



Clark County School District

**Plan for the Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services  
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**Introduction**

The United States Department of Education established interim final requirements<sup>1</sup> for the American Rescue Plan Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ARP ESSER) Fund, under section 2001 of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021. The requirements clarify how local education agencies (LEAs) must *meet the statutory requirements to develop a plan for the safe return to in-person instruction and continuity of services*, and how state education agencies (SEAs) work with LEAs to develop and submit these plans. The Clark County School District (CCSD) is an LEA, and the Nevada Department of Education is an SEA.

The Nevada Department of Education began fulfillment of its responsibility under these requirements with Guidance Memorandum 21-02<sup>2</sup>, released on May 28, 2021. The memo describes both the details on the Nevada Department of Education’s role in the submission of CCSD’s *plan for the safe return to in-person instruction and continuity of services* and the requirement that plan also fulfills under Governor Steve Sisolak’s Declaration of Emergency Directive 044<sup>3</sup> for offering distance education and developing plans for a Path Forward Program of Distance Education for the 2021-2022 school year.

On May 19, 2022, the Nevada Department of Education released Guidance Memorandum 22-05<sup>4</sup>, which addresses the impact of the end of the State of Emergency Declaration related to the COVID-19 pandemic effective May 20, 2022. CCSD is no longer required to produce or abide by a Path Forward Program of Distance Education; however, CCSD remains federally responsible for the maintenance and 6-month update of the plan for the safe return to in-person instruction and continuity of services through September 2023.

CCSD will continue to provide full-time distance education on a limited basis through the District’s online school, the Nevada Learning Academy, in accordance with Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) 388.838.

The following pages contain revised descriptions of how CCSD intends to meet the requirements for the Plan for the Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2021-04-22/pdf/2021-08359.pdf>

<sup>2</sup> [https://doe.nv.gov/uploadedFiles/ndedoenvgov/content/News\\_Media/Guidance\\_Memos/2021/GuidanceMemo21-02.pdf](https://doe.nv.gov/uploadedFiles/ndedoenvgov/content/News_Media/Guidance_Memos/2021/GuidanceMemo21-02.pdf)

<sup>3</sup> [https://gov.nv.gov/News/Emergency\\_Orders/2021/2021-04-19\\_-\\_COVID-19\\_Emergency\\_Declaration\\_Directive\\_044\\_\(Attachments\)/](https://gov.nv.gov/News/Emergency_Orders/2021/2021-04-19_-_COVID-19_Emergency_Declaration_Directive_044_(Attachments)/)

<sup>4</sup> [https://doe.nv.gov/uploadedFiles/ndedoenvgov/content/News\\_Media/Guidance\\_Memos/2022/Guidance\\_Memo\\_22-05\\_End%20of%20State%20of%20Emergency.pdf](https://doe.nv.gov/uploadedFiles/ndedoenvgov/content/News_Media/Guidance_Memos/2022/Guidance_Memo_22-05_End%20of%20State%20of%20Emergency.pdf)

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**Requirement: The requirement clarifies that an LEA's plan must include how it will maintain the health and safety of students, educators, and other school and LEA staff, and the extent to which it has adopted policies, and a description of any such policies, on each of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) safety recommendations including:**

- **Universal and correct wearing of masks;**
- **Modifying facilities to allow for physical distancing (e.g., use of cohorts/podding);**
- **Handwashing and respiratory etiquette;**
- **Cleaning and maintaining healthy facilities, including improving ventilation;**
- **Contact tracing in combination with isolation and quarantine, in collaboration with the State, local, territorial, or Tribal health departments;**
- **Diagnostic and screening testing;**
- **Efforts to provide vaccinations to school communities;**
- **Appropriate accommodations for children with disabilities with respect to health and safety policies; and**
- **Coordination with State and local health officials. (Interim Final Guidance)**

On February 25, 2022, the CDC recommended moving to a new system of COVID-19 Community Indicators based on the following criteria:

- New hospital admissions with confirmed COVID-19/100,000 people and percent of inpatient beds occupied with COVID-19 patients selected as best candidates.
- ICU beds occupied, new hospital admissions/100 beds, test positivity, and metrics reflecting percent change (e.g., in new admissions, new cases) eliminated.
- New cases retained as a potential candidate to assess performance as a leading indicator.

| <b>New Cases*</b>     | <b>Community Indicators</b>                                                     | <b>Low</b> | <b>Medium</b> | <b>High</b> |
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| <b>Fewer than 200</b> | New COVID-19 admissions per 100,000 population (7-day total)                    | <10.0      | 10.0-19.9     | ≥20.0       |
|                       | Percent of staffed inpatient beds occupied by COVID-19 patients (7-day average) | <10.0%     | 10.0-14.9%    | ≥15.0%      |
| <b>200 or more</b>    | New COVID-19 admissions per 100,000 population (7-day total)                    | NA         | <10.0         | ≥10.0       |
|                       | Percent of staffed inpatient beds occupied by COVID-19 patients (7-day average) | NA         | <10.0%        | ≥10.0%      |

**\* (per 100,000 population in the last 7 days)**

The new metrics are better indicators over community transmission and better identify regions that will experience severe outcomes three weeks later. With the adoption of the new COVID-19 Community Indicators, CCSD will implement the following mitigation strategies to align with the new categories.

