



**Cleveland School District**

*Learning is Essential for All*

# Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan

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### *Vision*

To develop a community of lifelong learners who are productive citizens that engage in studies that will enable them to creatively and effectively learn and apply information.

### *Mission*

Learning is Essential for All

### *Values*

Growth Mindset

Equity

Positive Culture

Accountability

### *7 Fundamentals of a Successful Wolfpack*

Data

Planning

Questioning

Feedback

Relationships

Management

Content Knowledge

### *Goals*

- Goal 1: Student Achievement- To focus organizational efforts and align resources to close achievement gaps and ensure all students are college or work-ready.
- Goal 2: Positive Culture- To create a respectful, positive, district culture that is focused on teaching and learning with high expectations.
- Goal 3: Community Engagement- To establish trust with all stakeholders (community, parents, students, and educators) by maintaining open, honest communication and building positive relationships.
- Goal 4: Employee Retention- To recruit and retain highly qualified teachers and administrators that will lead schools that are safe, orderly, and high achieving.

## Introduction

The Cleveland School District would like to formally thank our stakeholders for completing the return to school survey. Your feedback was invaluable to our planning. Below you will see an overview of the survey results.

The Cleveland School District will continue to closely monitor the coronavirus development and adjust practices as mandated by local, State, and Federal requirements. We have added a COVID-19 tab to our website. Our updates will be available on that page, along with our social media sites and other means of communication. We also encourage you to download our Mobile App for notifications and quick access to our different platforms. For more information, please contact your child's principal.

## District Communication

*Cleveland School District Official Communication Channels*

### Website

Homepage: [www.cleveland.k12.ms.us](http://www.cleveland.k12.ms.us)

Updates related to COVID-19: <https://www.cleveland.k12.ms.us/COVID19>

### Mobile App Download Links

iTunes: [bit.ly/itunesCSDapp](https://bit.ly/itunesCSDapp)

Google Play: [bit.ly/googleCSDapp](https://bit.ly/googleCSDapp)

Mobile Web App: [bit.ly/webCSDapp](https://bit.ly/webCSDapp)

### Social Media

Facebook: [bit.ly/CSDfacebook](https://bit.ly/CSDfacebook)

Instagram: [bit.ly/CSDinstagram](https://bit.ly/CSDinstagram)

Twitter: [bit.ly/CSDk12twitter](https://bit.ly/CSDk12twitter)

YouTube Channel: [bit.ly/CSDyoutube](https://bit.ly/CSDyoutube)

### Call/Text Messaging

The District and individual schools may send texts or prerecorded calls via SchoolStatus or Blackboard Mass Notifications.

### Email

Emails may be sent through SchoolStatus, Blackboard Mass Notifications, or district email addresses (@cleveland.k12.ms.us or @clevelandmssd.org)

# Our Plan for Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Service

## *Instruction*

Students' first day of school is Monday, August 9, 2021.

## ***Elementary & Secondary Schools Hours of Operation***

### Elementary Schools

**Bell Academy**  
*Office Hours*  
7:20 am - 4:00 pm  
*Instructional Day*  
7:45 am - 2:45 pm  
*Earliest Student Drop Off*  
7:20 am  
*Morning Bus Unloading*  
7:20 am  
*Latest Student Pick-up*  
3:05 pm

**Hayes Cooper**  
*Office Hours*  
7:15 am - 3:15 pm  
*Instructional Day*  
7:45 am - 2:45 pm  
*Earliest Student Drop Off*  
7:20 am  
*Morning Bus Unloading*  
7:20 am  
*Latest Student Pick-up*  
3:00 pm

**Nailor**  
*Office Hours*  
7:20 am - 3:30 pm  
*Instructional Day*  
7:45 am - 2:45 pm  
*Earliest Student Drop Off*  
7:20 am  
*Morning Bus Unloading*  
7:20 am  
*Latest Student Pick-up*  
3:00 pm

**Parks**  
*Office Hours*  
7:30 am - 3:30 pm  
*Instructional Day*  
7:45 am - 2:45 pm  
*Earliest Student Drop Off*  
7:30 am  
*Morning Bus Unloading*  
7:30 am  
*Latest Student Pick-up*  
3:00 pm

