



Centerville PreK-12 Return to School Plan

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As we prepare to open our doors for the 2021-2022 school year, we are trying to do the right things to take care of our students, our staff and our community. We will continue to provide mitigation where we can, and will count on all of us to make decisions promoting the health and well-being of our students and staff.

Our Pandemic Response Team revised this plan using guidance from the Iowa Department of Public Health, the Iowa Department of Education, the CDC, Appanoose County Public Health, and local health professionals.

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Academic Learning Options During COVID-19 Pandemic

When we asked families about their preferences for school this fall, most wanted their children to come back in person, but some preferred a remote learning option because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Regardless of which plan the school or student is participating in, active engagement and attendance is required by law.

Access to Technology

All students will be assigned an iPad (PK-1) or chromebook (Gr. 2-12) to use for the 2021-2022 school year.

Maintenance and virtual supervision of the devices will be ongoing. (GoGuardian and Parental Supervision)

Students will need to have access to a high-speed wireless internet connection. If this is an issue, families should contact their child's school office and leave a message with your contact information.

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CENTERVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT LEARNING OPTIONS

1. *On-site Learning (Face-to-Face)*
2. *Remote Learning through Centerville Virtual Learning Academy*

On-site (Face-to-Face):

If you want your child to attend in person, you do not need to do anything further than to register them for school.

If we need to close down a classroom, a school or the entire district because of a COVID-19 outbreak, our in-person students and teachers would move together to Remote Learning via Schoology and Zoom technology.

Remote Learning (Online):

At Centerville Community School District, we understand that there are many reasons why a student may choose not to attend a physical campus. That's why we will be offering flexible virtual schooling options as an alternative to the traditional classroom environment for the upcoming 2021-22 school year.

The CCSD Virtual Academy provides students with non-traditional educational opportunities as they pursue a high-quality education and achieve their academic goals. This allows students and families flexibility in how they work toward mastering learning that best fits their unique needs. The Centerville Community School District Virtual Academy also believes in connection to community and school. This is why the program consists of two parts.

1. Connection to the RedTogether community through advisory/community virtual meetings with the student success coordinator and similar age/grade-level peers. This provides socialization, connection, social-emotional learning activities, lessons in how to be successful in an online environment, and information about school activities. Students are eligible to join clubs, play sports, and participate in a variety of activities offered in Centerville Community Schools.
2. High-quality academic learning through customized Edmentum Courseware to ensure alignment to prioritized Iowa Core Standards and to align to a semester time frame. Each student is assigned an Iowa Certified Edmentum highly-qualified teacher who will offer personalized assistance and feedback.

Click here to access a complete copy of the: [**Centerville Virtual Learning Academy Handbook**](#)



Health and Safety Precautions

We are taking every reasonable precaution we can to try to keep our students and our staff safe during this COVID-19 pandemic.

The specific details might vary a little, because of differences in things like building layouts, schedules and grade levels.

We appreciate all you are doing to help us in our efforts to protect our Centerville community students and staff.

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Screening for Symptoms:

Students and staff must stay home if sick. Our Centerville CSD families can screen for illness before coming to school and work each day.

- Fever
According to the CDC and American Academy of Pediatrics, a fever is 100.4 F or greater.
- Cough
- Rash
- Sore throat
- Shortness of breath
- Diarrhea
- Nausea or vomiting

- Fatigue
- Headache
- Muscle pain
- Lack of appetite
- Loss of taste or smell

All members of our school will follow these guidelines to screen for symptoms of COVID-19, and must stay home if ill.

Exposure to COVID-19:

If there is confirmation of a person who has COVID-19 that was in a school building, administration will immediately contact the Appanoose County Public Health Department and will follow their recommendations and guidelines.

If students have had direct contact with another individual who tested positive for COVID-19, the Appanoose County Public Health Department will notify them and advise them of the appropriate next steps.

If a student has a temperature of 100.4, that student will be sent home for the rest of the day. The student who had a fever will not be able to return until they have not had a fever or any other symptoms for at least 24 hours without the use of medication that can reduce a fever.

Individuals who may have COVID-19 symptoms will be separated, given a mask, and wait to be evaluated or picked up. Only essential staff and students assigned to the room can enter — with personal protective equipment and social distancing. This room will be disinfected throughout the day and after each student who has symptoms of COVID-19.

Physical Distancing:

We will take steps to promote physical distancing, although we cannot keep everyone six feet apart. This could look different at each school, due to the difference in the spaces, and it could include

- Staggering the use of common spaces, including the cafeteria, playground and other areas
- Adjusting recess and lunch schedules to allow for more cleaning and disinfection
- Modifying passing periods
- Changing arrival and dismissal procedures

Masks:

According to the [CDC](#) and the [American Pediatric Association](#), *universal indoor masking for all teachers, staff, students, and visitors to K-12 schools, regardless of vaccination status is recommended. Children should return to full-time in-person learning in the fall with layered prevention strategies in place.* While it's not a required mandate, the Centerville Community School District recommends the use of face coverings as we begin the school year with the goal of keeping students and staff safe and physically present in school.

*It is important that all of us are respectful of others' decisions of wearing a mask or not wearing a mask.

Handwashing:

Throughout the day, we will encourage hand washing, and we will also supply hand sanitizer in every classroom. Students and staff members must wash hands or use hand sanitizer upon entering the building and before and after meals and recess.

Cleaning:

We will continue our cleaning procedures, including sanitizing surfaces at least once a day. We will also disinfect devices such as computers. We will provide hand sanitizer and wipes for every classroom.

Transportation:

Due to the current COVID-19 circumstances, all students riding a school bus will be encouraged to wear a face covering while on the bus. Because of challenges with social distancing on buses, parents are encouraged to provide transportation for their children to and from school when possible.