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| Level of Transmission | CCSD Guidelines and Expectations                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
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| Low                   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● CCSD will provide stakeholders information and opportunities for (staff and students) in regard to current COVID-19 vaccines and boosters.</li> <li>● CCSD will maintain improved ventilation in indoor spaces; sick room, well room.</li> <li>● CCSD will continue to provide access to COVID-19 testing for symptomatic or exposed individuals.</li> <li>● CCSD will not require students/staff to test when participating in identified sports or activities.</li> <li>● CCSD will offer the Test to Stay Program for staff and students who are exposed to COVID-19 positive individuals.</li> <li>● Any staff who are identified by Risk Management who are deemed higher risk of being in contact with a COVID-19 positive individual, are required to wear an N95 respirator and follow the safety protocols.</li> <li>● Staff or students who are returning from a confirmed positive COVID-19 diagnosis or if an individual was exposed to a COVID-19 positive individual will be required to mask.</li> <li>● CCSD will continue to have staff utilize daily symptom monitoring through eMocha Health.</li> <li>● CCSD will continue to require parents/guardians to assess their student’s health daily before sending them to school.</li> <li>● CCSD will continue to contact trace for positive cases to identify cluster or outbreak activities at CCSD locations.</li> <li>● CCSD will ensure that quarantine and isolation guidance is upheld in accordance with current CDC and local health districts.</li> <li>● CCSD will not impose restrictions on outdoor activities.</li> <li>● CCSD will continue to promote good handwashing and respiratory etiquette.</li> <li>● CCSD will continue to adhere to daily cleaning of facilities and approve additional disinfecting procedures when a positive case is identified.</li> <li>● CCSD will continue to provide accommodations to students and staff who are medically fragile or immunosuppressed who may be at a greater risk for health complications.</li> <li>● Buildings, events, activities are at 100 percent capacity.</li> <li>● CCSD will coordinate with state and local officials to determine any changes in mitigation policy or procedure.</li> <li>● CCSD will require seating charts for the classroom and breakfast/lunch.</li> <li>● CCSD will continue to require visitor screening protocols.</li> <li>● Outdoor facility use is currently acceptable without restrictions. Indoor facility use will be approved on a case-by-case basis through the site administrator.</li> <li>● The school will be responsible for notifying Health Services when students and staff plan to travel outside the county for school activities (field trips). The need for testing will be determined by one or multiple factors:                         <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Community transmission rates</li> <li>○ Requirements of the facility or entity</li> </ul> </li> </ul> |

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| Level of Transmission | CCSD Guidelines and Expectations                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
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| <b>Medium</b>         | <p>CCSD will follow the mitigation strategies outlined in the Low Community Indicator and will also implement the following additional changes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● CCSD will quarantine based on core groups.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>High</b>           | <p>CCSD will follow the mitigation strategies outlined in the Low and Medium Community Indicators and will also implement the following additional mitigation strategies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● CCSD will require 5-10 percent of staff to test weekly through randomized mandatory testing who are not up to date on COVID-19 vaccines.</li> <li>● CCSD will require students to return to the status of pods to limit the spread of COVID-19.</li> <li>● CCSD will require playground equipment to be sanitized daily.</li> <li>● CCSD will require all staff and school meetings (Parent Advisory Committee, Academic Parent/Guardian meetings, Meet and Greets, Open House, etc.) to be suspended in-person and move to a virtual format.</li> <li>● CCSD will require elementary morning ceremonies to be held outdoors or in individual classrooms.</li> <li>● Staff and school meetings as well as professional learning (ie. Parent Advisory Committee, Academic Parent/Guardian meetings, Meet and Greets, Open House), will transition to a virtual format unless it is essential for the meeting to be in-person. If the meeting is in-person, staff are strongly encouraged to social distance at least six feet and appropriately wear a mask.</li> <li>● Visitor groups, including union visitors, will need to make appointments to visit schools.</li> <li>● Large indoor group gatherings will be limited to 50 percent of room capacity and CCSD will encourage the use of outdoor space in periods of high COVID-19 transmission.</li> <li>● Hallways             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ CCSD will require elementary staff to escort students during routine transitions. Students will walk in a line, maintaining appropriate social distancing while walking forward. Schoolwide hallway procedures will be clearly defined and implemented.</li> <li>○ CCSD will require one-way hallway routes to be used for passing periods, utilizing outside passing to the fullest extent possible.</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Student aides will be permitted; however, no student aides will be permitted in the well room (health office) and sick room.</li> <li>● CCSD will require field trips to follow current guidance from the local health district.</li> <li>● Southern Nevada Health District (SNHD) and the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) recommends universal masking indoors during periods of high transmission.</li> </ul> |

