

COVID-19 Prevention Strategies for the 2020-2021 School Year

Masks/Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)



- Masks/face coverings required for employees
- Masks/face coverings required for students at school and for those riding a school bus
- Additional PPE in clinics and when serving medically fragile students

Facility Safety



- Physical partitions placed in select locations, such as front desk, media center, etc.
- Isolation room and school clinic partitions
- HVAC adjusted to increase ventilation in accordance with CDC and industry recommendations
- New HVAC filters are being made to fit existing equipment, improve indoor air quality, and meet industry filtration guidance

Wellness and Hygiene



- Hand sanitizing stations installed in school hallways
- Hand-washing and sanitizing encouraged throughout the day
- Paper towel dispensers installed in bathrooms
- Restricted use of water fountains/ encouraged use of water bottles

Bus Safety



- Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for bus drivers, including face coverings, face shields, and disposable gloves
- Assigned student seating to improve loading and unloading
- Safe and effective sanitizing cleaner provided for cleaning high-touch surfaces after each bus run
- Buses disinfected after morning and afternoon routes
- Hand sanitizer station affixed to the bus frame
- Student masks are required since social distancing cannot be achieved when face-to-face instruction fully returns
- Parents may choose to transport their child(ren)

Enhanced Cleaning

- Improved routine cleaning and disinfecting of facilities by custodians
- Safe and effective cleaner and microfiber cloths provided to all teachers and office staff to use on high-touch surfaces throughout the day



Health Services



- All persons who are sick will be expected to stay at home
- Those who become sick at school or work will be sent home immediately
- Students reporting to the clinic will have their temperature taken
- All schools will have a room to isolate symptomatic persons

School Logistics



- Assemblies will be limited to smaller groups of students with information broadcast live for students in classrooms
- Desks and tables spaced out in classrooms to improve social distancing
- Class changes staggered
- Limited distribution of school lockers
- Building visitors will be restricted and must wear a face covering, complete a Wellness Check, and have their temperature checked

Public Health Signage

- CDC-designed signage displayed prominently throughout buildings to reinforce healthy hygiene and expected school and workplace behaviors
- Health information posted on how to prevent the spread of COVID-19
- "Stay at Home If Sick" notices
- Messages also in Spanish as needed



Student Meals



- Children ages 18 and under (or up to 21 if a special needs youth) have access to nutritious and healthy food through their local school, whether they are learning at home or by face-to-face instruction
- Meals are free until the end of first semester, regardless of income, due to a federally funded program
- To support safety, students attending school in-person will either eat in their classrooms or by socially distanced seating in the cafeteria
- Parents can pre-order and pick up a weekly Meal Kit for remote learners as well as those under quarantine