



COOPERSTOWN

CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

FALL REOPENING DURING THE COVID19 PANDEMIC

A Social Contract...

As CCS plans for fall re-opening, many of the questions and concerns, we have found, can be answered by the points outlined here in this “social contract”. In order to provide safe, in-person learning, we will need to have all students, staff, and families agree to safeguards that will provide us with the greatest opportunity for staying open until a treatment or vaccine is available for COVID19.

We are in this together and must have a unified mindset, as our mission statement says - we know that our greatest strength is in our relationships with each other. The district now asks each student, family, and staff member to join us in a “social contract” which asks us to individually and collectively do our part to protect one another from the coronavirus and look forward to a full educational experience in 2020-2021.

The school district will:

- Screen students, staff, and visitors for COVID19 symptoms.
- Clean and disinfect high-touch surfaces during the day, and where applicable decrease the number of high-touch surfaces students and staff are exposed to.
- Increase ventilation on buses, in classrooms, and other locations to the extent practicable.
- Provide hand sanitizer in each classroom space.
- Provide non-surgical, disposable face coverings to any person entering the school who does not have one.
- Limit access to the interior of the school to staff, students, and service providers.
- Train staff and students in proper hand hygiene and respiratory practices.
- “Cohort” students to the extent practicable.
- Plan and provide for the instruction of 100% of its students, regardless of need.

School district personnel will:

- Not come to work if they have:
 - a fever (*above 100F*).
 - had any COVID-19 symptoms in the past 14 days.
 - had a positive COVID-19 test in the past 14 days.
 - had any close contact in the past 14 days with a person confirmed or suspected of having COVID-19.
 - re-entered/entered New York State from one of the restricted states within the past 14 days. (*please see <https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/covid-19-travel-advisory>*)

Families will:

- Provide two (2), face coverings for their child with their name on it. If unable to do so, the district will provide disposable, non-surgical masks to students upon arrival.
- Reinforce proper hand hygiene practices used at school, the wearing of face coverings, and social distancing protocols.

- Monitor the health of their child on a daily basis.
- If a student must go home for symptoms, the student must seek advice and provide documentation from a medical professional in order to come back later that day or the next day.
- Keep their child home if they have:
 - a fever (*above 100F*).
 - Had any COVID-19 symptoms in the past 14 days. (*Please see <https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/protect-yourself-and-your-family-coronavirus-covid-19>*) Families must seek advice and provide documentation from a medical professional in order to come back later that day or the next day.
 - had a positive COVID-19 test in the past 14 days.
 - had any close contact in the past 14 days with a person confirmed or suspected of having COVID-19
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- IF A STUDENT IS PHYSICALLY TO PARTICIPATE, REMOTE INSTRUCTION CAN and WILL BE PROVIDED FOR STUDENTS FOR THE TERM OF AUTHORIZED ABSENCE.

Students will:

- Tell their parent/guardian if they are not feeling well.
- Wear face coverings at all times except for when seated for lunch or at the instruction of a staff member who has determined that social distancing can be maintained.
- Limit person-to-person contact to the greatest extent possible. For example, no hugging or handshaking.
- Wash and dry their hands each time after going to the bathroom.
- Wash their hands or use hand sanitizer after they touch their mouth or nose

SHORT-TERM CLOSURE PREPAREDNESS

It may be required from time-to-time during the school year to have short-term closures to deal with different COVID19 issues. This may be the result of a known case of COVID19 in our school, a directive from the Department of Health to close, or because of our need to more thoroughly clean the school.

The school district will:

- Be prepared to immediately re-start Thrillshare (school messaging system) in order to communicate information to families should our closure be for more than two days.
- Provide written communication to families and students through our website, the Thrillshare texts, emails, and automated phone calls, and social media (Facebook, Twitter).
- Coordinate food pickup/delivery options when necessary.

Families will:

- Remind their child(ren) in grades K-12 to take their computer devices to school daily, or, in the case of remote instruction, take good care of school-issued/owned devices.

Grades K-12 Teachers will:

- Be prepared with scheduled lessons in advanced, appropriate for hybrid instruction, fully remote instruction, and/or a combination of both.
- Take computer devices home daily.

Students in Grades K-12:

- Will take home their computer devices daily, ready to switch to fully remote learning, if needed.