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CCSD has established systems and processes to address each of the CDC’s safety recommendations, in consultation with the SNHD and in consideration of state and local requirements and guidance, as described in the following table.

| Category                                      | Clark County School District Plans and Procedures                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
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| <p>Universal and correct wearing of masks</p> | <p>Based upon approval from the SNHD, and collaboration with local and state officials, CCSD will no longer continue universal masking as a mitigation strategy and will implement the following adjustments to the mask policy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Face Mask Use After Exposure                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Vaccines are up to date:                                     <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Staff, including health care staff, and students may return to school/work site, as long as they are asymptomatic (without symptoms of COVID-19).</li> <li>■ Staff and students must wear a mask for ten days after exposure.</li> <li>■ Staff and students are encouraged to test for COVID-19 on day five, if possible.</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Vaccines are NOT up to date:                                     <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Staff, including health care staff, and students must stay home for five days.</li> <li>■ After returning to school/work site, staff and students will continue to wear a mask for five additional days.</li> <li>■ Staff and students must be without symptoms of COVID-19 to return to school/work site on day six.</li> <li>■ Staff and students are encouraged to test for COVID-19 on day five, if possible.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>● Face Mask Use After Testing Positive for COVID-19                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Staff, including health care staff, and students must stay home for five days.</li> <li>○ After returning to school/work site, staff and students will continue to wear a mask for five additional days (day six through day ten).</li> <li>○ Symptoms must have improved and staff/students must be without fever for 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medication to return to school/work site on day six.</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Cluster and Outbreak Masking                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ CCSD will continue to contact tracing and identify individuals in the school/work site that are symptomatic, exposed, or who tested positive for COVID-19.</li> <li>○ If a cluster or outbreak is identified, CCSD will communicate those findings to the local health authority and quarantine individuals on a case-by-case basis.</li> <li>○ Individuals, classrooms, or cohorts identified as close contacts will follow the Face Mask Use after Exposure guidelines for masking set forth above.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> |

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|                                                       | <p>As community health conditions improve, these recommendations may be relaxed if allowed under state and local guidance. If health conditions deteriorate, these recommendations will be adjusted to align with state and local guidance.</p> <p>All schools have been provided with guidance that requires face masks to cover the individual's face from the bridge of the nose to snugly under the chin and fit snugly against the sides of the face with no gaps for air to enter or exit.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Modifying facilities to allow for physical distancing | <p>At this time, CCSD recommends that, wherever possible, students in the cafeteria, multipurpose rooms, auditoriums, and other large common areas practice three feet of social distancing between peers and six feet of social distancing between students and adults. During periods of high transmission, unless otherwise noted, the following will be implemented:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Students are seated with peers who they are seated with during the instructional day to limit additional student exposure.</li><li>● Students are transitioned out of the cafeteria or multipurpose room as soon as possible to the alternate location to maintain social distancing.</li><li>● Seating charts are maintained with the most up-to-date information in all levels of COVID-19 transmission.</li><li>● Outdoor, mixed cohorting is allowed in periods of low to medium transmission.</li></ul> <p>The health office has been established at every school for students with health care needs that cannot be addressed in the classroom (e.g., diabetic and other non-contagious health care needs). The management of moderate to severe first aid injuries, medication administration, and specialized procedures (non-aerosolized), such as diabetic care are handled in the health office to prevent possible cross-exposure risk with sick students.</p> <p>An area for students with possible COVID-19 symptoms has been established at every school away from the health office. The sick room is identified with appropriate signage. Use of an alternative room, not the primary health office, is preferable to use for sick room health services delivery. The management of mild to severe illness, including students with fever or signs and symptoms is handled in the sick room to prevent possible cross-exposure risk with healthy students and staff. All employees who are assigned to work in the sick room are medically cleared and fit-tested for an N95 respirator.</p> <p>For aerosolized procedures, (nebulizers, suctioning )a separate closed room will be required to perform the procedure. This seperate identified room may not be located in the well room. The room will be closed after the procedure and will be sanitized using the R-Zero UV-C Arc Unit until the room can be occupied again safely.</p> |

