

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. 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. Additionally, on November 10, 2021, our school board passed a mask mandate which requires all students and staff to continuously wear a face covering upon entering any of our school sites.

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