



December 10, 2020

Dear Families,

We're writing to let you know that **Mountain Song Community School will start the second semester in full Remote Learning for 2½ weeks, from January 6 through January 22.** We will also continue to offer limited in-person services for students in academic interventions and special education as necessary.

We are actively exploring with our staff how we can bring back more students to in-person learning after that. Our decision to remain in full Remote Learning after the Winter Break until January 22 follows recent [El Paso County Public Health guidance](#) to consider a post-holiday period of remote learning to monitor school community spread from holiday travel and gatherings prior to returning for in-person learning.

As you likely know, the [El Paso County COVID-19 metrics](#) continue to show very high levels of community spread, hospitalizations, and mortality. Today's 14-day incidence rate is 1,229 per 100,000 people, which is extremely high. The current status of El Paso County is at *Level Red - Severe Risk* on the [state's dial framework](#).

This high level of COVID-19 spread in the county is also reflected within the Mountain Song community, making it challenging and disruptive to have students in-person. We implore our community to stay vigilant and keep practicing and modeling the hygiene, distancing, and masking practices that yield lower virus transmission. Please consider the [holiday guidance linked here](#) to lower the community spread and under control. Lowering the spread will help us bring back students to in-person learning as soon as possible.

We want you to know that we are very aware of the incredible stress being in remote learning places on families. Our partner, Innovation Learning, will continue to offer day-care services at the school. Please contact Dan Kurschner, dkurschner@mountainsongschool.com for more information. In addition, our Parent Council has offered to help families buddy up to assist and support one another during this time. If you would like more information about this, please contact Cambria DeVoy at pcchair@mountainsongschool.com.

Thank you for your partnership during this incredibly challenging time.

Be safe and well,

The Executive Leadership Team