

Outline of BTM COVID Plan Fall 2020

Below is an outline of our plan for BTM for Fall 2020, in compliance with the current restrictions in place in Prince George's County. As of today, this is the arrangement, but we will continue to re-evaluate our plans for the fall as Prince George's County releases new information on schools reopening and evolving restrictions.

- 1) Phase 1: As of now, we will prepare to begin the school year virtually for the first semester. Tutors will use Zoom (or another live classroom platform) to teach classes synchronously according to the BTM class schedule. Part of the Student Center Fees will be used to cover the cost of Zoom accounts for tutors. Mrs. Rafter will hold science labs for her classes approximately every other Thursday in the student center area with students socially distanced and wearing masks. Attendance for science labs is optional if there are families that do not feel comfortable with their students participating, but they will need to complete their own labs to receive the full credit for a highschool science.

- 2) Phase 2: If Prince George's County Public Schools eases restrictions on 6-foot social distancing and allows classes of 15 students to meet in person, we will move toward classes meeting in person as individual tutors are comfortable with it, with the exception of some classes:
 1. *Mrs. Green's English Composition and World Literatures classes will be taught virtually for the entire school year.*
 2. *Mrs. Simonson's Cultural Geography and Mrs. Simonson's MS Science classes will be taught virtually for the entire school year.*
 3. *Mrs. Kent's Pre Algebra and Algebra classes (and their optional study groups) will be taught virtually for the entire year.*
 4. *Mrs. Broadhursts's MS English, MS and HS Visual Art classes will be taught virtually all year.*
 - Masks will most likely be required for students at this point. If masks are required for tutors, individual tutors can make decisions to either: 1) return to the classroom with masks, or 2) continue virtually and wait until instructors are not required to wear masks to return to the classroom, if they feel masks will hinder their teaching.
 - If we return to classrooms, temperatures will be required to be taken each Tuesday and Thursday before attending BTM. The method in which this will occur is still being processed.
 - If required by the county during this phase, students and tutors will be required to fill out COVID questionnaires regarding exposure each day of attending class. If a student has symptoms or exposure, they will have to wait 14 days before returning to BTM.

- 3) Student Center: If we move to Phase 2, specific decisions concerning the Student Center have been postponed until county restrictions concerning indoor gatherings of more than 50

people have been clarified. Hopefully we will be able to have a Student Center at some point in the year, but this is up in the air and wholly dependent on county restrictions.

- 4) Individual Tutors: For each of your students' classes, your tutor will communicate to you via email outlining their individual perspective about returning to the classroom if instructors are required to wear a mask, and any other considerations that may delay their returning to the classroom even after social distancing and gathering restrictions are lifted by the county.
- 5) It is our hope that restrictions will be lifted and we can return to in-person instruction by third quarter as tutors and families feel comfortable. Of course, the safety of our tutors and students is our highest priority and we will rely on the county for guidelines regarding gatherings.
- 6) **If the above guidelines affect your decision to return to BTM next year, you must notify the leadership team via email at btmlleadershipteam@gmail.com before July 10. If you plan to withdraw a student from a class(s), we must receive written notice with the student's name and the class BEFORE July 10, or you will be responsible for payment for the entire first semester.*
- 7) Each tutor has a minimum number of required students in order for them to proceed with their classes. If we find that families' decisions are affecting the potential of a class cancellation, we will contact you asap.