**Pearman**  
*Office Hours*  
7:30 am - 3:30 pm  
*Instructional Day*  
7:45 am - 2:45 pm  
*Earliest Student Drop Off*  
7:20 am  
*Morning Bus Unloading*  
7:20 am  
*Latest Student Pick-up*  
3:00 pm

**D.M. Smith**  
*Office Hours*  
7:30 am - 3:30 pm  
*Instructional Day*  
7:45 am - 2:45 pm  
*Earliest Student Drop Off*  
7:30 am  
*Morning Bus Unloading*  
7:15 am  
*Latest Student Pick-up*  
3:00 pm

### Secondary Schools

**Cleveland Central Middle School**  
*Office Hours*  
7:45 am - 4:00 pm  
*Instructional Day*  
8:10 am - 3:20 pm  
*Earliest Student Drop Off*  
7:40 am  
*Morning Bus Unloading*  
7:30 am  
*Latest Student Pick-up*  
4:00 pm

**Cleveland Central High School**  
*Office Hours*  
7:30 am - 3:30 pm  
*Instructional Day*  
8:00 am - 3:30 pm  
*Earliest Student Drop Off*  
7:30 am  
*Morning Bus Unloading*  
7:30 am  
*Latest Student Pick-up*  
3:45 pm

### *Attendance*

Attendance will be checked daily/every class period. There were no waivers/suspensions of policies related to student attendance. Students are expected to be at school daily. Attendance reporting will be handled according to board policy and procedure.

### *Health Services*

The Cleveland School District is happy to have three full-time nurses as employees for the 2021-2022 school year. They will continue to serve on the front line for our District. We are also happy to have a partnership with Shaw Family Medical Group. Parents that consent for their child to receive services will receive those services at no charge to the child or District.

### *Face Coverings*

Face coverings (face shield or mask) are mandatory for students, employees, and visitors. The preferred face covering is a mask. We will continue to monitor the situation and adjust our protocols as needed.

### *Temperature Checks*

Temperature checks will no longer be required upon entry into any Cleveland School District Building. We ask parents to check temperatures and symptoms related to COVID-19 before leaving the house each morning for school. If your child is sick, please keep your child at home. We will continue to monitor the situation and adjust our protocols as needed.

### *Special Services*

Please contact the Special Services Director at 662.843.3529 for specific information related to your child's IEP, 504, or other documented accommodations.

### *Child Nutrition*

Breakfast and lunch will be offered to all students. For more information on breakfast and lunch schedules and protocols, please contact your child's principal. We will continue to monitor the situation and adjust our protocols as needed.

### *Routine Cleaning, Sanitizing & Disinfecting*

Routine cleaning and sanitizing will take place throughout the day. Disinfecting will take place before and after school. All schools are supplied with hand sanitizer and supplies for maintaining clean, sanitized, and disinfected facilities. All teachers will have hospital-grade disinfectants to disinfect their rooms throughout the day.

### *School Activities, Meetings & Field Trips*

School activities, meetings & field trips are scheduled to resume. We will continue to monitor the situation and adjust our protocols as needed. Please contact your child's principal for more information.

### *Transportation*

Transportation is available for all students.

Before school begins, each bus will be fully steamed, washed, and properly sanitized. Each driver and monitor will receive cleaning supplies approved/recommended by the CDC.

All buses will be disinfected daily.

### **2021-2022 RETURN TO SCHOOL BUS REQUIREMENTS**

Students will be required to use hand sanitizer as they enter and exit the bus.

When possible, windows will be opened to create an environment with as much ventilation as possible.

Students will be separated on the bus where feasible. Siblings or children living in the same household will be seated together when possible.

Buses will be loaded from the back forward and unloaded from the front to the back.

### *Learning Loss*

The Cleveland School District will be offering summer school and the Wolfpack Academy during the summer. The Cleveland School District will also offer after-school tutoring in both traditional (face-to-face) and virtual (online) formats during the regular school year.

### *Air Quality*

The Cleveland School District will replace HVAC units at all schools for better air quality and more efficient use.

