

July 17, 2020

Dear IPoly Parents and Community Members:

Today, Governor Gavin Newsom ordered all school campuses to remain physically closed in counties on the state's monitoring list due to spiking COVID-19 cases. This includes Los Angeles County. Schools cannot re-open physically until their county has come off the state's monitoring list for 14 consecutive days.

Therefore, this order will mean that International Polytechnic High School will remain physically closed until Los Angeles County has met that requirement, but learning will continue.

Our school has been preparing for a return to campus for months now. As you know, our campus was scheduled to open school on August 10, 2020. Our staff worked on a hybrid schedule anticipating 50% of our students could return to campus at any given time. Although we are making great progress on preparations for welcoming back our students and staff, the Governor's order does not allow us to open with a hybrid schedule on this date.

Our teachers and staff will be hard at work preparing to provide distance learning to all students. We at IPoly provided online learning in the spring and teachers ended the year with many suggestions for improvement if we needed to continue in this model. You as parents and students also provided vital feedback at the end of the spring semester and as teachers come back, we will be discussing additional ways we can continue to provide rigorous learning for all students.

As my Principal's Letter stated in your registration packet, we opened a survey for all community stakeholders and our staff looked at the responses provided. That survey is still open if you haven't filled it out and wish to give input. Our intention is to continue moving forward with our phased approach moving toward face-to-face classes as guided by public health.

We understand that students and families have many questions as we prepare to start the new school year. We are creating an informative guide that can answer many questions of what parents and students can expect during each phase of 2020-2021, school year. We will send this out as soon as possible. Our desire is to increase communication with all stakeholders so at this time, please expect a weekly update sent on Friday of each week. Some may be brief and others more comprehensive as we move through these challenging times. We look forward to seeing you all again very soon.

I want to thank you for your patience and understanding as we have dealt with this unprecedented situation.

Sincerely,

Ginger Merritt-Paul

Principal, International Polytechnic High School