



Planning for Thanksgiving Break

October 28, 2020

Dear OVS Families, Faculty and Staff members,

With Thanksgiving Break just around the corner we want everyone to have a wonderful holiday, but would also like to remind you of our expectations, our health policies, and our goal to bring staff and students safely back to campus following the break.

Although Ventura County cases have declined, and much of the state is currently faring well against the pandemic, COVID-19 is spreading in many other parts of the country. As such, we are advising families to carefully consider their holiday plans. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) suggests that the best way to avoid getting the virus is to stay at home. The agency also suggests [low-risk holiday plans](#), such as having a virtual Thanksgiving dinner or hosting a small outdoor dinner with family or friends who live in the same community. [California guidelines](#) strongly discourage gatherings with people outside your household.

We encourage you to follow these guidelines. Keep your groups small, be outdoors and wear masks as often as possible. When we return to school after the break, we ask you to consider the following recommendations:

- If anyone in your family is suffering symptoms, or has been in contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19, we ask that you get your student tested and do not return for in-person classes after the break and quarantine for two weeks.
- If you are traveling and using mass transit (airplane, train, bus), if you have visited another state or region with widespread virus transmission, or if you have attended any large gatherings, we ask that you quarantine for two weeks and have a negative COVID test before returning.
- Faculty and staff members, as well as all resident students, will be tested upon their return to campus. We encourage all day students to be tested as well. Please share test results with the Health Center at healthcenter@ovs.org.
- If you choose to keep your student home after the break, please contact your child's advisor or homeroom teacher. Many classes are set up to provide online learning, but some elementary classes will need time to prepare lessons and activities for students to complete.

We want everyone to have a fun, enjoyable and a well-deserved Thanksgiving Break. But, we also want everyone to stay safe and remember that all of our actions impact the health of the

OVS community. Thank you for your continued support! Please contact us with any questions or concerns at cfloyd@ovs.org and lclark@ovs.org.

Sincerely,



Craig Floyd,
Head of School
Upper Campus



Laurie Clark,
Head of School
Lower Campus