

# 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 Mitigation Measures

### New:

- Face coverings will be required for all students and staff.

### Updated:

- 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.

### Continued Efforts:

- Parents and employees will continue to be required to report confirmed cases of COVID-19 to building and or district administration or their supervisor.
- Contact tracing will continue and staff and student quarantines may be required. The Center School District will work in partnership with the Kansas City Health Department to notify individuals who should quarantine as well as other potential guidance from medical experts. Public health directives may vary and could include the addition of specific safety measures in a school environment, the temporary closure of a classroom or school building, and other risk mitigation measures. As a reminder, the health department will be used in consultation to determine whether other students or staff are a close contact of the potential positive case and whether a classroom or other students are at risk of exposure. These directives may or may not include mass notification to a school community. Center School District is committed to communicating with our community; however, we also have an obligation to protect student and staff privacy.
- Reported COVID-19 communication practices will continue including the CSD COVID-19 Dashboard.
- Staff and students will continue to be expected to wash their hands frequently throughout the day.
- Staff and students will continue to be expected to follow proper respiratory etiquette including:
  1. Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue. Throw your tissue in the trash immediately after use.
  2. If a tissue isn't available, cough or sneeze into the inside of your elbow. Avoid using your hands.
  3. Wash or sanitize your hands after each cough or sneeze.
- Staff, students, and all visitors will be required to undergo thermal temperature scans as they enter CSD buildings.
- Efforts will be made to physical distance to the best extent possible to minimize COVID-19 exposure and assist with contact tracing should a child or staff member become ill.

- Enhanced district cleaning and maintenance procedures will continue to be followed with COVID-19 approved sanitation protocols.

Regular classroom and school cleaning and disinfecting is occurring. Custodial staff are significantly increasing the wiping down and disinfecting of public spaces and high-touch surfaces across our buildings throughout the school day. S

- Secondary students will continue to have access to sanitation materials for additional cleaning.
- All staff will continue to have access to sanitation materials for additional cleaning.
- Increased outdoor air through the HVAC systems will continue to be used as a mitigation strategy.
- Free COVID-19 testing will be available for CSD staff and students with COVID-19 symptoms as long as supplies are available.
- CSD worked in partnership with University Health and the Kansas City Health Department to offer the COVID-19 vaccines for CSD staff and eligible CSD students. If staff and students are interested in receiving the vaccine, they may currently contact the Kansas City Health Department to schedule an appointment. <https://www.kcmo.gov/city-hall/departments/health/coronavirus-covid-19-kcmo-information-and-response/schedule-your-covid-19-vaccine-at-the-kansas-city-health-department>
- Support for Students with IEPs and 504s: The Center School District Special Education Department is committed to providing free and appropriate public educational opportunities for students with disabilities. Collaboration with families is an integral part of the special education process and continues to be essential during this time. Students will receive accommodations and modifications specific to their IEPs or 504 plans. Individual conversations will occur to ensure appropriate accommodations and modifications are in place if alternate methods of instruction (i.e. virtual) are utilized. The teams will work collaboratively to identify alternative solutions if it is determined that accommodations and/or modifications are not appropriate or successful in a particular setting.

- We will continue to offer virtual meeting opportunities when needed and appropriate.
- The federal mandate requiring the wearing of masks on all public transportation is still in effect. Accordingly, since our school busses are considered public transportation, all staff and students will be required to wear a mask while on CSD buses as long as this mandate remains in place.

As a reminder, the Center School District will continue to monitor trends and will adjust protocol accordingly should the need arise. We are continuing to provide updated weekly reported COVID-19 cases on the CSD Dashboard, on the CSD COVID-19 page.

<https://www.center.k12.mo.us/covid-19> \