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| <p>Handwashing and respiratory etiquette</p>                                        | <p>Staff and students are encouraged to wash for at least 20 seconds or sanitize hands regularly, especially before and after check-in procedures, between classes or activities, and when working with children or supplies.</p> <p>When handwashing stations are not readily available, the use of hand sanitizer should be encouraged. Students and staff are encouraged to wash hands/use hand sanitizer often, such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● After coughing, sneezing, or blowing nose.</li> <li>● After using the restroom.</li> <li>● Before eating or preparing food.</li> <li>● Before and after touching face.</li> <li>● Prior to boarding the school bus.</li> <li>● Prior to school entry.</li> <li>● Before and after providing routine care for another person who needs assistance (e.g., a child).</li> <li>● Before putting on and after removing gloves.</li> <li>● After touching frequently touched areas (e.g., doorknobs, handrails, shared computers).</li> </ul> <p>Any staff member who is working in the sick room, conducting aerosolized medical procedures, and/or working closely with students in specified conditions must wear an N95 respirator while performing their work. Additional personal protective equipment may also be required but does not require all the steps for the Respiratory Protection Program.</p> <p>The training and fit test is brand specific to the N95 respirator at the time of testing. The Safety Office will manage and monitor the purchase and distribution of the N95 respirators for the various departments for COVID-19 protocols. All record keeping will be done in the Safety Office to allow for prompt reporting to the Occupational Safety and Health Administration should a request for proof of compliance with the program be made.</p> |
| <p>Cleaning and maintaining healthy facilities, including improving ventilation</p> | <p>In an effort to maintain a safe and clean learning environment for students and staff, under the direction of head custodians/building managers, custodial personnel perform disinfectant light duty activities in each classroom and common areas throughout the facility on a daily basis.</p> <p>In addition to performing regular maintenance and repairs to heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) equipment, CCSD has taken proactive actions to ensure HVAC systems are functioning properly to maintain a healthy educational environment. Air filters have been changed at all schools and continue to be changed as recommended by the manufacturer. Heating and</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |



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|                                                                                                                                                        | <p>cooling coils have been cleaned to improve air flow and ventilation rates. HVAC systems have been inspected to verify outdoor air intakes are working, and where possible outdoor air intake rates have been increased.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <p>Contact tracing in combination with isolation and quarantine, in collaboration with the State, local, territorial, or Tribal health departments</p> | <p>CCSD works closely with SNHD to prevent the spread of disease in schools and to monitor any cluster/outbreak activity or community spread. Contact tracing is part of the process of supporting patients with suspected or confirmed infection. In contact tracing, COVID Central nursing staff and SNHD staff work with families or staff members to help them recall everyone with whom they have had close contact during the timeframe while they may have been infectious. Site administrators may be asked to assist with providing this information as well. In order to minimize the impact of quarantine decisions, schools and bus drivers must maintain seating charts to determine close contacts.</p> <p>COVID Central and SNHD staff will notify exposed individuals (close contacts) of their potential exposure as rapidly and sensitively as possible to the ability/capacity of nursing staff. Medically fragile and vulnerable populations will be given priority. Notification to the families of students recommended for quarantine, including telephone calls and letters home, is made by the school administration. Letters of notification for parents/guardians and are distributed by the school administration.</p> <p>Contacts are only informed when there is a confirmed COVID positive per the SNHD definition, that they may have been exposed to a COVID-19 positive individual; they are not told the identity of the person who may have exposed them due to privacy laws. Contacts are provided with education, information, and support to understand their risk, as well as information on what they should do to separate themselves from others who are not exposed, monitor themselves for illness, and the potential of spreading the infection to others even if they themselves do not feel ill.</p> <p>CCSD collaborates with SNHD weekly to discuss School Reopening Criteria and to determine any changes to quarantine requirements.</p> <p>During times of increased transmission and COVID-19 reported positive cases, SNHD recommends prioritizing contact tracing efforts to the most vulnerable populations. Prioritizing Contact Tracing Efforts outlines the District’s plan to contact trace students with medically fragile conditions, as well as staff in job categories that are at increased risk for contracting and spreading COVID-19. Prioritizing cases will only be utilized during times when resources cannot meet the demand of positive, symptomatic, or exposed cases. All COVID-19 cases will be reviewed utilizing all available resources as quickly as possible.</p> |



**Test to Stay Program**

The Test to Stay (TTS) Program is a voluntary practice consisting of contact tracing and serial testing (testing that is sequentially repeated) to allow school-associated close contacts who are not up to date with their vaccines to continue working or attending school at CCSD sites during their quarantine period. CCSD will implement the TTS Program along with contact tracing, testing, as well as masking of contacts during their quarantine period. These layered prevention strategies are integral to minimize risk of transmission. CCSD will utilize the TTS Program to minimize the impact of quarantine and limit school absences after a COVID-19 exposure in the K-12 school setting. Staff and students may utilize a CCSD testing site or OTC tests. Staff or students that use an OTC test will be required to submit a picture of the results to Employee Health. If staff or students do not agree to the parameters, they will be quarantined based on the most up to date guidance. The goals of the TTS Program are:

- To allow staff and students to continue to work/attend school on CCSD sites safely after exposure.
- To minimize staff/student absences due to quarantining after COVID-19 exposure.
- To lessen the burden of quarantine on students, staff, and administrators on CCSD work sites.

For individuals to participate in the TTS Program there are specific criteria that must be met in accordance with local health authority.

- Staff can contact the Employee Health Department after exposure and will be notified if they meet the criteria for the TTS Program.
- Parents/Guardians can contact the Parent/Guardian COVID-19 Hotline for information regarding the program and to see if their student qualifies.

**Ensuring CDC quarantine and isolation guidance is upheld**

CCSD has implemented recommendations from the CDC, SNHD, and the Nevada Department of Health and Human Services for COVID-19 Quarantine and Isolation.