We will not be able to provide physical distancing on the buses, but we will take as many precautions as possible. Crowded buses contribute to the spread of COVID-19 in a significant way, therefore, we ask that you please consider taking your child to school instead of sending them on the bus:

- Students will be encouraged to wear masks. (Masks will be made available on buses.)
- We will open windows when possible.
- Drivers will be trained about health and safety precautions for COVID-19.
- All surfaces on the buses at the end of each route will be disinfected.
- When possible, we will assign drivers to a single bus and route.

Visitors:

Building access will be limited to essential employees and students only, therefore, parents and other visitors will have limited access.

If you need to bring something to the school or drop off medication, you will need to push the bell at the door and wait to be assisted. We will also work with families when we need to have meetings for students' individual education programs (IEPs), 504 plans and individual health plans (IHPs).

Food Service:

The Food Services staff is keeping up with the latest federal, state and local guidelines for preparing and serving meals.

To create more physical distancing, each school will work to spread students out and change meal schedules when necessary. These schedules will allow students to wash their hands before and after eating.

Families who have students participating in the Centerville Virtual Learning Academy will be able to stop by and pick up meals for their student(s) at the Lakeview Cafeteria doors.

Water:

We are asking students and staff members to bring a water bottle to school/work with you. Students and staff members can refill from one of our water fill stations. The water fountains will be closed to prevent the spread of disease.

Extra-Curricular Activities, Athletics and Clubs:

We will continue offering extra-curricular activities, including athletics and clubs, taking as many safety precautions as possible. We will follow guidelines as we receive them, and we will keep participants updated on their rules.

Developing Student Awareness of Health and Safety Precautions:

We will help students understand how school will look different during this pandemic, teaching them about health and safety. This will include information from public health officials about handwashing, physical distancing, covering coughs, staying home, wearing face masks and avoiding face-touching.

Attendance:

Attendance and grades will be maintained for all CCSD students including the Virtual Academy. If you have any questions about attendance, please contact your child's school so we can work with you.



In Case of COVID-19 Symptoms

How we will respond if someone has COVID-19 symptoms:

Notifications about Cases:

As we work to keep students and staff safe during this pandemic, we will share as much information as possible with you, while still following legal and ethical privacy rules.

While privacy laws keep us from sharing information with you, please take precautions as if everyone has COVID-19, including you and your family. Please use the list of symptoms cited previously, and please stay home if you know you or your child have been exposed to COVID-19 until you are evaluated by a medical professional.

For family members, if we become aware that your child was directly in contact at school with someone who tested positive for COVID-19 or someone whose medical provider diagnosed them with a presumed case of COVID-19, the Appanoose County Public Health will communicate with you the necessary next steps.

Assessing Symptoms:

The school nurses will use their nursing judgement to evaluate the person's symptoms. Even if a student or staff member's fever does not reach the American Academy of Pediatrics' recommendation of 100.4 F, the nurse may send the student or staff member home after considering all symptoms.

Safety Precautions:

Our school nurses will use CDC-recommended personal protective equipment (PPE) when working with a student or staff member with COVID-19 symptoms, and the nurses will try to keep the person with symptoms separated from everyone else until they can carefully leave the school within 30 minutes.

Guidelines:

The nurse will send home guidelines to the student's family or staff member, including information about the guidelines for returning to school.

Medical Care:

The nurse will recommend the person with symptoms follow up with a licensed medical provider or the health department prior to returning to school.

Cleaning:

We will continue our sanitary measures in the learning space that the student or staff member was in most recently.

If a Student Gets a COVID-19 Diagnosis:

If a student has a positive COVID-19 test or a healthcare provider diagnoses presumptive COVID-19, we will follow these guidelines:

- If your child has been in direct contact with someone who tested positive for COVID-19 or whose medical provider diagnosed them with a presumed case of COVID-19, please communicate with the Appanoose County Public Health to determine the necessary next steps.
- The CCSD will work with our local health departments to determine what precautions we must take and whether any closures would be necessary.

- The persons' family members should self-quarantine for 14 days after the last day of exposure. Nurses will contact buildings where family members attend to encourage the self-quarantine. Please communicate with ACPH for alternative options for reduced quarantine days.
- If that individual rode a school bus, the vehicle will be cleaned and disinfected before returning to service.

In Case COVID-19 Spreads in Our Community:

If your child has been in direct contact with someone who tested positive for COVID-19 or whose medical provider diagnosed them with a presumed case of COVID-19, please communicate with the Appanoose County Public Health to determine the necessary next steps.

If there is community spread of COVID-19 within a school, Appanoose County Public Health will complete contact tracing and inform those who have had close contact with a sick student or staff member. We will follow public health guidelines and recommendations to determine whether any closures would be necessary.

Returning to School After Illness

If the School Nurse Sends a Student Home:

If a school nurse sends a student home with COVID-19-like symptoms, they will use these guidelines to decide about the student's return to school:

- Must be fever-free a minimum of 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medication such as Tylenol or ibuprofen
- Must have an improvement in symptoms
- Might be asked to stay home at least 10 days after symptoms first appeared
- Might be asked to bring medical clearance to return to school signed by their licensed health care provider

If a Student Gets Diagnosed with COVID-19:

If a student has a positive COVID-19 test or gets a diagnosis of presumptive COVID-19 from their health care provider, we will follow these guidelines to decide about the return to school:

- Must be fever-free a minimum of 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medication such as Tylenol or ibuprofen
- Must have an improvement in COVID-19-like symptoms
- Must stay home at least 10 days after symptoms first appear.
- Might be asked to provide documentation from a licensed health care provider stating clearance to return to school