

Deer Creek

SCHOOL DISTRICT

Safe Return To

LEARN

2021-2022

Deer Creek is committed to learning and personal growth for every Antler in a healthy, safe and orderly manner.

Deer Creek will be continuing school in a traditional format for the 2021-2022 school year. We will promote safe and healthy practices and protocols in order to help keep our students and staff safe. Deer Creek asks that all families monitor the health of their student(s) and keep their child(ren) home if they are experiencing symptoms that are associated with contagious illnesses. These symptoms include but are not limited to fever, cough, vomiting, and/or loss of taste or smell. Students may return to school when they are symptom free without the aide of medication for 24 hours unless they are home due to testing positive with COVID. This plan may be reviewed and revised depending on Local, State or Federal mandates.



Traditional - Remote Learning



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The Deer Creek School District will return to a traditional school calendar. Students will attend school 5 Days a week.



For the 2021-2022 school year, students will be enrolled in school in a traditional pathway unless they have applied for and been accepted in the Deer Creek Academy virtual program.



PLEASE SEE UPDATED MASK ADDENDUM ON PAGE 6.
[Click Here](#) to view the correct wearing of mask guidelines.



It is important that all families continue to partner with the schools in monitoring the health of your students and families. Per regular school health guidelines, if students or staff are exhibiting signs of any illness, they should not attend school until they are symptom and fever free for 24 hours without the use of medication unless a student or staff member has tested positive for COVID.

Symptoms of common illnesses include but are not limited to fever, coughing, vomiting and/or loss of taste or smell.

If a student or staff member tests positive, please refer to **PAGE 6** for recommended quarantine timeline.

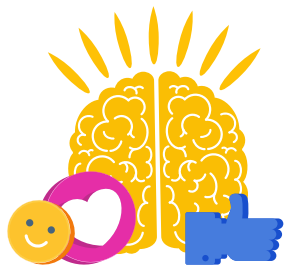


Deer Creek plans to continue traditional transportation. When possible, windows will be down for air circulation.

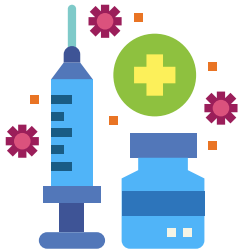


Deer Creek will make every effort to promote healthy practices and protocols. Deer Creek will continue its increased cleaning practices and protocols in an effort to protect our staff and students. Appropriate ventilation is monitored and updated as needed.

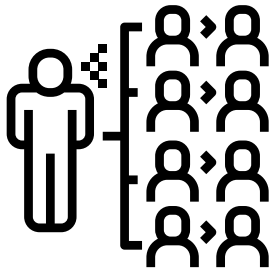
Frequent hand-washing and other healthy protocols will continue to be encouraged and practiced. [Click Here](#) for recommendations on healthy practices.



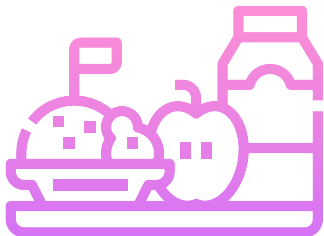
The Social-Emotional well-being of our students is as important as their academic learning. Our Health and Wellness department along with our site counselors are available to help our students and families.



COVID-19 Vaccinations are not required for students or staff. **Contact tracing will no longer occur in accordance with recent recommended practices by the OCCHD and OSHD. Deer Creek will monitor for clusters and notify families if an outbreak is identified. Deer Creek will follow health protocols and strive to coordinate with health authorities at that time.** Please [Click Here](#) for Vaccination Resources and Location Sites.



School sites will keep record of all reported positive COVID-19 cases and report in accordance to any mandated State or Federal requirements. Deer Creek will continue to coordinate health efforts with the OCCHD and other local and federal agencies. [Click Here](#) for COVID Testing Sites.



For the 2021-2022 school year, meals are free for all students. A la carte items, additional items and extra meals will require payment or be charged to the student's account. Deer Creek School District remains a closed campus, therefore High School students will not be allowed to drive off campus for lunch.



For the 2021-2022 school year, school visitors are allowed in the building for school related reasons such as Meet the Teacher Day, Schedule Pick Up, Check In/Out of Students and Assemblies if capacity allows. Outside lunches may be dropped off for students, but families are not be allowed to stay and eat lunch on campuses.



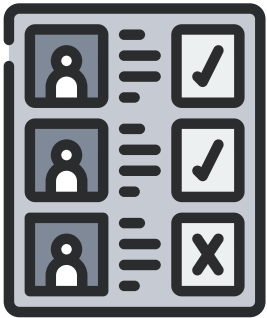
The district or school site(s) will move to Remote Learning if the campus must close due to COVID-19 related incidents or other long term reasons. If school is closed due to Inclement Weather or other short term reasons, Remote Learning will not occur and that day will be counted as a non-school day.