CCSD requires staff to check in daily using eMocha Health for monitoring daily symptoms, exposure, and/or COVID-19 positive lab results. The staff receives a colored badge after check-in.

- Purple Badge: The staff is up to date on COVID-19 vaccines and is clear to return to work.
- Green Badge: The staff is not up to date on COVID-19 vaccines or is unvaccinated but is clear to return to work.
- Yellow Badge: The staff has reported symptoms, was exposed, or has a positive COVID-19 test result. The staff is not cleared to return to work

and must call the Employee Health Line to speak with a nurse.

School administrators have access to eMocha Health and monitor staff badges at the school/work site through a dashboard. Administrators monitor the dashboard daily to ensure staff with yellow badges are not on-site. Both staff and supervisors receive an email from Employee Health that informs them of their return to work date and how long (date) the staff must remain masked in the school/work site after quarantine or isolation.

COVID Central nursing staff, school nurses, and trained health office staff document student symptoms, exposure, or COVID-19 positive lab results into the electronic medical documentation system, Health Office Anywhere (HOA). When a student or parent/guardian reports symptoms, exposure, or positive COVID-19 test results, HOA will place them on a quarantine/isolation report. The report is monitored daily at school locations and administrators ensure that these students are not at school. This system also informs administrators when a student returns from isolation or quarantine and how long they must remain masked (date) at school.

**School related cluster and positive outbreak activity, reporting, and communications**

CCSD has adopted and utilizes the national Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists' (CSTE) Standardized COVID-19 K-12 School Surveillance Guidance for Classification of Clusters and Outbreaks along with the COVID-19 Quarantine and Isolation-Guidance.

**CSTE Definitions:**

A K-12 school-associated COVID-19 case (confirmed or probable) is defined as:

- A staff or student who is physically present at the school/work site or participating in a school sanctioned extracurricular activity within 14 days prior to illness onset (or a positive COVID-19 test result) OR within ten days after illness onset (or a positive COVID-19 test result).

A K-12 school-associated cluster is defined as:

- Multiple cases comprising of at least ten percent of students, teachers, or staff within a specified core group OR
- At least three cases within a specified core group meeting criteria for a probable or confirmed school-associated COVID-19 case; with symptom onset or positive COVID-19 test result within 14 days of each other, AND
- No likely known epidemiologic link to a case outside of the school/work site.

A K-12 school-associated outbreak is defined as:

- Multiple cases comprising at least 10 percent of students, teachers, or

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|  | <p>staff, within a specified core group OR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● At least three cases within a specified core group meeting criteria for a probable or confirmed school-associated COVID-19 case with symptom onset or positive COVID-19 test result within 14 days of each other; who were not identified as close contacts of each other in another setting (i.e., household) outside of the school setting; AND</li><li>● Epidemiologically linked in the school setting or a school-sanctioned extracurricular activity.</li></ul> <p>Note: COVID-19 cases who may have shared exposure on school grounds and are from different households are included. Case counts for school-related outbreaks include those associated with before- and after-school programs (e.g., school-sponsored sports).</p> <p>Identifying Outbreaks Within Schools:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Site administrators are notified daily of all students and staff who are isolated or quarantined.</li><li>● COVID Central nursing staff reviews each positive case and confers with administrators at each site to determine if ten percent of students, teachers, or staff, within a specified core group OR at least three cases within a specified core group meet criteria for a probable or confirmed school-associated COVID-19 outbreak.<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ A core group includes, but is not limited to, extracurricular activities, cohort group, classroom, before- and after-school care.</li><li>○ A school sanctioned extracurricular activity is defined as a voluntary activity sponsored by the school or LEA or an organization sanctioned by the LEA. Extracurricular activities, include but are not limited to, preparation for and/or involvement in public performances, contests, athletic competitions, demonstrations, displays, and club activities.</li></ul></li><li>● If the local public health authority becomes aware of a school/work site that is experiencing an outbreak and has not implemented the agreed upon mitigation measures, the local public health authority may require the mandatory and immediate use of face coverings for all students and staff in the affected school building(s) and any additional mitigation measures deemed necessary by the local health authority.</li></ul> <p>Declaration and Notification of Outbreaks in Schools/Work Sites:<br/>Outbreak declarations must be reported immediately to the local public health authority, the SNHD at (702) 759-0925 (24 hours), or <a href="mailto:schoolcovid@snhd.org">schoolcovid@snhd.org</a>. COVID Central administration will notify the Chief of Health and Student Services who will inform the Deputy Superintendent. The CCSD Communications Unit will work with the site administrator to inform parents/guardians and staff of the outbreak and mitigation response by the District. Communication with families</p> |
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|                                         | <p>and the community is crucial to ensure they understand the reason for the closure and what is being done to address the outbreak.</p> <p><b>Mitigation Response</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● CCSD will collaborate with the SNHD to determine the appropriate outbreak response, which is not limited to:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Core group quarantine.</li> <li>○ Universal school/work site masking.</li> <li>○ Proper sanitation.</li> <li>○ Increased ventilation.</li> <li>○ Changing HVAC filters in rooms and/or buildings.</li> <li>○ School building/work site closure.</li> <li>○ Possible suspension of athletic events and/or school gatherings both on or off school campus.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>Outbreak Monitoring</b><br/>Parents/Guardians will be encouraged to continue to report any students who become symptomatic or test positive for COVID-19 to COVID Central. Staff are to report symptoms or positive COVID-19 results to the Employee Health Department. COVID Central staff will continue to monitor case numbers at the school site to determine when the epidemic curve starts to decline.</p> <p><b>Closing an Outbreak</b><br/>An outbreak ends when the number of new reported illnesses drops back to baseline or under ten percent of students, teachers, or staff within a specified core group OR at least three cases within a specified core group. Once the baseline of COVID-19 has been achieved for two incubation periods (28 days) the outbreak will be declared closed by the SNHD. SNHD may also declare that an outbreak is over by using different measures depending on known information of the outbreak. For example, if the outbreak was known to be omicron, the medium incubation period is lessened and SNHD may determine the outbreak is over before 28 days. This is subject to change based on new scientific information and detailed information from the outbreak.</p> <p><b>Notification of Outbreak Closure</b><br/>The CCSD Communications Unit will inform families and staff via ParentLink, school website, and/or email when the outbreak has been contained and normal school activities may resume.</p> |
| <p>Diagnostic and screening testing</p> | <p><b>Staff and student daily health assessment</b></p> <p>CCSD will continue to require the following for staff:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Staff will utilize eMocha Health for monitoring daily symptoms, exposure, and/or positive COVID-19 lab results.</li> <li>● A nurse call line is available to answer questions, provide information to</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |

