

Crestwood School Reopening Plan

2021-2022 School Year

Frequently Asked Questions

What protective measures is the school district going to take?

- **School Day Schedule** - Students may enter the building at 7:50 AM. The first bell will ring at 8:15 AM. Students will be dismissed at 3:20 PM. *Please note this is a change from last year.*
- **Face Coverings** – Face covering are recommended for all students, employees, and visitors. Modification to this practice may change if needed based on transmission data and future appellate court rulings.
- **Social Distancing** - Students will be spaced out to the greatest extent possible.
- **School-Wide Cleaning & Disinfecting** - The school district will continue to spray classrooms, the cafeteria, the playground, and other rooms with disinfectant. Rooms and surfaces will be regularly cleaned.
- **Hand Sanitizing Stations** – Each classroom has a hand sanitizer station.
- **Water Fountains** - All water fountains have bottle dispensers, so students may fill their water bottles without touching the fountain.
- **Hand Washing** – Students will wash their hands throughout the day. Touchless water faucets have been installed throughout the building.
- **Visitors** - No visitors will be allowed in the school during the school day.

How will this impact group settings?

- **Bussing** - Bussing will be provided to students. Students must wear a face mask on the bus. Family members will sit together on the bus. The school district encourages parents to transport students to school.
- **Playgrounds** - Playgrounds will be open to students and regularly disinfected. Students will use hand sanitizer before and after use of the playground. Students will be encouraged to stay six feet apart.
- **Cafeteria** – There will be a rotation of 50 students in the cafeteria each week. Other groups will eat in their classroom.
- **Field Trips** – Field trips will be allowed.
- **Extracurricular Activities** - Extracurricular activities will follow the association guidelines. If an activity is not part of an association (IESA/IHSA), they will follow school guidelines.

What happens if a student tests positive for COVID-19?

- **COVID-19 Positive Test Result** - A student that tests positive *should isolate for a minimum of 5 days and a maximum of 10 days after the first day of symptoms or specimen collection date if no symptoms are present.*

What are my options for schooling this upcoming school year?

- **Remote Learning** – Remote learning will not be an option. All students are expected to attend school in person.

What will in-person learning look like?

- **Classroom** - Classrooms will be regularly disinfected. Students may engage in group work and socially distance to the greatest extent possible.
- **Art/Music/Technology** - Students will move for special classes. Between classes, the room will be disinfected to prevent the spread of the virus.
- **Band/Choir** - Choir students will be expected to spread out. The band students will receive lessons and perform in small groups. Proper protective equipment will be provided by the school and required in these classrooms.
- **Physical Education** - PE courses will be outside as much as possible. Junior high students will dress for PE class.
- **Moving from Classroom-to-Classroom** - Students will move from classroom-to-classroom and classrooms will be disinfected on a schedule to keep the classrooms clean.
- **Half-Day Preschool** - Half-day preschool programs will have rooms disinfected daily during the lunch hour to ensure the safety of the next group of students.
- **Lockers** – Junior high students will utilize every other locker.
- **COVID-19** - The school does not guarantee anyone's safety from COVID-19. We will do our best to promote a safe and clean environment; however, a parent that commits to this plan understands their child has the risk of contracting COVID-19 or coming in contact with someone that has COVID-19. The school will work with the health department to share information, and students and staff will be quarantined based on health guidelines.

When should I keep my child home from school based on COVID-19 symptoms?

- If your child is experiencing a cough, fever, chills, muscle pain, shortness of breath, sore throat, or loss of taste or smell, they should remain home until they receive an alternate diagnosis from a medical professional or receive a negative COVID test per health guidelines from the State of Illinois. If one child in the home is ill all siblings must also stay home until the ill child is cleared to attend school.

Please note: These procedures will be adjusted as needed as the safety of our students and staff is our number one priority.

