

CUSD#4 Safe Return to School Plan

This plan is based on current conditions with input from the local health department, IDPH, the CDC, and to comply with Executive Order #2021-19. If local conditions change, mitigations may be removed or added, as deemed necessary by the School Board. Changes, should they occur, and reasons for those changes will be shared in a timely manner.

- School will be in session full days with in-person learning for everyone. Remote Instruction will only be made available to students who are under quarantine as directed by our local health department or IDPH.
- Masks are mandated (Governor's August 4, 2021 Executive Order). This executive order requires the indoor use of face coverings by students, staff, and visitors regardless of vaccination status. The mandate also extends to indoor activities and athletics.
- Physical distancing of at least 3 feet will be maintained when possible.
- Masks are not required outdoors.
- Masks are required for ALL individuals on buses to and from school, field trips, athletic events, etc. This is a state AND federal mandate.
- We will continue our daily cleaning in our buildings and school buses.
- When individuals test positive for COVID, the school will provide ACHD with a list of close contacts as required by the Emergency Management Act. (Individuals who are solely exposed to a confirmed case outdoors will not be considered a close contact.) The health department will make all decisions regarding quarantines.
- Individuals who are experiencing COVID symptoms and their household members should stay home until proof of a negative COVID test is produced.

Symptoms are:

- o Fever or chills
 - o New onset of moderate to severe headache
 - o Shortness of breath
 - o New cough
 - o Sore throat
 - o Nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, abdominal pain from unknown cause
 - o New congestion or runny nose
 - o New loss of sense of taste or smell
 - o Fatigue from unknown cause
 - o Muscle or body ache
- Vaccination is not required and individuals will not be required to disclose their vaccination status. However, students and staff may wish to voluntarily disclose their vaccination status to avoid quarantine. Documented proof would be required.
 - If we need to pivot based upon local conditions, we will consult with the board of education before making changes.

- If a student is quarantined by the health department, all students will be given homework for the work they miss at school. This will be determined by the teacher. In addition, videos and extra digital resources may be used as needed and as each teacher sees fit. Some teachers may have students participate by zoom or Google Meets. The most important piece of the educational process during a quarantine is communication. If you have any questions or concerns during quarantine, reach out to the teacher(s) right away. Information should be available on Google Classroom or Class Dojo.
- Classroom volunteers, guest speakers, college representatives, etc. will be allowed in the buildings with a mask, but visitors will still be kept to a minimum.
- At this time, all sports are on schedule with no capacity limits on fans. The only requirement is that all individuals must wear a mask or they will have to leave. Again, this is for our students and athletes and we do not want to jeopardize their opportunities to compete. This is based upon requirements by the executive order, IHSA, IESA, and the local health department.
- Buses are no longer limited to 50 individuals, but masks are still required of the driver and all passengers, regardless of vaccination status. Bus changes for sleepovers, parties, etc. are not allowed due to assigned seating for possible contact tracing.

Administrative Procedures for Mask Requirement

August 26, 2021

We cannot express how happy we have been to have all of the students in the buildings. Our first days did not come without bumps, but our staff and students handled them exceptionally well. We are looking forward to an exciting new year and what challenges it may bring.

As you know, last night on August 25, 2021, the school board approved a resolution to follow the mask mandate so we will have to change some procedures throughout the day.

If a student arrives at school not wearing a mask, s/he will not be allowed in the building. An administrator will try to resolve the situation by offering the student a mask. On August 26, 2021 only, if the student refuses to mask, the student will be isolated from the other masked students and continue classes from an alternate setting or parents will be contacted and the student sent home. Beginning August 27, 2021 if a student refuses to wear a mask, parents will be contacted and the student will be sent home. If a student is sent home or chooses to go home on 8/26/2021 or 8/27/2021 the absence will be marked excused while the school works with the student and family so learning can continue safely and is aligned to district/IDPH/CDC/ISBE guidelines. All visitors to district buildings and events will be required to wear masks. If they do not they will have to leave.

Beginning August 30, 2021, the following will be implemented.

Students who refuse to wear a mask will be sent home and the absence will be marked as unexcused. Continued unexcused absences will be referred to the ROE Truancy Officer while administrators continue to work toward resolution with the student and family towards the goal of continuing the student's education.

Transportation

If students are unmasked, they will not be allowed on the school bus/activity bus. A mask will be offered to them before boarding. All individuals need to wear a mask while riding the school bus/activity bus.