parents/guardians and staff, as well as offer asymptomatic and symptomatic COVID-19 testing opportunities that are provided at no charge.

- Staff may contact the Employee Health Department to report exposures, symptoms, or positive COVID-19 test results. The call center is available in both English and Spanish.

CCSD requires parents/guardians to assess their children’s health daily. CCSD has provided parents/guardians with the following guidance:

- Utilize [Checking Your Student Before Leaving Home](#) to check for symptoms/conditions prior to sending the student to school. These items relate to the signs and symptoms of COVID-19 described by the CDC.
- If a student shows any symptoms/conditions, the parent/guardian is to keep the student at home and contact a medical provider for guidance.
- Parents/Guardians are encouraged to report all student exposures, symptoms, and/or positive COVID-19 test results to the COVID-19 Parent/Guardian Hotline (COVID Central). The call center is available in both English and Spanish.
- COVID-19 testing opportunities for students and information for parents/guardians are also provided by the COVID Central nursing staff.

Upon entering a CCSD facility, visitors complete a [Visitor Questionnaire and Acknowledgement](#), which includes a symptom self-check form. All visitor questionnaires are retained and kept confidential by site administration for a period of one year.

**COVID-19 testing for exposed or symptomatic staff, students, or household members**

COVID-19 testing services, including BinaxNOW rapid COVID-19 testing for both symptomatic and exposed students, staff, and household members, is offered at multiple CCSD designated locations across the District to include rural locations. CCSD will provide a referral for PCR testing to staff or students who test positive using a rapid BinaxNow test. CCSD referrals will direct staff to SNHD resources. Staff or students who obtain a PCR at any other location will be responsible for any cost incurred. In addition, anticipation of COVID-19 testing services using mobile van capabilities to reach areas of need or outbreak are under development for the 2022-2023 school year.

COVID-19 testing sites are Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments (CLIA) certified with the Department of Health and Human Services and operate in collaboration with SNHD. Positive laboratory results (positive or

negative) are reported electronically to SNHD and the State of Nevada.

At-home over-the-counter (OTC) tests may be utilized as a screening tool for staff and students; however the CDC and SNHD recommend a PCR test to verify results. OTC tests may be utilized in various CCSD programs based on recommendations from the CDC and SNHD. All schools and central staff were provided OTC COVID-19 test kits in June for early detection when individuals have COVID symptoms for their own use at home. Additional COVID-19 OTC test kits are available for pick up by school/site administration at COVID Central as long as resources are available.

**COVID-19 testing for staff and students that are not up to date on COVID-19 vaccines or who are unvaccinated**

During periods of high transmission, CCSD will require students in identified activities and athletics who are not up to date on vaccines or who are unvaccinated to test weekly for COVID-19. Staff who are not up to date will be required to participate in randomized mandatory COVID-19 testing. Vaccine recommendations are rapidly changing. The latest CDC guidelines are:

