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Dear Southgate Parents and Families,

As we have previously shared with you, our school has been carefully monitoring the public health metrics made available by both Pima County and the Arizona Department of Health Services. These metrics have guided our decision making from the very beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Beginning Monday, January 4th we will return to Distance Learning (Option 4 only). It is our responsibility to keep our entire school community safe. Please know that we do not take this decision lightly and that we are continuing to focus on delivering quality instruction through our virtual platforms.

Southgate Academy will be providing Onsite Support Services beginning on January 4, 2021. Services offered are Monday-Friday during our normal school hours 7:30 am to 3:30 pm. Transportation will not be available as we are not open for school session. Parents/guardians are required to sign-up their student for services in advance via Southgate website application. There are limited seats available.

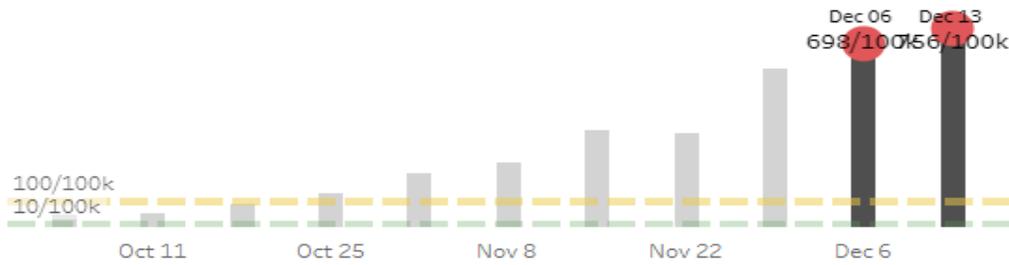
Important Questions and Answers:

- ***How long will we be distance learning?***
Our decisions are always guided by the public health metrics. We will continue to monitor the metrics and will return once it is safe to do so.
- ***What does this mean for my student who is currently in the hybrid model (on-site)?***
Your student will shift to distance learning. K-12 daily schedules are posted on our website under Parent/Students, 2020-2021 School Schedule tab.
- ***What does this mean for my special needs or high-risk student?***
The onsite support service is for students of families that have a critical need for this specific service. In accordance with Governor Ducey's Executive Orders 2020-41 and 2020-51, Southgate Academy is mandated, but it does have inherent limitations. Information for the On-Site Support Program is available on our website.

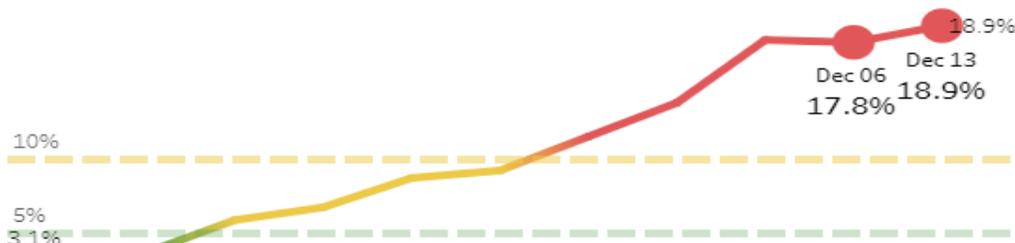
We understand that this is a difficult time for so many of our families and want to assure you that Southgate has based this decision on the safety and well being of students, staff, and the families of our community.

Thank you for your continued support,
Southgate Academy Administration

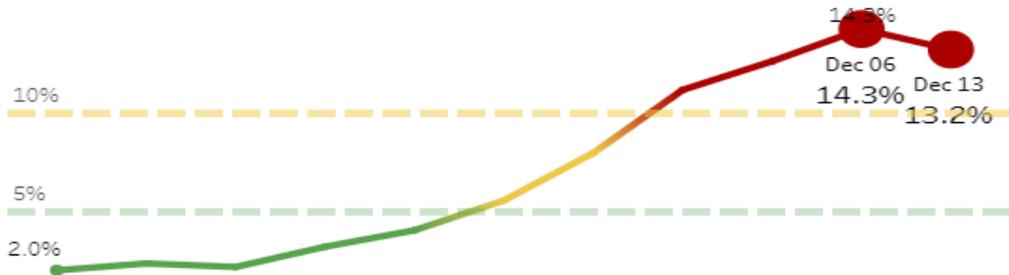
1) Cases per 100,000 individuals



2) Percent positivity



3) Hospital visits for COVID-like illnesses in the region



Arizona Department of Health Service County School Benchmarks is used to determine the level of community spread of COVID-19. For more information, please see the link below:

<https://www.azdhs.gov/preparedness/epidemiology-disease-control/infectious-disease-epidemiology/index.php#novel-coronavirus-schools>