



## **2021-22 COVID-19 Reference Sheet for Families**

*If, at any time, the district receives orders or mandates by local, state or federal officials, the district will comply with those orders or mandates.  
This information is subject to change.*

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## **Arrival / Dismissal**

Parents are asked to remain in their cars when dropping off or picking up their child at school. Arrival and dismissal procedures may be modified to accommodate physical distancing and to assist with the flow of traffic.

### **Arrival:**

- Students riding buses will remain seated on the bus until dismissed by the driver. This will allow students to walk directly from the bus to the classroom while adhering to proper social distancing.
- Students who ride to school in a car will remain in the car until they are welcomed by a staff member. The school doors will open at 7:30 a.m. and students will walk directly to the classroom upon arrival.
- Students will have the opportunity to have breakfast before the school day should they choose to eat breakfast at school.

### **Dismissal:**

- As students leave their classrooms, they will be guided by staff to promote minimum wait times whether the child is being picked up by a parent, or riding a bus.
- Students are to use proper distancing practices while waiting.

We will communicate any additional arrival or dismissal details that will assist the families of their school.

## **Attendance**

Students, teachers and staff are expected to stay home if they do not feel well. Those absences will not interfere with the student's ability to access learning and teachers will work with students in this situation to maintain academic progress.

## **Cleaning Protocols**

For the purpose of this reference sheet, this is an overview of the cleaning procedures for our classrooms and schools. Additional details are maintained and supervised by our operations team. Throughout the school day, high-touch areas will receive additional attention. This includes door knobs, handles, door pulls, desks, etc. Classrooms will be equipped with sanitary wipes to be used throughout the day, as needed.

Classrooms and learning areas will be cleaned at the end of the school day. This cleaning process includes:

- Disinfecting desks and surfaces
- Sinks in classrooms and offices cleaned and disinfected
- Traditional daily sweeping and trash removal
- Daily verification of sanitizing supplies

### **Restrooms:**

- Toilets, sinks, etc. in restrooms cleaned and disinfected
- All stall doors cleaned and disinfected
- Mirrors, soap dispensers, towel dispensers, etc. cleaned
- Floors cleaned and mopped

Facilities will be disinfected with electrostatic spraying equipment on a daily basis.

### Daily Self-Check List

Parents should review the following checklist for each child in their household. This action is necessary every day before a student can attend school. By sending your child to school, you are telling Cleora Public School that the answer to each of these questions is "No."

1. Has your child had a fever of 100 degrees or more at any point in the last 24 hours?
2. Has your child had COVID-19 in the past 10 days or do you think your child has COVID-19 now?
3. Has your child tested positive for COVID-19 in the past 10 days?
4. Has your child been directed to be under quarantine by the health department in the last 10 days?
5. Have you taken a COVID-19 test and are awaiting the results?
6. Has your child experienced any COVID related symptoms within the last 24 hours?

### Exposures & Contact Tracing

Should a school be made aware of a possible COVID-19 exposure in a building, the school administrator will contact trace as was practiced during the 2020-21 school year. The end result of that contact tracing will be a notification to the appropriate parents stating that their student had close contact with an individual who has since tested positive for COVID-19. We ask that parents who receive such a notification monitor their child's health and contact their family physician should the child develop symptoms.

Close contact is defined as being less than 6 feet for at least 15 cumulative minutes within a 24-hour period, kissing, hugging, or sharing food or drink with a person with COVID-19 within 48 hours prior to his/her onset of COVID-19 symptoms and/or for 10 days following onset of symptoms.

In regard to communication regarding contact tracing:

- If there is a confirmed case of COVID-19 with a staff member, parents of students will be notified **ONLY** in the event their child has had possible close contact with the affected staff member.
- If there is a confirmed case of COVID-19 with a student, parents will be notified **ONLY** in the event their child has had possible close contact with the affected student.
- If there is a confirmed case of COVID-19 with a student or staff member within an extracurricular activity, parents will be notified **ONLY** in the event their child has had possible close contact with the affected individual.

### Face Coverings / Masks

Students and staff are welcome to wear a face covering/mask in school buildings and on school buses if they choose to do so. Wearing a mask or face covering in certain areas or settings is highly recommended. In compliance with Oklahoma Senate Bill 658, face coverings/masks will not be required without consultation from the Delaware County Health Department and an emergency declaration for Delaware County by the Governor.

### Fever

The district knows that not every person or child running a fever will have COVID-19. However, any student who should begin running a fever after the start of the school day will not be allowed to remain at school, per the district's policies. Regardless of the reason for a fever, a student must be fever free, without fever-reducing medication, for a minimum of 24 hours before returning to school.

- Any child or staff member who tests positive or has COVID-19 symptoms may return to school:
  - after 24 hours with no fever (no fever-reducing medication) AND
  - improved respiratory symptoms AND
  - ten (10) days since symptoms first appeared.
- A child who tested positive for COVID-19 but had no symptoms can return to school after ten (10) days have passed since the test.

If a parent is unsure about their child's health, we recommend the parent consult their child's physician.

### **Field Trips**

Field trips and travel will return to their pre-COVID procedures.

### **Handwashing / Hygiene**

Handwashing is one of the best means of protection against infection. Students will be reminded to wash their hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after blowing their noses, coughing, or sneezing; going to the bathroom; and before eating. They will also have access to an alcohol-based hand sanitizer throughout the school building and school transportation when hand-washing opportunities are not readily available.