### *Social-Emotional*

The Cleveland School District will provide assistance to address all students' social and emotional needs by offering professional development to teachers and staff. There will also be individual and group sessions for students.

## Protocol for Possible COVID-19 Concerns- Students

*Identifying as early as possible sick or at-risk students and removing from contact with other students*

The following protocols are in place for students with fever or exhibiting COVID-19 symptoms:

1. Isolate the student in the clinic or another space, close doors, allow NO visitors.
2. Follow standard illness protocol.
  - a. Notify parent and classroom teacher
  - b. Dismiss
    - i. If a child has a fever, they will be sent home for a minimum of 24 hours. If they visit their medical provider and are diagnosed with a fever-causing condition other than COVID19, they cannot return to school before 24 hours. They must be fever-free for 24 hours with documentation from a medical provider or parent certification.
    - ii. A child can return to school with a negative COVID test with documentation from a medical provider stating they were tested negative.
    - iii. In the case of a positive test, the child should isolate for ten (10) days away from school. To return to the classroom, they must complete this ten (10) day period and have been symptom-free for the last 72 hours.
    - iv. Siblings and close contact quarantine will be decided at the discretion of the school nurse.

### **If the school is notified of a positive case, please note the following:**

- Only the person in close contact has to quarantine
- Quarantine is for ten (10) days as long as no symptoms have been exhibited the entire ten (10) days
- Close contacts of close contact do not have to quarantine
- People who have tested positive for COVID-19 do not need to quarantine or get tested again for up to 3 months as long as they do not develop symptoms again.
- Siblings of a confirmed positive MUST quarantine unless they choose to be tested every other day for a week showing negative results.
- If a student is sent home for symptoms, the student MUST quarantine 10 days unless a negative test is returned. Sibling(s) do not have to quarantine unless there is a positive test result from the child displaying symptoms.
- If you have been fully vaccinated for COVID-19, you are not required to quarantine if it has been two weeks past the final dose and you have been asymptomatic since exposure.



## **Protocol for Possible COVID-19 Concerns- Employees**

Employees with clear signs of COVID 19 infection (Fever, Cough, Shortness of Breath) or any upper respiratory infection symptom (sinus drainage, sore throat, loss of taste, or smell) with known exposure via close contact, family members or others.

1. Leave work immediately
2. Notify supervisor
  - a. Supervisor should notify human resources immediately
3. See a Medical Provider
4. Contact Human Resources after seeing a medical provider
5. The next steps will be determined on a case-by-case basis according to applicable law & policies.

### **If the school is notified of a positive case, please note the following:**

- Only the person in close contact has to quarantine
- Quarantine is for 10 days as long as no symptoms have been exhibited the entire 10 days
- Close contacts of close contact do not have to quarantine
- People who have tested positive for COVID-19 do not need to quarantine or get tested again for up to 3 months as long as they do not develop symptoms again.
- A household member of a confirmed positive case **MUST** quarantine unless they choose to be tested every other day for a week showing negative results.
- If you have been fully vaccinated for COVID-19, you are not required to quarantine if it has been two weeks past the final dose and you have been asymptomatic since exposure.

## Parent Responsibilities

- Practice and reinforce good prevention habits with your family.
- We encourage parents to take their children's temperature and check for symptoms before leaving home.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after going to the bathroom, before eating, and after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing. If soap and water are not readily available, use hand sanitizer.
- Ensure student does not have a fever or displaying any signs of COVID 19 before sending your child to school.
- Be prepared if your child's school is temporarily dismissed.
- Read or watch local media sources that report school dismissals or stay in touch with your child's school.

**Keep your child at home if sick with any illness.** If your child is sick, keep them at home and contact your healthcare provider. Students must be free of fever, vomiting, diarrhea, etc., for at least 24 hours without medication before returning to school. Talk with teachers about classroom assignments and activities they can do from home to keep up with their schoolwork.

## School Specific Information

For school-specific plans, please visit the school's website or contact your child's principal.

