



Project Impact STEM Academy

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Hello to our Pi STEM community!

As a community, the Board of Directors and the school leadership continually strive to ensure our work is transparent. We value parent involvement in the process and would like to thank all the parents and community members for taking the time to submit letters to the board and for providing input at board meetings. We understand not everyone will agree with each decision made, but we strive to hear all sides and reflect this understanding in our decisions. Your involvement in the development of our original COVID policy, along with your efforts to keep our community safe last year, were critical. Our united efforts last year resulted in no COVID spread occurring at Project Impact STEM Academy.

Maintaining a safe environment in which our students can learn and grow will require continued commitment from all of us!

At the Board meeting on August 3, 2021, community input was taken, and changes were made to the Pi STEM COVID policy (Policy 8330C). On August 19, 2021 the Board met again to finalize and adopt the changes to the policy. We encourage everyone to read the full policy located on our [website](#).* The policy, was just approved on 8/19 and may not be updated online for a day or two.

Additionally, the Board determined the school will open on August 23, 2021 in Category 2a. A few aspects of Category 2a are noted below, but again we encourage you to read the full policy and reach out with any questions you may have.

- Instructional Model: In-person, all day
- Facial Coverings: Required during transition, otherwise optional
- Visitors: Allowed, required to follow protocols including facial coverings and health screen

The community risk will continue to be monitored, and the Board will adjust the Category throughout the year if/when necessary, and according to the policy.

You are the key to keeping our community risk low.

By continuing your efforts, we can remain in the lower categories and provide a safe learning environment for our entire community. Here are a few things you can do:

1. Monitor your student and keep them home if they present any signs of illness.
2. Consider the COVID vaccination if you have not already received it.
3. Avoid travel to areas with high numbers of COVID cases.
4. As COVID cases rise, implement COVID protocols within your household.

Our COVID policy will continue to be the roadmap for our decision making. It will be reviewed minimally every six months, and your involvement in the development is key. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out!

Sincerely,

Teresa Fleming

Pi STEM Board Chairman