Frequent hand washing and sanitizing will be accommodated and encouraged. Students will be asked to wash and/or sanitize their hands before and after meals and outdoor play. Classrooms will be equipped with hand hygiene products and additional hand sanitizer stations will be placed throughout the buildings.

### **Learning Options**

Cleora Public Schools may continue to offer a virtual learning option for the 2021-22 school year depending upon current COVID rates and/or situations.

This virtual learning option will serve students in grades K-8 and brings online learning home by providing students the ability to receive their education through a virtual learning format, while also receiving assistance from certified, highly-qualified teachers and support staff. This full-time option allows students to complete 100% of their coursework online.

Virtual enrollment will take place at the beginning of each semester with students remaining enrolled for the entire semester.

Students may utilize school-issued MacBooks to complete assignments if they do not have a device available at home.

For full details and more information, including virtual learning expectations and FAQs, please visit our Virtual Learning documents on our website.

### **Lockers**

Lockers or cubbies in classrooms will still be used as normal.

### **Meals**

Mealtimes may be staggered or students may follow a rotating schedule that allows them to eat in the cafeteria, a classroom, a gymnasium, or outdoors when weather permits, as was practiced during the 2020-21 school year.

The USDA is allowing all student meals to again be served free of charge during the 2021-22 school year. Parents who qualify are still encouraged to compete and submit a free & reduced lunch application as families may qualify to receive additional benefits.

All meals will be served in disposable materials with meals being served or offered "grab and go" style. Hand hygiene practices will be in place before and after mealtimes and common surfaces will be cleaned and disinfected between student groups.

Depending on the current COVID rates for our area, family members and outside guests may or may not be allowed to dine in our cafeterias with their children or other students. Please call ahead of time.

### **Physical Distancing**

Students will be required to follow social distancing rules set out by teachers and staff. Every effort will be made for physical distancing to the extent possible.

### **Protective Measures**

There are various methods used to protect students and staff in a school such as vaccination, face coverings, self-monitoring for symptoms, social distancing, isolation and testing if symptoms develop.

Our experience throughout the 2020-2021 school year was that we had no confirmed school-based spread among quarantined students but in some cases observed spread within families and households. Therefore, quarantines from school-based close contacts are still highly recommended. Positive cases must isolate for 10 days after a positive test or symptom onset, and for family members who live with a positive case and cannot isolate from that person must quarantine throughout the person's infection and then for an additional 7-10 days.

### **Return to School After COVID-19**

Any child or staff member who tests positive for COVID-19 may return to school:

- after 24 hours with no fever (no fever-reducing medication) AND
- improved respiratory symptoms AND
- ten (10) days since symptoms first appeared.

Additionally, a child or staff member who tests positive for COVID-19 but has no symptoms can return to school after ten (10) days have passed since the test. Parents are asked to notify the school if any of the above situations exist. As always, parents are asked to contact the school to report their child's absence.

## Transportation

Cleora Public School transports many of our students every day. The district intends to continue traditional busing services for existing routes. Bus routes will remain the same as previous years.

For the health and safety of all bus riders, CPS will ask the following of bus riders:

- Parents should not send their child to a bus if their child fails to meet the COVID-19 guidelines provided to each family for morning self-checks at home.
- Bus riders may not eat food on the bus while in operation.
- Bus riders may carry closed container drinks on buses.
- Bus riders should face forward and comply with any request of the bus driver.
- Masks are recommended and welcome but not required.

Buses will be disinfected with electrostatic spraying equipment before each trip.

If a student riding your child's bus tests positive for COVID-19:

- In accordance with the district procedures, the district will ONLY notify those bus riders who potentially came in contact with the person who tested positive. If there is any question about whether notification is necessary, the district will err on the side of over-communicating with parents.
- Information about the health of a student will ONLY be shared with those who have a need to know. It is further expected that others will respect the privacy rights of individuals and no information will be given to any other person, employee, or student unless there is a need for that information to be shared. School policies will be used to determine when a student may return to bus riding and may return to school.

Should it become necessary, the district may need to alter and/or temporarily suspend bus routes. Every effort will be made to keep that from occurring.

## Vaccinations

The COVID vaccination is NOT required for students or staff at Cleora School. In order to comply with federal regulations, Cleora School does have contacts and resources for those who are interested in the COVID vaccine. Cleora School may also partner with local health officials to host vaccine clinics on a voluntary basis for those who are interested. For those interested, vaccines are available to those 12 years of age and older (parent/guardian consent is required for those who are below 18). For additional information visit the [vaccines.gov](https://www.vaccines.gov) website.

## Visitors

To protect our students, teachers, staff and volunteers, visitors may be allowed but may also be limited. Circumstances will rely on current COVID county status provided by the State Health Department. If allowed, the district may initiate certain requirements. We know that many times we have guest artists, speakers, etc. who provide educational programs or services for students and the district seeks to have each of those programs continue for the 2021-22 school year.

## Water Fountains

Students are encouraged to bring a refillable water bottle from home. Cleora School has bottle-filling stations. Students will not be drinking directly from the water fountains. We recognize that staying hydrated, especially on warm days, is important and we will make certain that occurs.