Paris Community Unit School District No. 4

Plan for Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services

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Maintaining the Health and Safety of Students, Educators, and Other Staff

1. Mask Use

- Mask use is recommended for students, employees, and visitors whether vaccinated or not. Modification to this practice may change if needed based on transmission data and future appellate court rulings.
- Any student or employee on District buses or transportation must wear a facial covering while on the District bus or vehicle, unless otherwise excused in accordance with law.
- The Board, by its Superintendent or designee, will maintain consistent contact with the local health department to monitor metrics related to COVID-19 in order to monitor community COVID-19 transmission and vaccination rates to guide its local decisions on layered prevention strategies during the school year.
- The monitoring of current metrics is an ongoing process, and changes may be made to the plan to align with consultation with the local public health departments, local geographical and student and staff COVID-19 vaccination and transmission data, and positivity rates within the area.

2. Physical Distancing

- To the extent possible within school and classroom structures so that it does not exclude students from full day in-person learning, school staff are to help students commit to physical distancing as much as possible by:
 - arranging furniture, play spaces and naptime materials to model and reinforce physical distancing of at least 3 feet (at least 6 feet for those who are not fully vaccinated) and movement;
 - providing assigned seating for students and encourage students to remain in these seats to the greatest extent possible; and
- School staff will maximize physical distance as much as possible when moving through food service lines and while eating indoors.

3. Handwashing and Respiratory Etiquette

- School staff will monitor and reinforce frequent handwashing and respiratory etiquette by
 - continuing to teach handwashing with soap and water for at least 20 seconds;
 - assisting young children with handwashing;
 - reminding everyone in the facility to wash hands frequently;
 - using hand sanitizer containing at least 60% alcohol (for teachers, staff, and older students who can safely use hand sanitizer) when handwashing is not possible;
 - continuing to teach respiratory etiquette (e.g., covering coughs and sneezes); and
 - providing adequate handwashing and hand sanitizer supplies that are safely stored.

4. Facility and Transportation Cleaning, Disinfection and Ventilation

- School custodial staff and transportation staff will continue to clean surfaces daily.
- When possible, staff will open doors and windows, use child-safe fans, and have activities, classes, or lunches outdoors when circumstances allow.
- When it does not pose a safety risk, transportation staff will keep vehicle windows open at least a few inches to improve air circulation.

5. Contact Tracing in Combination with Isolation and Quarantine

- Students and staff who have symptoms of infectious illness, such as influenza (flu) or COVID-19, should stay home and contact their healthcare provider for testing and care.
- Individuals in our school environments who show symptoms of COVID-19 are to immediately report to or be escorted to the school's health care professional's office to be either sent home or be quarantined in the school's supervised safe area while awaiting pickup/evaluation. Parents should ensure that ill students are picked up from school within 30 minutes of being notified. Ill students will not be allowed to utilize the school bus to return home.
- Staff or students who test positive for COVID-19 should isolate for a minimum of 5 days and a maximum of 10 days after the first day of symptoms or specimen collection date if no symptoms are present. Individuals may return to school after 5 days IF asymptomatic or if fever-free without fever reducing medication for 24 hours, diarrhea/vomiting have ceased for 24 hours, and other symptoms have improved. Siblings in the household will be excluded from school.
- The school nurse will inform the school community of outbreaks while maintaining student and staff confidentiality rights.
- Students and staff suspected of having COVID-19, whether they were tested or not, isolate for a minimum of 5 days and a maximum of 10 days after the first day of symptoms.

6. Promoting Vaccination

- The Edgar County Health Department has vaccines available. Information is sent via text to parents on how to get vaccinated.
- Respectful of peoples' varying levels of vaccine confidence, those who want to get vaccinated against COVID-19 can visit [vaccines.gov](https://www.vaccines.gov) to find out where they can get vaccinated in our community.

7. Disabilities or Other Health Care Needs

- Parents of students who need accommodations, modifications, or assistance related to COVID-19 safety protocols, disabilities, underlying medical conditions, or weakened immune systems should contact their student's case manager to discuss the need(s).

8. Visitors

- Visitors will not be allowed in the building during the school day. Visitors will be allowed at evening activities such as concerts, open house, athletic events, etc.

9. Collaboration with Public Health Officials

- District officials will continue to collaborate and consult with Edgar County Health Department officials throughout the pandemic on various logistics and decision-making including, but not limited to, quarantines, school health and safety protocols, screening testing, contact tracing, vaccine clinics, and emergency school closings.

10. Plan Review

- Through September 30, 2023, this plan will be reviewed no less frequently than every six months and revised as appropriate after seeking and considering public input.