

Dear Early Childhood Families,

Due to the continued increasing spread of COVID-19 in the region, on Monday St. Louis County Executive Sam Page issued a new directive prohibiting gatherings of 50 or more people and limiting businesses to 25% capacity beginning this Friday. In order to help contain the spread of the virus, we simply cannot engage in face-to-face learning in a high quality way under these updated health guidelines. Parkway School District has decided that in order to ensure the safety of our students and staff, it will be necessary to transition into plan C of our [Return to Learn](#) plan. During plan C, our buildings will remain closed and all learning will take place virtually. We will remain in plan C until the end of first quarter (Oct 23.) This will have the following impact on our early childhood programs:

- Parents As Teachers-All visits will be virtual.
- Play Based Screening-All screenings will be virtual.
- Partners In Play-All classes will be cancelled.
- Kids Morning Out-Classes will be cancelled. (We are exploring the idea of offering virtual learning as determined by parent survey interest).
- Early Childhood Special Education-Distance Learning Plans will be implemented.
- Preschool-Distance Learning will be offered for a reduced tuition fee.

Families in our Preschool, Early Childhood Special Education and Kids Morning Out programs will be receiving follow up information from the program's coordinator within the next few days. There is a saying that, "the only thing constant is change." This seems to have been a theme for us in 2020. While we are all sad to know our panda family reunion will be a bit delayed, keeping our school community safe is a top priority. Our leadership team will still be available via google meet on Monday, August 3 from 4:30-5:30 to answer any questions families may have. The meeting is optional for families, but we just wanted to offer an opportunity to connect. Please know that as plans have just recently changed, we will still be working out the details of this new plan and may not have all the answers for you yet. We are working diligently to develop quality plans and work out the details. Please use the following link to enter any questions you may have here: [Parent Questions](#) The google meeting link for August 3 can be accessed here: <https://meet.google.com/zct-rjff-ooz> Thank you for your patience, understanding and flexibility as we all navigate these challenging times.

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