As schools re-open this fall with an ongoing pandemic, partnerships between teachers and families are more critical now than ever before.

Teachers seeking to begin or resume their home visits should follow the guidance of their school or district and their local health authorities. Schools around the country are operating under widely varying circumstances. Parent Teacher Home Visits cannot make the determination as to whether a teacher may safely conduct home visits. However, we offer a variety of trainings and guidance to help teachers make meaningful connections with families whether socially distanced in-person visits are permitted or teachers must connect virtually. If in-person home visits are authorized by the district and public health officials, the following are a few helpful tips to help everyone stay safe.

Wear a mask or face shield during the entire visit. Children under 10 are not required to wear a mask.

Avoid touching your face.

Avoid making any physical contact with the family (no elbow bumps, handshaking).

Remember, the first home visit is relational and does not require you to bring anything to the home visit. Do not pass or share any physical objects (paper, books, etc.)

Wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.

Bring hand sanitizer and be sure to sanitize before and after the home visit.

Bring a creative and fun barrier of some sort to create distancing circles of at least 6 feet from one another to ensure physical distancing (ex. Hula hoops, noodle, blankets, etc.).

We highly recommend meeting outdoors. This can be done at the following locations: front yard, back yard, park, driveway, parking lot, car via drive-by home visit.