

Dear Summerfield Community,

Though things at Summerfield may appear quiet the last few weeks, we have been busy planning for the opening of school. We did listen to the Governor's press conference today, and, like you, we are asking what it means for us.

The county is on the state watchlist, and the Governor announced that schools must be in full distance learning until the county is off the watchlist for 14 days. As we understand it, the earliest this could happen in our county is August 17th. That is the date we are planning to start classes. If Sonoma County does well, this is one possible way we could open the school year on campus.

We have a second possibility for opening on campus: The Governor's criteria are based on school being taught inside closed classrooms. As parks and beaches are still open, we have inquired and are waiting for a call back from the County Health office to see if the outdoor plan we announced in June would be possible under the current conditions so that we could return to campus in person as planned.

We are all learning to be flexible and to adjust quickly to the constantly changing conditions. We are currently working on building a schedule and school calendar designed to deliver our program and be adaptable to transition easily between school on campus and learning from home. We will share this and how we will open school as soon as we have more the information.

We are committed to the dual goals of providing safety for all and the best Waldorf educational experience possible, and we will continue to keep you informed about our plans to meet these goals as the situation unfolds.

Thank you for your ongoing trust in our striving,
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