



Dear CART Students & Families,

We want to reach out to everyone to share CART's plan for the spring semester 2021.

CART, like all schools, has been weighing the physical health and safety of our students and staff with their emotional and social needs, as well as the rigorous, real world academics we strive to provide. At this point in time, there is no absolute right way for us to proceed, but after working as a team on site and with both Clovis and Fresno Unified, we feel we have come up with a solid compromise in our tentative plan to reopen with at least some in-person learning time for our students.

[CART will remain on virtual learning through January 2021.](#)

**Please be aware that CART's first day of instruction (virtual) for the spring semester is Thursday, January 7, 2021.**

Because CART is a unique program bringing two districts and over twelve high schools together, CART is moving slowly and carefully to bring students onto campus. However, the CART Staff feels strongly that the true CART experience cannot happen virtually. Our hands-on, interactive program is not the same; internships and mentoring in the field needs students to be in person for the full experience, and we also believe our students cannot continue to develop or maintain emotional fitness working in isolation.

For these reasons, it is our strongest hope that the prevalence of COVID-19 cases will have declined by the end of January so that **CART students may return to some form of in person instruction beginning February 1, 2021.** If this is not the situation, then CART will reevaluate a later start date for in person instruction.

The safety of our staff, students and families is of the utmost concern to us, hence the reason for this cautious approach.

Please contact CART if you have any questions.

Thank you

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