

Dear Parents,

Good evening! As we begin week seven of the 2020 – 2021 school year, I am happy to share our health and wellness outlook continue to remain bright. We've had zero positive cases of COVID-19 within our community. Please find your weekly campus update, including community and COVID-19 policy reminders, below:

PHONE NUMBERS & SUPPORT

- **Main Office / Front Desk:** (480) 496-9833
- **Email:** support@desertgardenmontessori.org
- **Attendance Line:** (480) 893-6516
 - **Please use the attendance line for ALL attendance-related communications including early pick-up, illness, and planned vacations.** This number is a dedicated voicemail line, so it's accessible to you 24/7. If you are calling to notify of an early pick-up, please also be sure text your classroom curb number five minutes prior to your arrival to campus. This provides the classroom staff advanced notice to prepare your child for safe departure.
- **Classroom Curb Text Number:** Located in Transparent Classroom (varies per classroom)

ALTERNATING DAYS

On October 26, "alternating days" will no longer be a schedule option. We will continue to offer a fulltime online schedule, a fulltime in-person schedule, as well as the option to change Mode of Instruction with a two-week notice. Details for this transition will be outlined in a future communication.

UPPER ELEMENTARY UPDATES

Early care **outdoor play** is now available! From 7:30 – 8:30 AM, Upper Elementary students now have the option to play outside prior to morning classroom instruction. Upper Elementary students wishing to play outside prior to class may now access the greenbelt with a UE teacher each morning. The patio environment and classroom are also still available to students. All UE students must first check in to Tower 1 (1st floor).

In health,



Shetal Walters
Executive Director