- All team and activity staff, students, coaches, badged coach volunteers, team managers, and activity advisors, participating in the identified athletic and/or activities will participate in weekly mandatory COVID-19 testing if they are not up to date on vaccinations or unvaccinated.
- Identified participants must complete their required COVID-19 test during the week of competition/participating with verified results obtained. If a student does not participate in District COVID-19 testing, they will be ineligible until a negative COVID-19 test is provided to the athletic and/or activities administrator(s), or the student resumes weekly COVID-19 testing.
  - Weekly testing of students would be monitored by Athletic/Activities administrators to ensure compliance.
  - Parent/Guardian/Student would be responsible for providing weekly photos of the negative OTC test to school administrators or providing CLIA lab BINAXNOW negative results to participate.
  - Student athletes who refuse to test for COVID-19 are ineligible for practice and competition until a negative COVID-19 test is provided or the student resumes weekly COVID-19 testing.
  - Cheerleaders who refuse to test for COVID-19 are ineligible for practice, competition, and performances until a negative COVID-19 test is provided or the student resumes weekly COVID-19 testing.
  - Students who are enrolled in an elective class during the school day, such as student council, ROTC, color guard, marching band, and/or other identified classes who refuse to

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|                                                                                                             | <p>test for COVID-19, will remain enrolled in the class but are ineligible for competitions and/or participation in after-school events aligned to their elective class/activity until a negative COVID-19 test is provided or the student resumes weekly COVID-19 testing.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● School personnel will communicate the schedule with families for assigned weekly COVID-19 testing days and times at the school site.             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ If school is not held on an assigned COVID-19 testing day (i.e., holiday), another day of the week will be assigned for the impacted school for that week by working with the Health Services Department.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>The school will be responsible for notifying Health Services when students and staff plan to travel outside the county for school activities. The need for testing will be determined by one or multiple factors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Community transmission rates</li> <li>● Requirements of the facility or entity</li> <li>● It is the responsibility of the parent/guardian to pick up students who become ill on overnight field trips to include any cost incurred to get the student home safely.</li> </ul> |
| <p>Efforts to provide vaccinations to school communities</p>                                                | <p>Vaccination centers are currently available in collaboration with the SNHD and other community partners to provide vaccination opportunities for students and staff and the school community. Outside community vaccine opportunities are also advertised on the CCSD website.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <p>Appropriate accommodations for children with disabilities with respect to health and safety policies</p> | <p>Schools with students at risk for getting very sick with COVID-19 must make reasonable accommodations when necessary to ensure that all students, including those with disabilities, are able to access in-person learning. With regard to medically fragile student populations, IEP teams work with the school nurse, licensed health care provider, and parent/guardian to determine what measures are in the best interest of the child to return to school.</p> <p>Students with immunosuppression may be at increased risk during an outbreak of COVID-19 because they are at high risk for health complications. People who spend time with individuals at increased risk of severe illness should consider taking extra precautions even when the COVID-19 Community Level is low.</p> <p>IEP or Section 504 teams may determine that COVID-19 prevention and risk reduction measures are necessary in order for a student with a disability to receive FAPE – where the prevention measures constitute special education, related services, supplementary aids and services under IDEA, related aids and services under Section 504, or program modifications and supports for school personnel – the team must include</p>                                                             |



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|                                                    | these in the child's IEP or 504 plan.                                                                                             |
| Coordination with State and local health officials | CCSD collaborates with the SNHD weekly to discuss School Reopening Criteria and determine any changes to quarantine requirements. |

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***Requirement: The plan must describe how the LEA will ensure continuity of services, including but not limited to services to address students' academic needs and students' and staff social, emotional, mental health and other needs, which may include student health and food services. (Interim Final Guidance)***

## **Academic Needs**

Canvas is the adopted learning management system for CCSD. All teachers, including teachers providing full-time distance education and face-to-face instruction, will utilize this platform as an instructional tool and resource to provide consistency for students and parents/guardians. The established expectations will promote CCSD consistency focusing on organization, assessment, instruction, and support. Google Classroom may still be utilized by teachers; however, Google Classroom may not be utilized between teachers and students.

Technology will be utilized to leverage opportunities to support student learning. Canvas will be utilized to provide authentic learning experiences and allow students the opportunity to showcase their understanding of grade-level content. When students are afforded quality digital learning experiences, teachers are then able to maximize small-group instructional opportunities to support students and accelerate learning.

Canvas will be utilized as the primary source for student assessment. The assessment feature mimics the SMARTER Balanced Assessment items and connects seamlessly with the Infinite Campus grade portal, providing accurate reporting to students and parents/guardians.

In order to determine students' academic needs as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and provide instructional support, MAP Growth will be administered for Grades K–10. Students will participate in the fall, winter, and spring test administrations. Students in Grades K–5 will participate in the reading and mathematics assessments. Students in Grades 6–10 will participate in the reading and mathematics assessments. At the high school level, students in Grades 9 and 10 will be assessed in Algebra I and Geometry courses and in Grades 9 and 10 English courses.

Providing essential and timely support is critical to the success of teachers and students with the implementation of Canvas. CCSD provides varied professional learning opportunities to support the differentiated needs of teachers and staff.

