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Dear Parents, Staff, and Community,

The purpose of this communication is to inform you the CCSD will return to an On-Site, face-to-face educational delivery model for all students in grades 6-12 (High School & Middle School) on Monday, November 2, 2020.

The decision does not impact students in grades PK-5 due to the fact they have been in on-site face-to-face learning since the beginning of the school year.

One change that is being made for <u>all students and staff</u>, PK-12, will be the requirement to wear appropriate face masks beginning **Monday**, **Nov. 2, 2020**. As the pandemic has evolved, science and health professionals have become more aggressive in encouraging everyone to wear face masks. They are confident that mask-wearing has a profound impact on the mitigation of COVID-19 and therefore making it necessary for the district to implement this requirement beginning Monday, November 2.

We all want our kids back in school, learning face-to-face and wearing masks will enhance the chance of that happening successfully. Along with wearing masks, it is also very important to practice the preventative measures at home, in public and at school:

- Frequent hand washing.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Contact your healthcare provider if you have health concerns.
- Stay home when you are sick, except to get medical care.
- Cover your coughs and sneezes with a tissue.
- Clean frequently touched surfaces and objects daily (e.g., tables, countertops, light switches, doorknobs, and cabinet handels) with soap and water and by u sing a regular household disinfectant.

As we continue to take on this tremendous challenge, the support and encouragement we provide to our kids and to each other is vitally important. The power of collectively working together will make a significant difference and I'm confident as Big Reds we will do just that.

These times continue to be challenging, frustrating, and stressful and it's really important to work together for our kids and community.

Sincerely,

Tom Rubel Superintendent #RedTogether

## **COVID-19 Related Information**

## **School Calendar Changes & Reminders**

Wednesday, November 4 – School Day, 2-Hour early dismissal.

Monday, November 9 – There will be school on Monday, November 9<sup>th</sup>.

Wednesday, November 11 – School Day, 2-Hour early dismissal.

Wednesday, November 18 – School Day, 2-Hour early dismissal.

Tuesday, November 24 – 1-Hour early dismissal.

Wednesday, December 2 – School Day, 2-Hour early dismissal.

Wednesday, December 9 – School Day, 2-Hour early dismissal.

Monday, December 14 – There will be school on Monday, December 14<sup>th</sup>.

Wednesday, December 16 – School Day, 2-Hour early dismissal.

Tuesday, December 22 – 1-Hour early dismissal (beginning of winter break).

Tuesday, January 5 – Classes resume (end of winter break).

## **Appropriate Face Mask**

On Monday, Nov. 2 appropriate face masks will be required for all students and staff. The Center for Disease Control & Prevention recommends the following:



CDC recommends that people wear masks in public settings, like on public and mass transportation, at events and gatherings, and anywhere they will be around other people.

## Overview

- Wear masks with two or more layers to stop the spread of COVID-19
- Wear the mask over your nose and mouth and secure it under your chin
- Masks should be worn by people two years and older
- Masks should NOT be worn by children younger than two, people who have trouble breathing, or people who cannot remove the mask without assistance
- Do NOT wear masks intended for healthcare workers, for example, N95 respirators
- CDC does not recommend the use of gaiters or face shields. Evaluation of these face covers is on-going but effectiveness is unknown at this time.