

# Think Through Academy



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Dear Parents,

TTA Staff would like to get our students back to school as quickly as possible, while keeping in mind the safety of our students, our families, and our staff. TTA staff developed a plan to reopen the school in a safe, efficient, and equitable learning and working environment.

In order to evaluate community conditions and necessary protocols to open schools safely and responsibly, TTA leaders reviewed the guidelines provided by the world’s leading public health best practices and research on COVID-19, Centers for Disease Control ([CDC guidelines](#)), [Maricopa County Public health](#) and [ADHS](#).

As communicated previously, Think Through Academy is providing Online Distance Learning since August 3<sup>rd</sup>. This decision was made after collecting and analyzing data, ever-evolving expert advice of the public health community, as well as the severe community spread of COVID-19 and the uncertainties of the pandemic.

TTA will continue to closely monitor the updated information about COVID-19 to make better decisions, giving the priority to the safety and health of our students, families, community, and staff.

Regardless of the learning delivery model you choose, TTA staff reassure you that your student will be provided with the rigorous, relevant, and responsive instruction that meet the state standards and are aligned with TTA’s Vision, Mission, and Core Values in a safe learning environment.

TTA will open our building to in-person learning as soon as it is safe for our students and staff to return to school. You, as a parent will still have the option to choose to continue utilizing distance learning or on-campus learning.

Re-Opening of Think Through Academy facility is based on local COVID-19 progress. The following metrics are taken into consideration in our decision making:

- 1. Case rate per 100,000 people<sup>1</sup>: 2730.3 Cases**
- 2. Percent positivity COVID-19 (PCR)<sup>2</sup> as August 2<sup>nd</sup>: 9%.**
- 3. Percent positivity COVID-19 (Serology)<sup>2</sup> as August 2<sup>nd</sup>: 16.2 %.**
- 4. COVID-like illness: 6.7%**
- 5. Total Maricopa cases: 196,280 cases**
- 6. Total Death: 4684 Cases.**

<sup>1</sup><https://www.maricopa.gov/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=1628>

<sup>2</sup><https://www.azdhs.gov/preparedness/epidemiology-disease-control/infectious-disease-epidemiology/covid-19/dashboards/index.php>

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Covid-19 cases by Zip code 85017 Where Think Through Academy is located:



Sincerely yours,

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