### **Social-Emotional Needs**

The Multidisciplinary Leadership Teams (MLT) serve as the site-based team assisting students in need of mental health support. By using academic, attendance, and behavior information, the team focuses on students who may require immediate support. Additionally, a universal screener (Panorama) is used to also identify students in need throughout the school year. Combining all of the aforementioned data points allows for the MLT members to stay focused on the tiered needs and supports of students. Finally, other outside resources are planned to be used to ensure tracking of referrals and “warm handoffs” to outside agencies provided by school counselors, social workers, and other members of the MLT teams at schools. The tracking of referrals or shepherding to outside entities through a concierge model will assist with optimizing response time for families and ensure a more efficient approach with the site-level mental health professionals’ role so that they are able to devote more time to the students in need.

The District has partnered with Care Solace for mental health care coordination services for students, employees, and families, at no cost to the individual. Care Solace provides students and staff with a streamline process to find mental health providers. Paired with other mental health resources, like the Beacon Alerts and GoGuardian, and other telehealth services provided for all schools, Care Solace will expand the safety net available to families to offer additional support services. Care Solace provides a Care Companion™ team that can quickly and confidentially find available providers in the community. Care Solace also equips school systems with a customized online tool that gives community members a way to anonymously search for community-based providers matched to their needs. They help families with private insurance, Medicaid, and no insurance and are available 24/7/365 in any language.

Also, the Life Connection Employee Assistance and Worklife Program is available to all CCSD employees including Support Professionals, Police, Police Administrators, and Licensed Professionals and Administrators. This program connects employees to mental health and counseling services in addition to work-life consultations and resources. The program is designed to be your single point of contact for all life management needs and is available free of charge to all eligible CCSD employees and members of their households.

### **Health**

CCSD has multiple COVID-19 testing sites throughout the District for staff and students who are exposed and symptomatic to participate in voluntary COVID-19 testing. Staff and students will also be allowed to participate in vaccinations at designated locations for as long as resources are available.

Students and their families are encouraged to follow the daily symptom check prior to leaving their home daily to eliminate potential exposures before arriving on campus.

Visitors will be required to sign in daily as soon as they arrive to assist with contact tracing. Additionally, all school and transportation staff are required to maintain accurate seating charts. If individuals are up to date with COVID-19 vaccinations and not experiencing symptoms, they will not be required to be quarantined but will have the opportunity to participate in the voluntary testing sites, if desired.

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Employees and students will be required to wear a mask for ten (10) days following their exposure, regardless of their vaccination status.

Mitigating strategies have also been implemented on school buses for students and adults:

- Bus Air Flow
  - Increased air flow through the bus is recommended to mitigate exposure. To increase external air flow, in addition to the air conditioning air flow from rear main intake to overhead vents above each seat, drivers will open the roof hatches and lower two front and two rear windows by approximately two inches.
- Bus Cleaning
  - Bus drivers and aides will utilize approved disinfectant wipes on handrails, door frames, the top of seats, and other frequently touched surfaces between each run and at the end of each day.
  - Nightly disinfecting will occur. A thorough disinfection process will take place each night to cover all interior surfaces of the bus.
  - Hand sanitizer will be made available to students.
- Expectations
  - Transportation staff directly or indirectly responsible for pupil transportation services will receive training prior to school opening that is within CDC guidance. Training will consist of bus cleanliness practices, proper use of PPE, and daily self-health checks.
  - Expectations for drivers, students and parents/guardians, and schools related to maintaining safe protocols while using transportation have been established and communicated.

## Nutrition

The Clark County School District participates in the Community Eligibility Provision of the federal Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act districtwide and will provide free school meals to all students during the 2022-2023 school year.

The CCSD Food Service website, [ccsd.net/foodservice](https://ccsd.net/foodservice), provides the District's nutrition policy, as well as the approved snack and beverage list. The site also links to the digital platform where the school menus and nutrition details can be found: [ccsd.nutrislice.com](https://ccsd.nutrislice.com).

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***Requirement: An LEA must periodically, but no less frequently than every six months, review and, as appropriate, revise its plan until September 30, 2023. The LEA must seek public input on whether to revise its plan and on any revisions to its plan no less frequently than every six months. The revised plan must address each of the aspects of safety currently recommended by the CDC. (Interim Final Guidance)***

The development of this plan was informed by many hours of feedback from stakeholders throughout the community. As the reopening plans for the 2020-2021 school year were required to be approved by the Board of School Trustees, all recommendations were presented in a public Board meeting with much

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input from parents/guardians, students, teachers, principals, community members, elected officials, and representatives of community groups serving a wide variety of stakeholders.

The required six-month revisions are presented in public Board meetings, with the availability for members of the public to provide comment, on the following dates:

- January 13, 2022
  - July 14, 2022
  - January 12, 2023 (anticipated)
  - July 13, 2023 (anticipated)
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***Requirement: The plans must be: In an understandable and uniform format; to the extent practicable, written in a language that parents can understand or, if not practicable, orally translated; and upon request by a parent who is an individual with a disability, provided in an alternative format accessible to that parent. (Interim Final Guidance)***

This document will be translated into Spanish and will be provided in alternative formats if requested.

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