

PLANNING FOR A Safe Return



“Ensure each student thrives in a future -focused learning environment as they build their skills becoming responsible citizens.”

2021-22 COVID-19 Protocols

Center School District remains committed to providing in-person learning in the safest manner possible. This is an ever-evolving and fluid situation. Below are answers to the most frequently asked questions you have sent our way.

Who has to wear masks?

- Following the Kansas City Mask Mandate issued by the Mayor on August 2, Center School District is complying. This means any individual on CSD property will be required to wear a mask.
- In addition, all individuals must wear a mask when utilizing district-provided transportation (including buses and vans).

What happens if a student or staff member tests positive or is exposed to COVID-19?

- When the district is aware of a positive COVID case, the district will work in cooperation with Kansas City Health Department to gather the necessary information so we can provide proper public health guidance.

Will I be notified if my child has an exposure to COVID at school?

- CSD will communicate their recommendations to students, staff, and families around quarantine and returning to the school environment.
- CSD will notify staff and families of a student or staff's confirmed positive case identified in their school.

Will students still have cohorts in classrooms?

- Students will remain part of cohorts that are reasonable to maintain at each school level. This may require assigned seats and assigned line orders to provide contact tracing information.

Will visitors be allowed in buildings?

- To minimize risk, the visitor protocol puts strong limits on visitors entering our schools. Essential visitors that directly support students and staff will be permitted, however all visitors to school buildings during the school day will remain by appointment only.
- Under normal circumstances, we welcome volunteers in our buildings, however during the pandemic, our goal is to limit the number of potential exposures that could keep students from in -person learning in our buildings.

Will school events be permitted?

We will encourage virtual events. Events outdoors and small group gatherings may be permitted, however strong health and safety protocols will be followed including:

- a. Principal approval
- b. A CSD employee will be on-site to manage protocols during the event
- c. Temperature scans and sign-in protocols will be followed.
- d. Attendees will socially distance
- e. Facilities will be notified to properly clean after an event
- f. Number of participants should not exceed the capacity limits of the ability to social distance

What about activities & athletics?

Activities and athletics will follow MSHSAA **Missouri State High School Activities Association** guidelines.

- No restrictions for fan attendance are currently in place, outdoors. Indoor events would need to allow for social distancing protocols and all spectators will be required to wear masks while indoors.

Will any students have to learn remotely this school year?

- Families were provided an option to select virtual learning through LAUNCH. The deadline ended on July 30, 2021. If families still want to explore virtual learning, they will need to follow the MOCAP process through Academic Services.

<https://www.center.k12.mo.us/virtual-learning>

Will these COVID-19 protocols change?

- This is an ever evolving and fluid situation. Guidance from local, state, or national agencies influences these measures and could result in revisions to these practices.