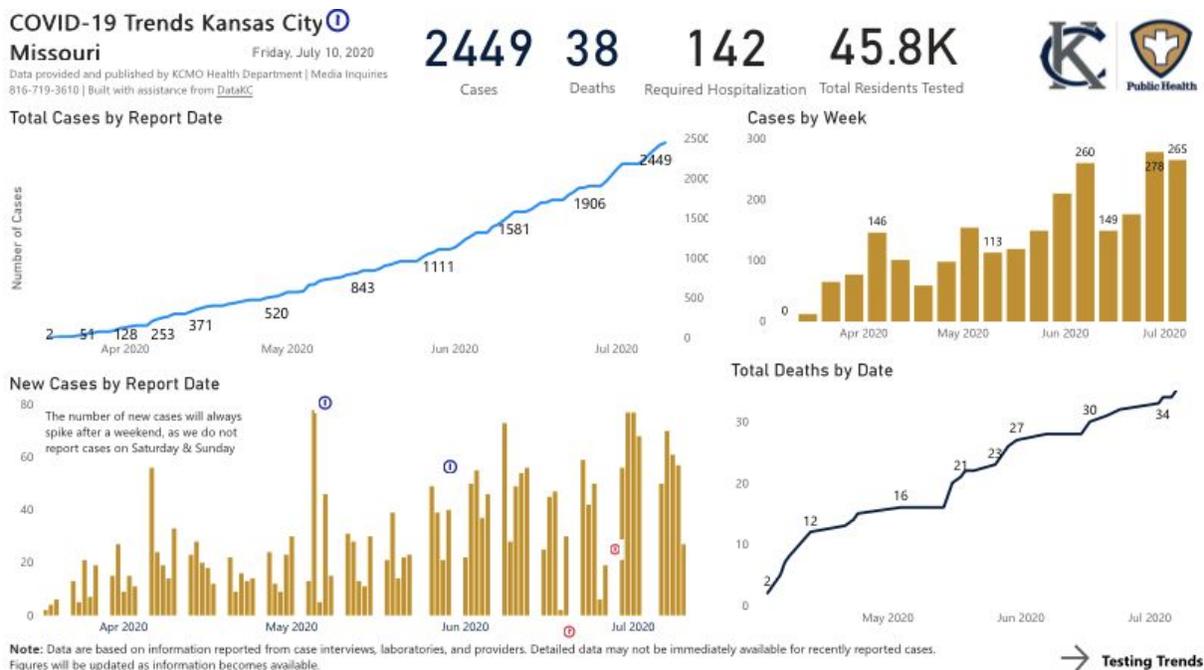


HMC-1 families,

As we look toward the start of school on August 24, we wanted to provide an update on plans for the year and to get important input from you. District leaders have been working hard on the safest way possible to “Return to Learn” for the 2020-2021 school year. Thank you for completing the recent survey. We also want to thank the re-entry task force made up of parents, teachers, staff and community members for volunteering their time to help craft a plan.

As outlined in the graph below, the number of COVID-19 cases continue to rise with 2,449 cases and 38 deaths in Kansas City, MO as of July 10, 2020. The virus is disproportionately impacting minorities.



With growing virus cases in mind, we are moving into the final stages of completing our “Return to Learn” plan and need some additional input from you. HMC-1 families are asked to select from the two options below.

Option A: Traditional HMC-1 Student	Option B: HMC-1 Virtual Learning School
<p>Beginning August 24th, traditional HMC-1 students are assigned to an HMC-1 school based on home address. Depending on the status of current COVID cases in Kansas City, students may receive instruction through any of the three methods below. It is highly likely that HMC-1 may start out in the “red” distance learning phase based on current data. The district will regularly communicate which of the three phases we are in and this will change as the number of COVID cases decrease.</p> <p>Distance Learning - Students receive instruction from their homeroom teacher while at home.</p> <p>Blended Learning - Students attend on alternating days each week (min 2 days per week). Health and safety precautions will be put in place for students in attendance including but not limited to: physical distancing, sanitizer, frequent hand washing, containment of students in home rooms, masks worn by staff and students, etc.</p> <p>(Onsite) Face to Face - Health and safety precautions will be put in place for students in attendance including but not limited to: sanitizer, frequent hand washing, containment of students in home rooms, masks worn by staff and students, etc.</p>	<p>Student will not report to an HMC-1 school building at any point during a semester. (Parent may opt to transition to Option A at the beginning of a new semester.)</p> <p>Student may be assigned to a virtual teacher who is not employed at his/her home school. (Ex: A 4th grader may live in the Warford area but be assigned to a virtual teacher who is located at Ingels.)</p> <p>Student may receive coursework/instruction through a third party vendor (i.e. Edmentum, EdOptions or PLATO).</p>

In order to adequately plan for the upcoming school year, families must commit to a full semester (August-December) of Traditional or Virtual Learning by Wednesday, July 15. *After July 15, you may not switch from Virtual to Traditional Learning, as the staffing and programming will be established for all students.*

Please fill out this [form](#) by Wednesday, July 15, 2020 to select the choice that best fits your family. If you have more than one student you will have to fill it out for each student in your household. Once you have completed the first form by clicking submit, please submit additional forms for each student in your household.

Questions should be directed to pio@hickmanmills.org.

Thank you for your continued patience and support.