

May 21, 2021

Dear YES Prep Families,

We hope this message finds you safe and well. By now, you may have heard the [Governor's announcement](#) earlier this week regarding masks. While in the future masks will not be required on campuses in accordance with the latest state mandate, out of an abundance of caution for the safety of students, staff and their families, we continue to encourage their use by those not fully vaccinated and will welcome students and staff to continue to wear them.

Our health partner, Legacy Community Health, has been offering COVID-19 vaccines to eligible staff, students (note: the vast majority of our students are now eligible) and their families since March 8, 2021, and we expect many more will receive it in the coming weeks. Please see below for new information regarding vaccine availability for students 12 years and older. The health and safety of our students and staff are our top priority. Thank you for your support and participation in keeping our schools safe and keeping our students learning.

Thank you for reading this Family Update in its entirety for information, updates, and reminders about COVID-19 vaccine availability for ages 12 and older, Senior Signing Day this Sunday, the ARP ESSER III grant, next Facebook Live session for 12th-grade families, Summer Meals Delivery Service and more.

Important Dates Reminder

- **May 23** – Senior Signing Day
- **May 31** – Memorial Day (Student/staff holiday)
- **June 4-6** – Commencement Ceremonies

Vaccines are available through Legacy for ages 12 years and up!

We are thrilled to announce that the Pfizer vaccine is now available at our Legacy clinics for children twelve years and older! If you are interested in registering for a vaccine appointment for your student, please click on this link: <http://bit.ly/YPSchoolVaccines>.

For more information about the COVID-19 vaccines, please visit the [Harris County Public Health](#) website. You can also find specific information about the Pfizer vaccine in [English here](#) and in [Spanish here](#).

Senior Signing Day is this Sunday!

The day we've been waiting for has arrived! Senior Signing Day (SSD) is this Sunday, May 23! We invite you to watch via livestream at yesprep.org/ssd, to celebrate the accomplishments and bright futures of the Class of 2021. The livestream will begin at 6 p.m. Make sure to use the hashtag #SSD2021 to engage and participate via social media. We also invite you to visit our social media accounts to see a senior from each campus help us countdown to the big day. Show our seniors your support by liking or commenting on the post. (Click on the following hyperlinks to access YES Prep's [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) and [Twitter](#) accounts.)

A note for seniors and their two guests with tickets who will be attending SSD in person:

Updated Mask Policy for SSD

Per Governor Abbott's executive order this week regarding masks, masks will not be required at Rice University for the event this Sunday. However, out of an abundance of caution for the safety of students, staff and families in attendance, we continue to strongly encourage their use especially by those not fully vaccinated and welcome students and their guests to wear them at the event.



Rain Plan

We are following the forecast for Sunday and will send messaging on Saturday in the case that the event needs to be postponed.

- In the event of light rain on Sunday, seniors and their guests are encouraged to bring a poncho or a raincoat. Please note: Rice Stadium does NOT permit umbrellas in the stadium.
- If it is determined on Saturday that the event needs to be postponed, it will be rescheduled for Monday, May 24 at Rice Stadium.

We cannot wait to celebrate the Class of 2021 at Senior Signing Day! Way to go seniors!

Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund (ESSER III)

As you may know, YES Prep Public Schools is eligible for the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund (ESSER III). The ARP ESSER III grant will be used to address learning loss, underserved students, identify and provide homeless children and youth with services, and support additional public education needs. For more info visit our [ESSER III grant webpage](#).

As a valued member of the YES Prep community, we are seeking your input on the proposed plan for the use of the approximately \$49 million in ARP ESSER III funds. It is our desire to build a plan that is responsive to the needs of students, families, and educators.

We welcome your input and feedback via [this form](#) no later than May 31, 2021, to be reviewed for possible inclusion into our proposed plan for ARP ESSER III. Thank you!

Facebook Live: On the Path to College - Celebrating our Seniors!

Join our next [Facebook Live event](#) *On the Path to College* on Wednesday, May 26, from 6 – 7 p.m. Nella Garcia Urban, Chief Program Officer, and Roberto Trevino, Managing Director of College Initiatives, will be celebrating our seniors! The Class of 2021 has worked so hard. Come tell us about a senior you are proud of! In our last Facebook Live, we reached over 1000 views, let's increase that for our seniors! Tag someone you know who wants to celebrate their soon-to-be high school graduate. [Click here to view the Facebook event](#). #thebestisYEScome

English 6 – 6:30 p.m.

Spanish 6:30 – 7 p.m.

Family-School Relationships Survey Results

Thank you for taking the time to complete the annual Family-School Relationships Survey! We are still digging in to read the comments and identify the trends in the data to prioritize actions at the system and campus levels. From the initial review, it was great to see that we were well above average on the categories that were nationally normed such as Barriers to Engagement, School Climate and School Fit. Stay tuned for more details on how we will be using your feedback to plan for a successful new school year!

Summer Meals Delivery Service - Survey Requesting Service Closes June 4

If you are interested in receiving FREE breakfast & lunch meals for your children this summer, June 14 – August 13, PLEASE sign up below. Meals are available to all children 18 years of age and younger and delivered directly to your home. Our current delivery structure will end June 11, 2021. PLEASE sign up today if you're interested in the continuation of home delivery services. Each meal box (per child) will have 7 breakfast meals and 7 lunch meals in it, plus 1 gallon of milk. Sign up using the link below! Reach out to ChildNutrition@yesprep.org with questions.

[Here is the link to the Summer Feeding 2021 Survey](#)

Did You Know?

[White-Black achievement gaps in Texas are smaller in public charter schools than ISDs by 10 to 25 percentage points!](#) With equity at the forefront of our model, public charter schools are helping reverse these achievement gaps!

As always, we would like to thank you for trusting us with the responsibility of educating your children. Thank you for your support and partnership as we continue our commitment to prioritize safety while also working tirelessly to provide the highest quality instruction, online and in-person. Our next Family Update will be on **Friday, May 28**.

Thank you