



Building Partnerships for Tomorrow

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Dear UCESC Community,

Welcome back to the 2022-23 school year! We are thrilled to see all of your faces tomorrow morning. Our schools will open tomorrow, September 7 at 8:30 am. Project SEARCH and Work Readiness Academy will open at 9:00 am.

Over the past few months, UCESC staff has been actively preparing for the return of our students. The primary goals of our staff are to ensure each and every student is safe and receives a unique and targeted education that allows them to grow and meet their individualized goals. We have also been working hard to ensure the 1571 Lamberts Mill Road building is ready to reopen in January of 2023. As always, we thank you for your patience as we continue to work through the ramifications of Tropical Storm Ida.

I wanted to take a moment to provide you with an update on our health protocols. Students and staff exposed to COVID-19 will no longer be required to quarantine. However, we do ask that all members of the community monitor for symptoms and stay home if they are sick. In addition, if you have been exposed to COVID-19, we highly recommend wearing a mask for 10 days.

All individuals who test positive for COVID-19 will be required to stay home for five full days after the onset of symptoms or a positive test. They will be permitted to return to school/work at the conclusion of those 5 days but will be asked to wear a mask for an additional five days. All staff who test positive must complete the COVID-19 Absence Notification Form on the UCESC website. All students who test positive must inform their school nurse.

Individuals experiencing COVID-19, influenza, or other communicable disease symptoms but have not tested positive are asked to stay home until their symptoms have improved and they have been fever free for 24 hours. We continue to recommend that all staff and students stay up to date on their COVID-19 and Influenza vaccines in order to limit the spread of illness in our schools and programs.

Once again, we are anxiously awaiting the arrival of students tomorrow morning and looking forward to a fantastic school year. If at any time you have questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at 908-233-9317 x1001 or cdattilo@ucesc.org.

Sincerely,

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