

Crofton Community School

Return to School Plan

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This document outlines the plan for returning to school in the 2024-2025 school year. The first day of school is August 13, 2024. The current plan is based on current conditions in our area, however, this situation is ever-changing and may cause the plan to be updated frequently. We will do our best to communicate changes to the plan as they occur using the school messaging system, the school website, and the CCS app. Changes will be made based on updated health measures in conjunction with state and local health departments and local medical professionals.

Educational Procedures

- The decisions to make changes to our educational procedures will be based on several factors, including but not limited to:
 - Relatively low numbers of positive cases within school and the community.
 - Availability of vaccines to eligible students or school staff.
 - Our desire to continue to allow the greatest amount of freedom without creating a higher risk for the transmission of COVID 19 and variant strains.
- The decision to change in status will be made by district officials in consultation with state and local health officials.

Safety Measures

- Screening & Symptoms
 - The current health department chart will be used as a guide as to whether or not staff and students should be in school. We ask that parents screen students each morning for symptoms.
 - The support of families is vital during the COVID-19 pandemic. Students who exhibit any symptoms consistent with COVID-19 (or are sick in any way) should not be sent to school. Sending sick students to school is unsafe for that student and for everyone else in the building. In the past, the idea of being able to “tough it out” made sense in certain situations. At this point in time, that thought process is unhealthy and unsafe.
- Classroom Arrangement
 - Social distancing guidelines may still be followed as much as possible while students are in school/classrooms according to teacher discretion.
- Facial Coverings
 - Masks/facial coverings are optional but encouraged for all staff and students.

- If masks are required, the school district will provide them.
 - District provided masks will be collected at the end of the school day for washing.
 - Students may provide their own facial covering, but it must be school appropriate.
 - [Link for guidance on universal and correct wearing of masks](#)
- Handwashing/Hand Sanitizing
 - Students and staff are encouraged to continue washing or sanitizing their hands throughout the day.
- Drinking Water
 - Water fountains will be available and can be used for drinking or filling water bottles. Hygiene practices for prevention of any communicable diseases are encouraged while using these fountains.
- Environmental Safety & Cleaning Procedures
 - High-traffic surfaces will be sanitized frequently (door knobs, pushes, handles, automatic openers, light switches, handrails, drinking fountains, tables, chairs, bathroom surfaces, etc.).
 - Our buildings have ventilation systems or procedures in place for exchange of air when school is in session.
- Visitors
 - Visitors will be permitted. All visitors are encouraged, but not required, to wear a mask when in the building.
- The list of safety measures above is not all inclusive. Other safety measures will be utilized on a daily basis. All implemented safety measures (listed or not) could be changed or ceased at any point in time. Also, additional safety measures could be implemented at any point in time. Changes or additions will be communicated as quickly as possible.

Meals

- Regular breakfast and lunch will be served as normal in the designated areas.

Transportation

- When riding in school transportation, students may be assigned seats with family members.
- Masks may be required for bus routes if required by state or federal mandate or if determined necessary by the school district.
- Activity transportation may have different requirements depending on the amount of social distancing possible in the vehicle.
- A change in conditions may warrant a change in transportation plans.

School Activities

- All school sponsored activities will be operational. Changes may be made based on changing conditions.

- CCS will follow the guidelines set forth by the Nebraska School Activities Association (NSAA).
- Events (music concerts, theatrical productions, athletic competitions, etc.):
 - Modifications may be necessary for safety reasons.
 - Attendance at these events may be modified:
 - Limiting guests
 - Limiting the number of students that perform / participate
 - Virtual attendance (YouTube, etc.)
 - Measures to keep everyone safe may be necessary. We will communicate any restrictions via the school website and the school notification system.
 - Other schools may have different restrictions on their events. We will follow the restrictions of the home school. We will communicate these restrictions on the school website.

Use of Facilities

- School facility use by outside groups may be limited. This will be done on a case by case basis.

Positive Case / Exposure Response

- It is vital for positive COVID-19 cases to be reported to CCS officials immediately. Public health will communicate positive COVID-19 cases to school personnel, but that communication is delayed. To keep everyone as safe as possible, families are asked to report positive COVID-19 cases to school personnel immediately.
 - Privacy and confidentiality will be maintained.
 - Personally identifiable information will not be shared with students, parents, or the general public, but it will be shared with staff members who need that information.
 - In an effort to keep everyone as safe as possible, necessary information will be shared with staff, students, and parents.
- Students may participate in the educational process remotely if possible while in quarantine if well enough to do so.
- Students who are in close contact may be placed in quarantine in accordance with state directed health measures and based on consultation with the local health department. Local health department officials with assistance with school district officials will complete contact tracing for exposed individuals as necessary.

Vaccinations

- The district will work to provide vaccinations to eligible students and school staff who desire them by working through our local health department.

Students with Disabilities

- Students with disabilities will have appropriate health and safety accommodations as determined by their IEP or 504 teams.

Concerns?

If you are concerned about your child's safety, please contact your child's principal at 402-388-4357 (ES) or 402-388-2440 (HS).

General Health and Well-Being

In order to keep kids in school as many days as possible, everyone must do their part to keep themselves and their family members healthy. This must happen not just in school, but in everyday life. A significant outbreak can be prevented, but only if everyone does their part to stop the spread.

We also ask that you be as understanding, compassionate, and flexible as possible. The decisions we are making are in the best interest of keeping our students and staff healthy and staying in school all year. Some decisions will have to be made that will not be popular, but the safety of everyone and the continuity of school must be our top priorities. We will do our best to communicate changes to the plan as they arise.