Canvas is our Learning Management System (LMS).

Changes for 21-22:

- **Canvas will support instruction but will not replace instruction now that we have returned to a 5 day traditional setting**
- **Canvas will not be a substitute for a classroom teacher**
- **Students in quarantine will need to login to Canvas daily. Students may also receive additional help once they return to school.**



Attendance expectations for 21-22:

- **The district will determine when a particular site or site(s) need to be closed and moved to a Remote Learning Day or Inclement Weather Day**
- **Students are expected to be in school 5 days a week unless they are a virtual student, the district has designated a Remote Learning day, or they are required to quarantine.**
- **ABSENCE CODES:**
 - **DVAP : Distance/Virtual Attendance Present**
Only COVID reasons:
 - **Positive COVID Student or Student in Quarantine**
 - **Defined period of time according to OCCHD**
 - **Student MUST participate remotely in school**
 - **Student will receive 5 days from the last DVAP day to submit work without grade or attendance penalty**
 - **DVAP code will be district dictated and is not available for use upon student or parent request.**
 - **AV: Absence Verified (Parent has notified school of absence)**
 - **UA: Unverified Absence (Parent has not notified school of absence)**
 - **MED: All non-COVID health-related absences with a medical note**

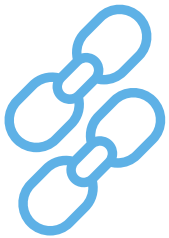


The District supports students with special needs through both the IEP and Section 504 processes first, through on-going staff training regarding health and safety issues and through the use of accommodations provided to the students through their individual plans. These plans are designed specifically to ensure the safety and well-being of each student identified with special needs.



Five key COVID prevention strategies:

1. Correct use of [masks](#)
2. [Physical distancing](#) and/or use of student/staff grouping as circumstances and space allow
3. [Handwashing](#) and [respiratory etiquette](#)
4. Cleaning and maintaining healthy facilities
5. Contact tracing in combination with isolation and quarantine in collaboration with OCCHD and state health department.



Additional COVID Resources and Information

- OSSBA COVID [Resources Page](#)
- CDC [Symptoms](#) of COVID
- CDC [COVID Families and Children](#)
- [OCCHD COVID FAQ'S](#)
- [OSDH Quarantine Guidance for fully vaccinated person](#)

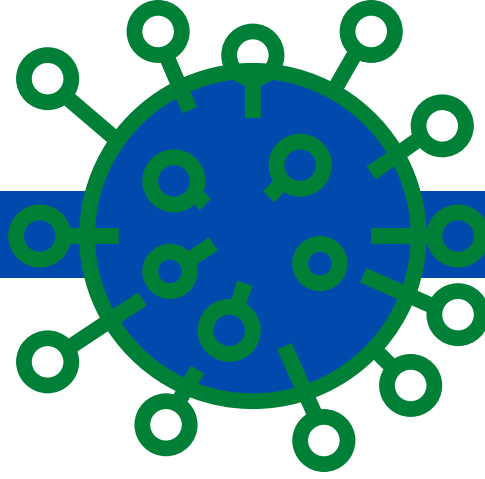


While it is the goal for Deer Creek Public Schools to maintain in-person learning five days a week, situations may arise where there is a need to temporarily move to remote learning until it is safe to return to in-person learning.

<u>Level of Closure</u>	<u>Situations that may warrant the need for closure</u>
District-wide closure	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 18% of bus drivers absent due to quarantine or illness
School site closure	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 5% of total school population (students and staff) tests positive for COVID-19• 20% of total student population is absent due to quarantine or illness• Appropriate supervision of students cannot be achieved with available staff
Classroom closure	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Classroom teacher is quarantined and a suitable replacement cannot be provided
Athletics/Activities closure	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Appropriate supervision of students cannot be achieved with available staff• Number of absences by participating students achieves a level where the team/organization cannot function safely or competitively

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CONTACT TRACING & POSITIVE TESTS

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If a student or staff member tests positive, quarantine is mandatory for 5 days from date of positive COVID test or onset of symptoms. If no symptoms or symptoms are resolving, student/staff may return to school on day 6. It is recommended to wear a mask on day 6-10 if returning to school.

MASK POLICY

- 1. Masks will be highly recommended for all students and staff to be worn during the instructional day and while using school transportation.**
- 2. Masks will be highly encouraged for students and patrons in attendance for non-required activities such as extra-curricular after school events and evening activities.**
- 3. Families are encouraged to monitor closely for symptoms and seek medical advice as needed.**
- 4. This change will take effect February 22, 2022 with the flexibility to return to the mask requirements with the legal opt-out option if numbers in the area should increase or upon advice from our governing medical agencies.**

EFFECTIVE TUESDAY, FEBRUARY, 22 2022