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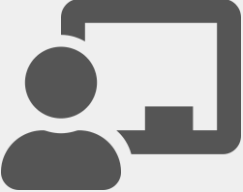


Catoosa County Public Schools (CCPS) continues to study the guidance from the Department of Public Health and the Georgia Department of Education. At the start of the 2022-2023 school year CCPS followed the plan used for the majority of 2021-2022 that allowed us to successfully operate by offering in-person, hybrid, and virtual learning options for our students.





In January 2022, Governor Kemp advised school districts that contact tracing is a “best practice” but school districts could consider this an “optional service.” CCPS continued contact tracing through March 16th, 2022 at which point the practice was paused due to low infection counts.





CCPS will continue to monitor the health and safety of students and employees alike through the 2022-2023 and 2023-2024 school years in case the need arises to re-institute contact tracing practices. Through CCPS's 1:1 technology initiative the system is prepared to shift to hybrid or virtual learning for a short time, if necessary.



Traditional School Topics	Procedure
<p>All Students and Staff Prior to Departure from Home</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Check temperature (this will help tremendously). If temperature is 100.4 or above, do not come to school • Teach and reinforce proper hygiene measures to follow throughout the day (handwashing, covering coughs/sneezes, and face coverings) • Make sure your student has hand sanitizer in their possession (remind to use frequently) • Remind student to report to the nurse if they feel ill • Remind student to keep hands away from their mouth and not to touch others • Staff and parents/guardians are asked to self-report to the school's principal, or their designee if their child tests positive for COVID
<p>Transporting Students (Bus)</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All buses will be deep cleaned before the school year starts • COVID-19 posters may be placed at the front of each bus in plain view of all students. Reminders for students may be reinforced via signage and bus driver communication with students • Every bus will be disinfected after each route • Each bus will have hand sanitizer at the entrance for students to use as they enter and leave the bus • Although many buses have air conditioning, drivers may partially open select windows to allow free flow of fresh air • The bus driver will utilize spaced seating (to extent possible) • Students are asked to keep their hands to themselves and face forward throughout the trip to school and home

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<p>Car Riders/Walkers</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Remind student(s) of proper hygiene measures to follow throughout the day • Remind student(s) to use hand sanitizer stations as they enter the building
<p>Student Drivers</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Once parked on campus, student drivers should exit their vehicle and report to their designated area in the building
<p>Students Entering the Building</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hand sanitizer will be provided for students, staff, and visitors to use as they enter the building • As students enter the building, report to their designated area immediately
<p>Visitors</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nonessential visitors, volunteers, and activities involving external groups or organizations may be limited • Parents or visitors needing to see the Principal or other staff member will be required to wait in a designated area • All visitors will sign-in upon entering the building

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<p>Classroom Setting</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff will teach and reinforce good hygiene practices such as handwashing and covering coughs/sneezes • Frequent hand washing breaks will be encouraged in all schools • The use of face coverings/masks is optional • Classroom desks and door handles will be cleaned and disinfected between each class to the extent practicable • Staff will clean/disinfect touched surfaces frequently (between classes whenever practicable) • Students' personal items will be kept separate as much as possible • The school will provide soap and hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol, paper towels, and no-touch trash cans. Some classrooms have sinks within the room to accommodate hand washing • Each classroom will be equipped with hand sanitizer (at least 60% alcohol) • Students should follow the flow path provided by the teacher when entering or leaving the classroom • Administrators will use the master schedule to balance student numbers as much as possible and maximize social distancing to the extent practicable
<p>Restrooms</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All restrooms should be disinfected after each transition • Soap and towel dispensers should be checked after each transition to ensure that adequate soap and towels are available • Students should report issues in regards to restrooms to their teacher or other staff member
<p>Water Fountains</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All water fountains (upward spouts) will be covered or disabled • Filtered water bottle stations are available for students to fill water bottles brought from home

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<p>Serving Meals</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Breakfast and Lunch procedures will be developed at the school level in cooperation with the Principal, Cafeteria Manager, and the district's School Nutrition Coordinator • Hand sanitizer will be available in the cafeteria • All serving lines will be sanitized after each breakfast and lunch serving times • Principals may choose to use other areas as well (gymnasium / commons / outside (weather permitting, etc.) • General USDA Federal Guidelines will be in place as well
<p>Locker Rooms/Weight Room</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Locker rooms should be disinfected after each class change • Weight room equipment should be disinfected after each use • Locker rooms and weight rooms will be equipped with hand sanitizer and disinfectant
<p>Transitioning (class change/departure)</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non-essential student movement throughout the school day will be limited • Staff will clean/disinfect touched surfaces frequently (between classes) • Principals will have an individual school plan for class change and other transitioning periods
<p>Recess</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teachers will supervise students and hand sanitizer will be available • After recess, students will be encouraged to wash hands for a minimum of 20 seconds

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<p>After School Programs</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • After school programs will be continued • Students will be encouraged to wash hands for a minimum of 20 seconds • Students are encouraged to bring water bottles from home
<p>Open House</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Each school will provide the date, time, and schedule for Open House and/or Orientation
<p>Athletics/Band</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The school district will follow Georgia High School Association guidelines for sporting events, band, and practices
<p>Large Group Gatherings at School (PTO/Booster Clubs/PLC's, etc.)</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The school district will abide by the maximum number of people allowed to congregate as defined by the Governor's current statewide Executive Order (currently there is no limit) • Hand sanitizer stations will be available throughout the school

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<p>When a Student, Staff Member, or Visitor becomes sick at school</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The school principal and nurse will identify an isolation room or area to separate anyone who exhibits COVID-like symptoms • School nurses will use standard and transmission-based precautions when caring for sick people • School nurses will assess the health and symptoms of those presenting to the nurse clinic for illness. A Covid-19 questionnaire will be completed and typical medical guidelines will help determine if an individual will need further treatment by a medical physician or practitioner • School nurses will contact parent/guardian of the sick student to be sent home quickly • Parents must supply a current contact list with Emergency Contact phone numbers, and they are asked to ensure that the school is notified if Emergency Contact information changes
<p>School Principal is notified of a Positive Covid-19 Case</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If a student or employee tests positive for COVID, they should notify their principal or supervisor • In the event of a temporary school closure, students will transition to digital learning until the school can reopen