### Elementary Schools

#### **Bell Academy**

Tiffanie Russell, Principal  
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#### **Parks**

Anna Bennett, Principal  
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#### **Hayes Cooper Center**

Renee Lamastus, Principal  
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#### **Pearman**

Precious Person-Redmond, Principal  
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#### **H. M. Nailor**

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#### **D. M. Smith**

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### Secondary Schools

#### **Cleveland Central Middle School**

Rufus Hill, Principal  
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rhill@cleveland.k12.ms.us

#### **Cleveland Central High School**

Leroy Cotton, Interim Principal  
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### Specialty Schools

#### **Cleveland Career Development & Technology Center**

Equonda Jackson, Interim Director  
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ejackson@cleveland.k12.ms.us

#### **Walter Robinson Achievement Center: Achievement Center for Excellence**

Arthur Johnson, Director  
662.719.7499  
ajohnson@cleveland.k12.ms.us

## Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

### **How do we determine when a student or staff member should be quarantined?**

Students and employees will be asked to isolate if they test positive for COVID-19 or exhibit one or more of the symptoms of COVID-19 based on CDC guidance that is not otherwise explained:

- A fever of 100.0° F or greater
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Chills
- Muscle pain

### *Screening Questions*

1. Have you or anyone in your household received a diagnosis for COVID 19 by a test or from a health professional in the past 14 days?
2. Have you or anyone in your household traveled internationally or by cruise ship in the past 14 days?
3. Have you experienced any of the following symptoms in the last 72 hours
  - A fever of 100.0° F or greater
  - Cough
  - Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
  - Chills
  - Muscle pain
  - Headache
  - Sore throat
  - Loss of taste or smell

### **What will happen when a student or employee returns to school after returning from self-quarantine due to symptoms?**

Once a student or employee is excluded from the school environment, they may return if they satisfy the following:

1. If dismissed for general medical concerns, fever-free for 24 hours
2. Negative COVID-19 test- return to school with documentation from a medical provider stating they were tested negative.
3. Positive COVID-19 test- quarantine for 10 days away from school and symptom-free for the last 72 hours.

### **What happens with siblings or other students in the household of an employee or student who has been asked to self-quarantine?**

If a student or employee is asked to self-quarantine due to COVID-19 symptoms or has had a positive COVID-19 test, individuals living in the same household may be asked to self-quarantine. We may also ask an individual to self-quarantine if they are not exhibiting any symptoms to maintain the health and safety of our school community; unless the individual has a negative COVID-19 test.

### **How will CSD respond after a student, faculty, or staff member has been asked to self-quarantine?**

As soon as the CSD becomes aware that a student or employee may have COVID-19 or has been recommended to self-quarantine, a thorough disinfecting of all desks and workspaces that individuals may have come into contact with will take place.

### **How will students/ staff be separated while in school if exhibiting symptoms?**

Each school will have a room or space where students or employees who have symptoms of COVID-19 or another communicable disease will wait to be evaluated and/or for pick-up. Only essential staff assigned to the room may enter. Each person who enters the room will sign in to create a record for potential contact tracing, and the room will be disinfected throughout the day.

**Are face coverings required?**

Face coverings are **required** for all students, employees, and visitors. The preferred face covering is a mask.

**What safety measures will be taken to ensure the school campuses are safe for my child to return to school?**

All campuses, facilities, and buses have been thoroughly cleaned and disinfected with hospital-grade disinfectants. Hand sanitizer dispensers have been placed in all classrooms as well as placed throughout buildings for easy access and use. Teachers will also receive disinfectant spray for use within the classroom throughout the day. Custodians will continue their routine cleaning and sanitizing. Disinfecting will take place daily.

**How often will campuses be cleaned and sanitized?**

Buildings and facilities will be cleaned and sanitized regularly throughout the day. Buildings will also be cleaned and sanitized before and after school.

**How will school attendance work?**

Attendance policies are still in place, and attendance will be taken each day/each class period. Student absence due to a positive COVID-19 test or due to a recommended self-quarantine will be counted as excused.

**Will students be screened by staff every day?**

No, students will not be screened by staff every day. Parents are strongly encouraged to screen their child's health daily before going to school.