

CRESCENT INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

RETURN-TO-SCHOOL PLAN

IN RESPONSE TO COVID-19



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INTRODUCTION

We have created this plan to aid in navigating the reestablishment of our school where employees, students, and families feel safe and to reduce the impact of COVID-19 conditions upon returning to the district. The guidelines referenced in this plan are based on guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and World Health Organization (WHO). Regular updates will be made to this plan based on information provided by the CDC, WHO, and applicable federal, state and local agencies.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

In order to ensure the continued well being of our employees the following guiding principles have been put in place:

1. EMPLOYEE AND STUDENT SAFETY MEASURES
2. HEALTH GUIDELINES
3. SUPPORT FOR FAMILIES

FACE COVERINGS (Masks, Gaiters, Bandanas)

Crescent Public School is adopting the Oklahoma School Safety Protocols. Face coverings are **recommended** for staff, students, and visitors.

Face coverings could be **mandated** at the discretion of Crescent Public Schools Administration. The face covering requirements may be adjusted at any time based on the rise or decline of COVID-19 cases in the school and/or community. Flexibility and reasonable accommodations will be made available for younger students, certain job descriptions, or classes and conditions that may allow for periods with no face-coverings. Some examples of daily exceptions may include but are not limited to eating, naptime, recess, lessons that require lip reading, PE, athletics, and planning periods.

If there is a situation that face coverings are not in use, every effort should be made to have students social distanced as far as possible from each other and other preventive safety measures in place that would help prevent the spread of COVID-19.

Face coverings must be school appropriate and conform to the dress code policies.

Shirts or jackets around the mouth are not acceptable face coverings.

Exemptions will be allowed due to medical conditions.

SCREENING AND PROTOCOLS

To help prevent the spread of COVID-19 and reduce the potential risk of exposure to our students, we will be requiring our employees to preform a temperature reading. If temperature exceeds 100.4, employee will report to the office and be required to enter the **HEALTH PROTOCOL**.

All screening information will be kept confidential by Crescent Public Schools(CPS). **HANDOUT:
SELF-SCREENING PROTOCOL**

HEALTH PROTOCOL

- If an employee or student becomes ill at school, they may be asked to leave and go home or to the nearest health center or if another person is exhibiting any of the following symptoms of COVID19:
 - Cough
 - Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
 - Chills
 - Repeated shaking with chills
 - Muscle pain
 - Headache
 - Sore throat
 - Loss of taste or smell
 - Diarrhea
 - Feeling feverish or a measured temperature greater than or equal to 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit
 - Known close contact with a person who is lab confirmed to have COVID-19

- Employees or students returning to school from a medical leave should contact building administrator. You may be asked to submit a healthcare provider's note before returning to work.

If you have been diagnosed with COVID19, you may return to school when all 3 criteria are met:

1. At least 10 days have passed since onset of symptoms (no fever without the use of fever-reducing medications in the last 24 hours); and
 2. You have improved in respiratory symptoms (cough, shortness of breath, etc); and
 3. Clearance from the county health department.
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- If you have symptoms that could be COVID19, have been in contact with someone who has tested positive, and do not get evaluated by a medical professional or tested for COVID19, it is assumed that you have COVID19 and may not return to school until the three criteria listed above have been met.

SOCIAL DISTANCING

Social distancing is an effective way to prevent potential infection. CPS employees, students, parents, and visitors should practice staying approximately 6 feet away from others and eliminating contact with others.

- Ad-hoc Interactions/Gatherings – Non-essential/informal meetups and visiting should be avoided

FOOD SERVICES

Breakfast and lunch in the cafeteria will commence as normal with social distancing guidelines in place.

For classroom parties for holidays or celebrations, pre-packaged food items are all that will be allowed.

VISITORS ON CAMPUS

The safety of our staff and students remains the district's primary concern. To help prevent the spread of the virus and reduce the risk of exposure to our staff and students, we are conducting a simple screening questionnaire. Participation is important to help us take precautionary measures to protect you and everyone in the building.

POSSIBLE MODIFIED ARRANGEMENTS (WHEN FEASIBLE)

Space seating/desks at least 6 feet apart.

Turn desks to face the same direction, or have students sit on only one side of tables, spaced apart.

Create distance between children on school buses.

Classroom Teachers should not practice combining classes in order to maintain social distancing as much as possible.

Close common areas such as dining halls and playgrounds with shared equipment if possible; otherwise stagger use and clean and disinfect between use.

Students will have their temperatures taken upon entering the building.

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) could be used on campus but is not mandated.

School vehicles will be fogged/disinfected after each use.

SOCIAL-EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING OF STUDENTS AND STAFF

The district/campus counselors will provide resources for parents and teachers to access. The counselors will work with students individually or in small groups to address any well-being needs.

COMMUNICATION METHODS

To stay updated on the most up-to-date information:

1. Teachers, students, and parents need to check their email often.
2. Visit our district website or follow our social media platforms
3. School Messenger

ACADEMICS AND HOME-BASED LEARNING

CPS will provide a home based learning option for those who are unable to attend school physically due to COVID-19 concerns.

Teachers will utilize various internet platforms such as Google Classroom, Teacher Web Pages, IXL, Exact Path, and Google Drive.

The home based option will require students to email and or call teachers for assistance as needed.

Students will be expected to turn in assignments adhering to normal due dates.

Students requesting the home-based option must attend at least one hour of the school day to be eligible for extracurricular activities and this will be in effect for one entire nine-weeks period at a time.

Transportation will not be provided for students to and from the athletic hour.

If interested in home-based education, please make an appointment with your student's building counselor.

ATTENDANCE

Attendance policies will be relaxed for cases involving COVID-19 to provide for additional absences and to encourage sick staff and students to remain at home.

Site committees will be in place to consider exceptions for medical absences related to COVID-19.

GRADING POLICY

To receive credit and attendance for courses for this school year, students are expected to complete all assignments. The grading policy is located on our [district's webpage](#).