

Important COVID-19 Update for Al-Huda School and Hifzh School ~ January 21, 2022

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Assalamu alaikum wa rahmatullahi wa barakatuh,

Dear Parents,

In our last meeting on January 9, we had announced that we will continue online learning for all grade levels until January 28. We had also mentioned in our follow up email on January 13 that we will make a decision during the current week about whether or not we will continue online instruction after January 28.

We would like to highlight the following:

1. COVID-19 cases continue to surge in the U.S. with an average of 758,000 daily cases ([as of January 19](#))
2. As of January 19, the [weekly percentage of positive rates](#) in Prince George's county is 29.95%, compared to a little over 3% in November of 2021. PG county is currently considered in the [high level of community transmission](#), per CDC guidelines (which is the highest level).
3. Several of our students and staff have tested positive for COVID-19; with the school community having large families across grade levels within the school, this poses an increased risk of transmission within the school.
4. As of today, only one-third of our student population is vaccinated, understandably because of the recent approval of the vaccine for elementary school students (where the vaccination rate is about 15%). If you have gotten your child vaccinated recently, please [submit your child's vaccination proof here](#). As a reminder, we do have our final vaccination clinic on January 29 (details to follow in a separate email)

In light of the above, Al-Huda School and Hifzh School will continue online learning until Friday, February 18. The return plan will be according to the following schedule:

1. On Thursday, February 17, all staff and students must get tested at the school. Upon the students' return, there will be weekly testing for all staff and students. Parents, please [register here](#) (our location code is **MDHALHUDA**) to give consent for your child to get tested on February 17 and then on a weekly basis. If you prefer not to get your child tested every Thursday at the school, then you **must** submit a negative PCR test result by Saturday, February 19 (and every Saturday thereafter) in order for your child to return to school the following Monday. Tests must be conducted Thursday or later.
2. A decision on whether online instruction will continue past February 18 will be made during the week of February 14, In Shaa Allah.
3. We are striving to make arrangements for those parents who signed up requesting supervision for their children. If we are able to make such arrangements we will reach out to those parents directly In Shaa Allah.

We understand these are challenging times for all of our community. This is a very difficult decision for us; we do understand the need for our students to be in the school for their social and emotional development. Given the current rise in cases and the resulting deaths, we made

this decision in the spirit of preserving everyone's health and life, which is one of the main aims of our Islamic law.

We thank you for your understanding and apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

Jazaakumullahu Khairan.

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