masking for all individuals age 2 years and older, including students, teachers, staff, and visitors, regardless of vaccination status.
- **Outdoors:** In general, people do not need to wear masks when outdoors. CDC recommends that people who are not fully vaccinated wear a mask in crowded outdoor settings or during activities that involve sustained close contact with other people. Fully vaccinated people might choose to wear a mask in crowded outdoor settings if they or someone in their household is immunocompromised.

During school transportation: [CDC's Order](#) applies to all public transportation conveyances including school buses. Passengers and drivers must wear a mask on school buses, including on buses operated by public and private school systems, regardless of vaccination status, subject to the exclusions and exemptions in CDC's Order. Learn more [here](#).

We look forward to seeing our students' educational progress this school year. We also look forward to seeing our students join us in athletics, clubs, and other activities.

Best,


Janelle James
Superintendent of Schools