

COVID-19 HEALTH AND WELL-BEING  
MITIGATION STRATEGIES  
SCHOOL YEAR 2021-2022

The *Coconino County Regional Accommodation School District* ascribes to medically-affirmed, COVID-19 mitigation strategies as a means of better protecting the health and well-being of our students, families and staff. In light of Governor Ducey's Executive Order, the *Coconino County Regional Accommodation School District*, currently, cannot require COVID-19 vaccinations or masking requirements. However, our school district is fully in support of the "COVID-19 Recommendations for K-12 Schools" provided by the Coconino County Department of Health and Human Services. Please see below to view those County Health Department recommendations.

2021-2022 School Year  
**COVID-19 Recommendations for K-12 Schools**

CCHHS strongly recommends that people who have **not** been vaccinated get the vaccine.

**PHYSICAL DISTANCING**

Maintain at least **3 feet** of physical distance between students within classrooms, combined with indoor mask wearing to reduce transmission.

When **3 feet** of physical distance can't be maintained, layer other prevention strategies, such as:

- Indoor masking
- Testing
- Grouping students into cohorts
- Improved ventilation
- Handwashing and covering coughs and sneezes,
- Staying home when sick with symptoms of infectious illness including COVID-19
- Regular cleaning to help reduce transmission risk

A distance of at least **6 feet** is recommended between students and teachers/staff, and between teachers/staff who are not fully vaccinated (CDC, 2021)

**MASKS**

All staff and students 2 years or older should wear masks indoors unless medical or developmental conditions prohibit their use regardless of vaccination status. (*American Academy of Pediatrics, 2021*)

In general, people do not need to wear masks when outdoors. However, in areas of substantial to high transmission, CDC recommends that people who are not fully vaccinated wear a mask in crowded outdoor settings or during activities that involve sustained close contact with other people who are not fully vaccinated. (CDC, 2021)

**FOOD**

There are currently no restrictions on:

- Food preparation (outside of food handling guidelines and safety)
- Cafeteria (hot and cold food)
- Paying for and scanning lunch cards
- Staff eating areas and breakrooms
- Staff pot lucks
- High school lunches

**TESTING**

CCHHS supports the use of BINAX in schools for testing symptomatic contacts and recommends working with the state-approved vendor to implement pooled testing.

**POSITIVE CASES\***

CCHHS will conduct the contact tracing and case investigation for

positive cases. The ability to conduct contact tracing is contingent upon schools providing a list of "close contacts" along with information needed to communicate with these individuals.

What's a close contact?

- Anyone within 6 feet of an infected person for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period.
- An infected person can spread Covid-19 starting from 2 days before they have any symptoms (or 2 days before the positive specimen collection date), until they meet criteria for discontinuing home isolation.
- Continued isolation and quarantine recommendations will be provided by CCHHS through contact tracing and case investigation.
- CCHHS will provide logistical support to schools who would like to provide on-site vaccination events.

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[coconino.az.gov/covid19](https://coconino.az.gov/covid19)

CCHHS recommends indoor masking for all teachers, staff, students and visitors to K-12, regardless of vaccination status.