

# Crawford County Community School Corporation

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## Updated 7/19/2021

Crawford County Community School Corporation, in conjunction with local health officials, has developed a plan for the 2021-2022 school year. Guidance from [IN-CLASS](#) (Indiana's Consideration for Learning and Safe Schools), legal counsel, and survey data collected from parents and other stakeholders has been utilized in the creation of this comprehensive document.

Please reference the following information as the most recent direction from the Indiana Department of Health as a guideline for our re-entry to school plan for the fall semester of 2021-22. (Update 6/24/22)

### Back to School Guidance-Fall 2021

After July 1, 2021, local school boards will be responsible for implementing whatever measures and restrictions deemed necessary and prudent to address the impact and spread of COVID-19 for their buildings, facilities, and grounds, including transportation. Educational governing bodies are encouraged to follow Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and Indiana Department of Health (IDOH) guidance.

**Per CDC order, masks are required to be worn on public transportation, which includes school buses.** Information regarding this federal CDC order can be found in **FALL SCHOOL GUIDANCE** of the Indiana Department of Health website.

**IDOH has released preliminary fall guidance for K-12 schools found on their website.** A summary of this guidance can be found below. The full guidance can be found [here](#). This guidance includes additional recommendations regarding handwashing, daily cleaning, ventilation, nursing clinic procedures, daily screening, food service, water system maintenance, and extracurricular activities. K-12 Schools:

- Unvaccinated staff and students
- Masks recommended indoors (except when eating); social distance at least 3 feet if all students are facing forward in the classroom; social distance at least 6 feet in all other areas of the school; and quarantine if identified as having had close contact with someone who tested positive for COVID-19.
- Vaccinated staff and students
  - Masks are not necessary; use good judgment regarding social distancing; and no quarantine needed if identified as a close contact as long as they remain asymptomatic.

Track and Isolate Positive Cases:

- Individuals should stay home for 10 days following the onset of symptoms or a positive test result.

Who is a close contact?:

- If all students are masked and facing forward in the classroom, only individuals within 3 feet of a person diagnosed with COVID-19 for a total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period.
- If all students are not masked and facing forward in the classroom, all individuals within 6 feet of a person diagnosed with COVID-19 for a total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period.

Quarantine:

- Vaccinated close contacts do not have to quarantine but should monitor for symptoms and be isolated if symptoms develop.
- Unvaccinated individuals who are identified as a close contact must quarantine.
  - Asymptomatic close contacts may return on day 8 (with specific negative testing and precautions), day 11 (with precautions), or day 15 (without testing or precautions).

Report:

- Schools should report all positive cases and close contacts via the IDOH K-12 Gateway portal.

All guidance is subject to change as CDC and other expert guidance changes. Please email questions to [backtoschool@isdh.in.gov](mailto:backtoschool@isdh.in.gov).

### **Updated 8/5/2021**

**Please refer to the following updated information regarding re-entry and procedures for masking and quarantine of students and staff:**

- **Masks are still always allowable.**
- **Masks must be worn on all buses -- bus routes, riding to a sporting event, etc.**
- **If we are orange or red on the weekly metric, all staff and students will be required to wear a mask for that week (Thursday through Wednesday).**
- **If fever, loss of taste, or loss of smell, quarantine is required. If other symptoms, return to school but must wear a mask for 14 days. Any absences for non-fever, loss of taste, loss of smell days will be unexcused unless a test or doctor's note is provided.**
- **Close contact for quarantine procedures will be within 3ft for 15 minutes or more.**
- **Quarantine for staff (if close contact): Regardless of vaccination status, staff will remain at work unless they show symptoms. Must wear a mask for 14 days. If vaccinated, can test beginning on day 3. If negative, a mask is no longer required.**
- **Quarantine for vaccinated students: Must prove vaccination and then wear a mask for 14 days. Can test beginning on day 3. If negative, a mask is no longer required.**
- **Quarantine for unvaccinated students: Must be quarantined for 10 days, and wear a mask until day 14. Can test on day 5-7. If negative, they can return on day 8 but must wear a mask through day 14.**

- **End-of-day cleaning by custodial staff is required. However, optional cleaning between classes is promoted. Hand sanitizer will still be provided and encouraged.**

## General Information

- Families should prepare for unexpected closures and the transition to eLearning days with a positive COVID-19 case. Health department officials will determine the length of time the school will remain closed.
- Given the fluidity of current information, this document is subject to change.
- Access to the school buildings by the general public will be limited to essential business only.
- Disinfectant sprayers will be utilized for deep cleaning facilities after school hours.
- Positive cases of COVID-19 will warrant further disinfectant measures with sanitizing equipment.
- Face coverings will be required in the hallways and other common areas (when not eating).
- Assigned seating on buses, in classrooms, and in cafeterias will be required.

