

Hi Everyone

I hope this note finds everyone healthy and safe. According to Governor Cuomo's reopening plans, all schools must host three informational calls with parents regarding the reopening plans of schools. We will send out 3 days/times for Zoom calls next week. While it is not required to attend one of these calls, parents are all welcome to attend one of the sessions to hear the plans we have for September. We are requesting families to submit any questions to covid@iccd.com so we can address them during the calls. Please send any questions you have regarding reopening procedures, no later than Friday, August 14, 2020.

A few pieces of information regarding reopening plans for September. We are finalizing each building's plans as they may differ from location to location. The Governor gave schools the option to open in person, however, this does not eliminate the guidelines we must follow in order to open. This requires procedures to ensure social distancing where possible and limits to the number of overall people in the buildings and cleaning and disinfecting protocols. The number of students at each location, program types and ratios, the size of the rooms and the overall size of the building all factor in what ICCD can offer to families. The goal is to allow as many students to experience in person learning, as we can safely accommodate. An all-remote option will be available to all families. In addition to an all remote option, we will be offering in-person services based on the number of students interested and the specifics mentioned above.

We are asking information from families to help ICCD make final decisions. Your program director or teacher will be reaching out and asking you to make a decision on if you want remote learning or in-person learning for your child. This will be a binding decision to start the school year. We will allow family a chance to revisit this choice, but to start the school year, this decision will be what we use to plan. While a family can move to remote learning if they wish, we do not know if we can accommodate a family to go from remote to in-person. That will depend on the space and number of students already assigned to the classroom and building.

I know this is not an easy time for everyone involved. These times are unprecedented, and we are doing all we can to reach our goal of opening ICCD for in-person learning for those families that are comfortable with sending their children, in a safe matter for both the students and ICCD's staff. We ask everyone for patience in the process as we look to make the 20/21 school year a rewarding and productive year for everyone that is part of the ICCD family.