



October 30, 2020

Dear Families,

We're writing to let you know that **Mountain Song Community School will be returning to full Remote Learning starting Monday, November 9th.**

During the upcoming week, November 2 - 6, we will remain in Hybrid to provide a transition week before returning to full Remote Learning. This means that next week:

- Grades K-4 will still be in-person Monday - Wednesday, and remote Thursday - Friday; and
- Grades 5-8 will be remote Monday - Wednesday, and in-person Thursday - Friday.

When we return to full Remote Learning on November 9th, we will maintain our current school schedule. Your teacher(s) will communicate more specific details to you.

This decision has been made in light of the ongoing spike in COVID-19 spread and related metrics in El Paso County this month, as well as input from staff members and the school's Safety Committee.

According to state guidelines, [the El Paso County metrics](#) should place the county at the *Safer at Home Level 3 High Risk* in the [state's dial framework](#). We received the announcement today, however, that the state only moved the county to the *Safer at Home Level 2 Concern* effective Wednesday, November 4. Mountain Song's decision is based on the county metrics.

We are sad to be making this decision, but we believe it is the right one to keep everyone safe during this wave of COVID-19 spread. Our goal is to bring back students to in-person learning as soon as possible.

From Susan Wheelan, El Paso County Public Health Director: "We urge our community to step up prevention efforts once again to impact El Paso County's disease transmission and help reduce exponential growth of COVID-19 to protect public health and to support our economy and schools in the safest and most sustainable way possible. We need your help to get us to where we want to be as a county."

Be safe and well,

The Executive Leadership Team