## eLearning vs Virtual Learning

- Families should prepare for in-person school opening with no virtual plan option unless a student has
  1. a medically fragile condition as per a medical doctor order **documented**
  2. extenuating condition for a special education student offered homebound
  3. expulsion (homebound)
  4. pandemic mandated closure by the CDC or Indiana Governmental agency
- eLearning is defined as any day of school campus closure due to inclement weather, whole class/school quarantine, or professional development. eLearning days may be scheduled or called on an emergency basis.
- Virtual learning is defined as the need for off campus schoolwork to occur for only one student or a small group of students.
  - This can be due to one student in a class being quarantined due to a positive case at home or on other short-term individualized basis.
- All state assessments must be taken onsite.

## Health and Safety Education

- Staff and students will be educated on proper hand washing and respiratory etiquette.

## Classroom

- Disinfecting equipment will be available in each classroom to be used throughout the day..
- Sharing school supplies will not be allowed.
- Social distancing will be encouraged in the classroom.

## Transportation

- Face coverings will be required on buses for all students, monitors, and drivers.
- Students will be required to sit in assigned seats.

## Attendance

- Students should be kept home with fever or symptoms of COVID-19 and report to the school the nature of these symptoms.

## Athletics

- Athletic considerations will follow guidance set forth by the IHSAA.

## Food Services

- Meals may be eaten in classrooms.
- If eating in the cafeteria, seats will be assigned.
- Cafeteria areas, including tables and high touch surfaces, will be sanitized between groups.
- Meals may be available for pick up on eLearning days.

## Social Emotional Support

## Health Services

- Students and staff will perform self screenings on a daily basis and self-report if symptoms are present.
  - Self-Screening (at home every day)
    - Fever (100.4 degrees or higher)
    - Cough
    - Sore throat
    - Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
    - Chills, repeated shaking
    - Muscle pain
    - Headache
    - New loss of taste or smell
    - Vomiting, diarrhea
- Buildings will have separate areas for non-COVID-19 symptom & COVID-19 symptom students and staff
  - Mask, gloves, and face shields will be required for anyone caring for individuals with suspected COVID-19 symptoms
  - Individuals with suspected COVID-19 symptoms will wear a face mask

- COVID-19 symptom holding area will be sanitized after each use
  - Access will be restricted to the COVID-19 symptom holding area to essential staff only
  - Maintain COVID-19 symptom holding room use log for purposes of contact tracing.
- Education for staff, students, and parents will be provided on the following topics:
  - Symptoms of COVID-19
  - Handwashing
  - Importance of face covering
  - Self-screening procedures
  - Reporting of positive cases/symptoms
- The extent and length of closure of a room, building, or corporation will be a local health department decision, as will quarantining all who were in contact with a positive case.
- The following will be immediately reported to the building principal:
  - Positive COVID-19 test result in household
  - Under quarantine by the health department
  - High risk in household
- Procedure for sending symptomatic students and staff home
  - Students will be isolated in the COVID-19 symptom holding room
  - Students will be walked out of the building to their guardian
  - Staff will be sent home immediately
  - Students/staff will be strongly encouraged to visit a doctor
- Students and staff may return to school after displaying symptoms if they meet the following (students will be transferred to virtual learning during this time):
  - Untested - Not otherwise explained; all three must be met:
    - At least 10 calendar days after symptoms first appeared
    - Fever free for 24 hours (no fever without medication)
    - Other symptoms have improved
  - Tested positive - Symptomatic
    - At least 10 calendar days after symptoms first appeared, and
    - Fever free for 24 hours (no fever without medication), AND
    - Other symptoms have improved
  - Tested positive - Asymptomatic
    - 10 calendar days after test without symptoms, and
    - Fever free for 24 hours (no fever without medication), AND
    - Released by healthcare provider
  - Tested negative - Symptomatic
    - Fever free for 24 hours (no fever without medication), AND
    - Other symptoms have improved
    - Alternate diagnosis with a note from a health care provider
- In the event of a confirmed COVID-19 student or staff member, the following steps will be taken by the school corporation.
  - The school will contact the local health department.
    - The health department will:
      - Contact all positive cases
      - Inform direct contacts of exposure
      - Instruct regarding self-quarantine and exclusions