

August 16, 2022

To: CPS Community

From: Rick Croslin, Superintendent

Re: COVID-19 Protocols for 2022-2023

Greetings! We are excited about the start of another school year and all of the possibilities that it presents for our students and staff. It is becoming more apparent that COVID-19 is something that we will all be dealing with for the foreseeable future. The goal of CPS is to remain open with students working with our incredible teachers each day while working to ensure a safe environment.

Recently, the Center for Disease Control updated their guidance for schools that removed the recommendation to quarantine in regards to people who have been exposed to COVID-19. Additionally, the Oklahoma State Department of Health offers recommendations for quarantining in the event of testing positive for COVID-19. Information can be found at [Oklahoma.gov/covid19](https://oklahoma.gov/covid19).

In light of continual revisions to guidance from the CDC and OSDH, CPS will work to implement the following guidelines.

- No student or staff member will be required to quarantine due to being exposed to someone who has tested positive for COVID-19.
- CPS will no longer be sending out notifications or contact tracing in the event of a positive COVID-19 test.
- Students or staff members who test positive for COVID-19 should remain home until they are without a fever for at least 24 hours without using a fever reducing medication (i.e. – Tylenol, etc.).
- The wearing of masks at school or school events is not required. Students, staff members, parents, and patrons are welcome to wear them if they choose to do so.

CPS will continue to monitor guidance from the Oklahoma State Department of Health, the Oklahoma State Department of Education, and the Center for Disease Control. It should be understood that these protocols are subject to change if conditions or guidance related to COVID-19 change. We are proud to serve the students and the great community of Chickasha.

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