

## Charles City County Public Schools 2021-2022 Health and Safety Guidance

Charles City County Public Schools (CCPS) will continue to adjust measures based on the latest health guidance and best practices and make updates accordingly as changes occur.

### Masks

- Masks are required in all CCPS facilities and on buses, regardless of vaccination status.



### Physical Distancing and Capacity

- 3 feet apart to the extent possible in classrooms to accommodate five days a week, in person learning.
- 1 student per seat (to the extent possible) on school buses to accommodate five days a week, in person learning. Students from the same household will be allowed to sit together.



### Temperature Checks

- Elementary school – Student temperatures will be taken while students are on the school bus (when they arrive in the morning).
- Elementary school – Students being dropped off (*not arriving on a school bus*) will have their temperature taken when they enter the school building.
- High school – High school students will complete temperature checks upon entering the school building.

### Student Supplies

- For safety, students will utilize individual supplies (e.g., crayons, pencils, pens, glue sticks).



### Meal Service

- We will utilize cafeteria space to the greatest extent (using designated seating/assigned seats). *We will cohort students in the cafeteria to support contact tracing if needed.*
- Seating charts, podding, and/or sign in sheets will be used.
- Students will be required to wear their masks when not eating.
- Students will observe social distancing while in the cafeteria.

### School Bus Transportation

- When feasible, select bus windows will be open to increase circulation of outside air.
- We will continue to clean and disinfect school buses after each run (i.e., the pick-up and drop-off of each cohort of students).
- We will have masks available to ensure all students wear masks on the school bus.
- The two front bus seats will be vacant to create a physical barrier between the driver and students.
- Hand sanitizer dispensers will be installed at the entrance of each school bus; students and bus drivers will be encouraged to use when getting on/off the school bus.
- Social distancing will be observed on school buses.



## Ventilation

- Continued Preventative Maintenance of HVAC systems
- Installation of HVAC with Cold Plasma Ionization
- Continued use of air purifiers in common areas
- Upgrades to ventilation and exhaust fans to ensure all schools and offices have sufficient outside air ventilation.

## Cleaning, PPE, and Handwashing

- We will continue enhanced cleaning measures with EPA-certified chemicals.
- Masks will be available for all students, staff, and visitors (if they do not have their own).
- Hand sanitizer is readily available in all facilities.
- We will continue to emphasize and encourage regular hand washing throughout the school day.

## Recess

- No masks required outside for recess; students will put masks back on when reentering the building.
- We will cohort students/classes at recess (to the extent possible) to support contact tracing if needed.

## Health Screenings

- Parents are asked to monitor their child's health daily. Students should remain at home if they are not feeling well.
- Staff will continue Daily Symptom Checklist completion.
- Staff and students will continue temperature screenings upon entry to facility/schools.
- Staff and students should remain at home if they are not feeling well.

## Health Separation Rooms

- Schools will continue to have a health separation room for individuals experiencing COVID symptoms.
- The health separation room will be staffed with a monitor if/when it is being utilized.

## Contact Tracing

- Central office staff and the school division health team will continue to work with the Chickahominy Health Department to conduct contact tracing when necessary.
- Vaccinated staff and/or students do not require quarantine unless symptomatic.

## Close Contact Guidance

- A close contact is anyone who is within 6 ft or less of the person with COVID for 15 minutes or more in a 24-hour period.
- In indoor K-12 settings, a student who is within 3 to 6 feet of an infected student is not considered a close contact as long as both students are wearing masks and the school has other prevention strategies in place.
  - This exception does not apply to teachers, staff, or other adults in indoor K-12 settings.
- Close contacts are advised as soon as possible, self-quarantine, actively monitor for [COVID-19 symptoms](#), and get tested again 7-10 days after their exposure if their previous test(s) were negative. (AHD recommends PCR testing for contacts)
- All close contacts should get tested immediately if they develop symptoms.
- The following individuals do not need to quarantine, even if they are identified as a close contact:
  - Individuals who were fully vaccinated at the time they were exposed.
  - Individuals who had COVID-19 within the last 90 days of their exposure.
- Close contacts who do not need to quarantine should still monitor for [COVID-19 symptoms](#), get tested immediately if they develop symptoms, and stay home until they receive test results.

## Quarantine

- 14 days
- Fully vaccinated individuals who are not experiencing symptoms are exempt from quarantine.

## Athletics

- Charles City County will operate under the following COVID-19 guidelines for the 2021-22 indoor sports season until further notice:

All - All parties entering the building must have a mask on.

Athletes - Athletes may remove masks when actively participating in an activity. When athletes are sitting on the sideline, they must have a mask on unless they are drinking water or trying to get air.

Coaches - Coaches are to keep masks on when coaching. They may remove it when trying to get air.

Spectators - All spectators entering the building must keep their masks on at all times. Our concession stand will be in the cafeteria this year and all food must be eaten at a table in the cafeteria. No food or drink will be allowed inside the gymnasium. Social distancing is encouraged inside the gymnasium.

*The Athletic Department will notify all if/when these procedures change.*

## Visitors and Volunteers

- No non-essential visitors/volunteers.
- Essential visitors and volunteers will be limited to:
  - Individuals supporting the provision of in-person student supports, to include partner programs.
  - Individuals supporting/performing CCPS operations and maintenance.
  - Individuals picking up/dropping off a child (in accordance with CCPS arrival/dismissal procedures).
  - Individuals picking up students who have become ill during the school day.
  - Parents/guardians attending school meetings (e.g., IEP, 504, conference).
- All approved visitors will adhere to safety mitigation strategies established by CCPS, to include masks and temperature screenings.

## COVID Vaccinations

- Contact our Health Department regarding vaccination locations.

### Chickahominy Health District COVID Call Center

Monday - Friday 8:00 am - 4:30 pm

General Inquiries: (804) 365-3240

Statewide Call Center

(8:00 am - 6:00 pm Mon-Fri):

1-877-VAX-IN-VA

*Anyone 12 Years of Age and Older interested in getting a COVID-19 vaccine is now eligible.*

