

## 2022-2023 COVID-19

### Mitigation Plan

[IDPH and ISBE Joint Guidance for COVID-19 Prevention in Schools](#) – CUSD 201 strongly encourages our parents, families, students, and staff to review the most recent guidance from CDC, IDPH, ISBE

<b>Vaccination</b>	Per the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE), Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH), and CDC guidelines, vaccines are strongly encouraged for students and staff.
<b>Masking</b>	<p>Masks are optional students, staff and visitors.</p> <p>If COVID-19 positive, students, staff, and volunteers are recommended to wear a well-fitting mask for 5 full days after the conclusion of their 5-day isolation period. See <a href="#">Quarantine and Isolation</a>, (CDC).</p> <p>CUSD 201 will continue to make masks available to students and staff upon request.</p>
<b>Positive COVID-19 test or exhibiting symptoms</b>	<p><a href="#">IDPH school Decision Making Tree</a>: Required to stay home for at least 5 full days. Students and staff may return to school after 5 full days if they are fever-free for 24 hours and symptoms are improving. If families choose for their child to return to school on days 6-10, a well-fitting mask is recommended and an optional area will be available during lunch while eating.</p> <p>While a negative COVID-19 test result is not required for return, students and staff should not return to school until COVID-10 symptoms are improving and fever free for 24 hours.</p> <p>Day 0 is your first day of symptoms or a positive viral test. Day 1 is the first full day after your symptoms developed or your test specimen was collected. If you have COVID-19 or have symptoms, isolate for at least 5 days.</p> <p>Students may access academic support while they are at home in isolation due to COVID-19.</p>
<b>Physical Distancing</b>	Physical distancing is no longer required for schools by the ISBE, IDPH, and CDC. Lunchroom and classroom designs and student entry and exit points will return to pre-COVID-19 norms.
<b>COVID-19 Testing</b>	It is strongly encouraged for students and staff to get tested if they have

	<p>symptoms or if they are a close contact.</p> <p>CUSD 201 will offer optional COVID-19 testing each week. Parents can</p>
<b>Hand Washing and Respiratory Etiquette</b>	<p>Students and staff are highly encouraged to wash their hands on a regular basis. Each building offers access to touchless hand washing stations, bottle filling stations, and hand sanitizer.</p> <p>Students and staff will continue to have access to masks at no cost.</p> <p>Individuals should cover coughs and sneezes with their elbow or a disposable tissue and clean hands immediately.</p>
<b>Preventing Community Spread</b>	<p>Staying home when sick can lower the risk of spreading infectious diseases, including the virus that causes COVID-19, to other people. For more information on staying home when sick with COVID-19, including recommendations for mask use for people experiencing symptoms consistent with COVID-19, see <a href="#">Quarantine and Isolation</a>, (CDC).</p> <p>If students and staff are sick at school they will be sent home and follow up with their medical provider. While a negative COVID-19 test result is not required for return, students and staff should not return to school until they are no longer exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19.</p>
<b>Cleaning and Disinfection</b>	<p>All district facilities will be cleaned and disinfect on a regular basis.</p>
<b>Family Volunteers</b>	<p>Parents/families are encouraged to volunteer in their child's school. No COVID-19 specific documents are required; however, volunteers must not be exhibiting symptoms or be in schools on days 0-5 following a positive COVID-19 test result. A well-fitting mask is recommended for parents/families returning to volunteer in schools on days 6-10.</p>
<b>Changes or Updates to the Mitigation Plan</b>	<p>This mitigation plan may be updated based upon revised guidance from the ISBE, IDPH, DCHD, or CDC. If any changes occur, those changes would be brought back to the Board for discussion.</p>
<b>Specials/Explore/Elective Classes (e.g. music, art, P.E. etc.)</b>	<p>Instructional and engagement practices will resume to pre-COVID-19 norms.</p>

Upon review of this document, please direct further questions to the School Nurse at your child's school.