



## Frequently Asked Questions - District's Reopening Plan

**As of January 10, 2022**

**\*This date will change as new information is added.**

As we continue daily instruction in a virtual environment, Clayton County Public Schools (CCPS) is working to respond to questions being raised by our students and their families as well as our employees regarding a return to face-to-face instruction. We ask that you please use this Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) document related to CCPS students and staff returning to our facilities and face-to-face instruction. Questions are organized by General Questions and specific Departments.

### General Questions

#### **When are staff and students returning to facilities?**

- Staff and students will return to facilities on Monday, January 10, 2022. Students enrolled in the Virtual Learning Program will also begin classes on Monday, January 10, 2022.

#### **What is the protocol if someone tests positive for COVID-19?**

- If an employee or student tests positive for COVID-19, the individual should upload their positive test information in the Employee/Student Self-Reporting Portal located on the CCPS Website.
- If an employee or student is exposed to an individual who has tested positive for COVID-19, they should upload their exposure information in the Employee/Student Self-Reporting Portal located on the CCPS Website.
- District personnel will implement contact tracing and initiate the next steps for cleaning and sanitizing the designated areas within the building.

#### **What protocol will be in place if a student or staff member has symptoms of Covid-19?**

- If staff or students become ill, they will be quarantined (isolated) in a designated area at their facility. They will remain in that area until they can be picked up by a parent/guardian/other. If a staff or a student experiences symptoms he/she must be screened for COVID-19. If the individual tests positive and is vaccinated or unvaccinated, he/she must be isolated. The isolation can end after 5 full days if the individual is fever-free for 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medication and other symptoms have improved.

#### **How will social distancing occur during highly populated areas (e.g. lunchroom, hallways, bathrooms, loading and unloading areas)?**

- Students will social distance when they report to areas outside of the classroom, such as when they report to the cafeteria to pick up breakfast and lunch to take back to their classrooms for consumption. Each school will implement a supervised entry and dismissal process. Additionally, schools have signs/markings that remind staff and students to social distance.

## School-Based Virtual Learning Program

### **How will the district support the learning of students who are currently enrolled in the School-Based Virtual Learning Program?**

- Students and parents/ families who opted to continue in the School-Based Virtual Learning Program by communicating with the student's school during November 29- December 10, 2021 timeframe will continue to receive the same level of instruction and support received in the 1st semester.

### **Will the School-Based Virtual Learning Program option continue to be provided for the remainder of 2020-2021?**

- No. The School-Based Virtual Learning Program option for the remainder of 2021-2022 is closed. The option to select the School-Based Virtual Learning Program was offered November 29- December 10, 2021. However, if you have extenuating circumstances, please contact your student's principal (or his/her designee) to see if the School-Based Virtual Learning Program has the capacity to enroll your student.

### **Will I be able to change my mind if my child is enrolled in the Virtual Learning Program?**

- No. Students enrolled in the School-Based Virtual Learning Program 2nd semester will remain in the program for the full semester until May 25, 2022. Parents are asked to follow-up directly with their student's principal (or his/her designee) if there are questions regarding returning to the face to face environment before the end of the semester.

## Safety and Security

### **Is wearing a face covering required to attend school Face-to-Face?**

- Yes, face masks are required unless there is a health-related issue that prevents a student or staff from wearing one; other safety practices will be instituted for these individuals.

### **What will be the protocol when parents bring their child to school sick and cannot return to pick them up?**

- If a student becomes ill, they will be quarantined in a designated area at their facility. They will remain in that area until they can be picked up by a parent/guardian/other. The District will make every effort to connect with the parent/guardian in these situations. Each case will be dealt with on an individual basis.

### **Will the district support discipline or removal of students that refuse to comply?**

- The Student Code of Conduct, item 8J, requires all students to follow established health, and/or safety rules while on school property, or participating in a virtual class or extending learning beyond the classroom. The initial discipline responses will include parental contact, involvement of school social worker or school counselor to

address the issue and engage the student in an empathic dialogue. Additional responses will be deployed as needed since this code section carries a level 1-4 consequence.

**Will each teacher, counselor, and staff member be supplied with adequate and ample disinfecting supplies?**

- All classroom and offices have been supplied with spray bottles filled with disinfectant solution. There are ample supplies of disinfecting solution and spray bottles for individual use.

**How will classrooms be outfitted and designed to support safety and social distancing?**

- Students will be spaced out to conform with social distancing guidelines through alternate and designated seating based on the seating layout of the classroom.
- Students will receive desk shields in an effort to minimize contact with their peers.

**Nutrition Services**

**How will students receive breakfast, lunch, and snacks?**

Whether students are face-to-face or remote learning they will receive school breakfast, lunch and snack meals.

**Face-to-face Learning Meal Service:**

- All students will receive breakfast and lunch in the cafeteria daily.

**School-Based Virtual Learning Program Meal Service:**

- Curbside meals will be provided at schools for School-Based Virtual Learning Program.

**Will meals be provided for the students in the School-Based Virtual Learning Program? If so, how will meals be provided to students in the School-Based Virtual Learning Program?**

- Yes, meals for students participating in the School-Based **Virtual Learning Program** will be provided. Parents and students can pick up meals at the school closest to their residence. Students and/or parents are to follow the yard signs directing them to the back door of the kitchen to pick up meals.

**Transportation**

**How will transportation operate during Face to Face?**

- The Transportation Department will transport students using our pre-existing routes.

**How will you ensure safety and social distancing on school buses?**

- Most students are present at the stops prior to the bus arriving; therefore, we seek support and assistance from the community to have students social distance at bus stops when feasible. It is difficult to social distance on buses based on our current student population. We will make adjustments as needed to ensure our ridership counts are safe and efficient. We ask that students wear masks and/or face shields to limit possible spread of the virus and will support any established process for loading/unloading students at schools. Our buses have sufficient ventilation. As an

added measure, we can let windows down for more ventilation while transporting when the weather permits.

## **Human Resources**

### **How will substitute teachers be handled throughout the district to ensure staff and student safety?**

- Substitute teachers are employees of the district; therefore, they will be provided the same information and safety protocols as all other employees.
- Long-term substitutes will share their COVID-19 test results with their principal or designee. The review of their results and their ability to report to work will be handled the same as all other building staff.
- Daily substitutes will submit their test results to the Substitute Management Team.