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## **Community Roots Remote Learning Policy**

September 13, 2021 - November 22, 2021

Community Roots Charter School (Community Roots or the School) fully supports the American Academy of Pediatrics and the Center for Disease Control (CDC) position that the importance of in-person learning is fundamental to children's well-being and outweighs the safety risk of returning to the classroom. In-person instruction is superior to remote learning from an academic perspective, as well as from a mental health viewpoint. Community Roots has a multi-layered approach to protecting students from the transmission of COVID-19 while in the school building. Our health and safety protocols are in line with CDC's guidance, and include, but are not limited to: a face mask policy, health screening protocols, cleaning and sanitation policies, randomized COVID testing, social distancing requirements and reporting/quarantining requirements. Community Roots realizes that there may be medically fragile students and/or families who may need a remote schooling option for a period of time. The School is offering a remote learning option to medically fragile students and/or students in medically fragile families for the first marking period which starts on September 13, 2021, and ends on November 22, 2021. Please note that this remote learning option is only being offered to families that can provide the School with a note from a doctor outlining a reason why your child should be provided remote instruction for this first marking period. The remote learning program will not be as robust as it was in the 2020-2021 school year, and there will be no dedicated remote teachers. The remote learning program will have an element of live direct instruction, but it will mostly consist of live-streaming into classrooms and daily assignments for students to complete and submit on their own. Families that are interested in the remote learning option must submit a doctor's note to a Director by September 1, 2021. Families will be notified by September 3<sup>rd</sup> if they are able to participate in the remote learning program for the first marking period. There will not be an ability to change from a remote option to an in-person option, or vice-versa, until after the first marking period. Community Roots will make a decision at a later date whether the remote option will extend past the first marking period.

### **Quarantining/COVID Testing**

If a student in school is quarantined due to COVID 19 exposure, receives a positive test result or is awaiting test results they will be able to join remote learning for those days.

### **Sick Days**

Children will not be able to join remote learning for non-COVID related sick days.

### **Travel**

Children will not be able to join remote learning for travel.