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# HELP KEEP OUR CCPS Family HEALTHY

## STAFF ONLY - FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



We want to thank all Collier County Public Schools (CCPS) staff for their hard work and determination throughout the 2020-21 school year and the reopening of schools. Thanks to your support and dedication, CCPS had one of the highest return to in-person learning rates in the country. Please know as our schools prepare to open for the 2021-22 school year this school year, the health and safety of our staff and students is paramount to our success going forward. To this end, please review the following frequently asked questions to understand how we will keep our school community safe and healthy.

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### Do I need to get vaccinated to be employed with the District? ▼

No, vaccination is not required but is highly encouraged for staff and students that are eligible to be vaccinated.

### Are staff or students required to wear a face mask or any other personal protective equipment? ▼

In accordance with the Florida Department of Education Commissioner's April 14, 2021, Memorandum, the voluntary wearing of face masks will continue with the return to school for the 2021-

2022 school year. However, masks are encouraged for those who are unvaccinated and on busses. Disposable masks are available upon request.

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## What should I do if I am sick?

Staff and students who have multiple symptoms (refer to Health Screener) or a fever are encouraged to stay home from school until they are well and fever free without the use of fever reducing medicines for at least 24 hours.

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## Do I need to get tested if I have flu like symptoms before returning to school?

No, however, you should be free of symptoms and be fever free without the use of fever reducing medicines for at least 24 hours.

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## What happens if I am exposed to COVID-19 at school and am required to self-isolate, will I be able to work virtually or will I be paid to stay home?

For the 2021-2022 school year, there will be no virtual options for staff or students during self-isolation/quarantine. The Executive Order allowing for the blended virtual model and federally supported COVID leave has expired. All CCPS employees will need to use sick-time, personal leave, unpaid or family medical leave during quarantine.

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## Will I be required to quarantine if I am a direct/close contact but have been vaccinated?

No, anyone who has been vaccinated and is a close contact will NOT need to quarantine.

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## If I am vaccinated but test positive, will I need to quarantine?

Yes, you will need to quarantine for 5 days unless you subsequently have a negative test.

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## If students in my class are quarantined and I am not, how will they receive instruction and their assignments?

Students who are quarantined but asymptomatic will access and submit their assignments through the teacher's Canvas page. Teachers are not required to provide additional instructional time to students in quarantine.

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## What health and safety protocols does the District have in place for this year?

The District will continue to social distance wherever possible, maximize classroom space, and plexiglass at service counters will remain in place. Staff and students will continue to frequently wash hands, use available hand sanitizer stations, and cover mouth/nose when coughing or sneezing.

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## How should I set up my classroom this year and can students work in groups and share materials?

You should continue to use all the space in your classroom to maximize the distancing of students when they are receiving teacher led instruction. However, students are able to engage in cooperative learning groups during instruction. When possible, group students who sit near each other or have rotational groups with the same students to assist with contact tracing.

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## Do I need to keep a seating chart for my students?

Yes, you should continue to use a seating chart. Additionally, when grouping students for cooperative learning you should group students by proximity to one another or have rotational groups with the same students to assist with contact tracing.

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## How will the District handle contact tracing this year?

The District will continue to collaborate with the Collier Department of Health (DOH-Collier) to contract trace students and staff who test positive and those that have had sustained direct contact with the contagious individual.

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## What happens if I am required to quarantine and am out of sick leave?

You should contact the Benefits Department at 239-377-0340 to review your options which may include Family Medical leave or unpaid leave.



## What is considered direct/close contact when staff or a student has COVID while they are at school or a school related activity?

Direct contact occurs when an individual who is positive for the virus is within three (3) feet of another person for fifteen (15) minutes or more with or without the use of a face mask.

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## Are staff and students allowed to have lunch together without masks?

Yes, students and staff may eat lunch together while social distancing to the greatest extent possible (both in line and while seated).

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## If I have a health condition that makes me vulnerable to COVID-19 or do not feel it is safe to come back to work, can I work virtually?

If you have a health condition that makes you more vulnerable to the impact of COVID-19 you should speak with your physician as to whether you can be vaccinated or not and to assess your risk factors. Although there is no virtual employment for CCPS staff, please contact the Benefits department at 239-377-0340 to discuss your options for the upcoming school year.

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## Will the District have a blended/innovative virtual model available to students this school year? ▼

No, blended/virtual model was phased out when the Governor's Executive Order expired. However, CCPS will continue to operate the eCollier Academy program as a local virtual option for students.

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## Can students with disabilities in special class programs attend eCollier Academy? ▼

Yes, full-time, asynchronous, virtual instruction is available for students with disabilities in a special class program. Please contact Emily Kafle, Director Exceptional Student Education at 239-377-0135.

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## Can I have volunteers in my classroom? ▼

CCPS will hold back from allowing visitors and volunteers access to our schools during school hours to start the school year. We will reassess our community transmission rates during the first quarter and make a determination as circumstances warrant. Restricting access to campus during school hours will help us protect our students and staff from potential transmission.

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### Vaccine Resources (as of March 4, 2021)

#### COVID-19 Determination of Extreme Vulnerability

#### Vaccine Locations Based on Priority Populations

#### Executive Order 21-47

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### K-12 EMPLOYEES AND PRESCHOOL STAFF

All K-12 employees and preschool staff may be vaccinated at a participating pharmacy (CVS, Publix, Sam's Club, Walgreens, Walmart, Winn-Dixie) or at one of the four Federal vaccines sites in the state.

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### VACCINATION CARD INFORMATION

Individuals who have received the COVID-19 vaccine through the Department of Health-Collier (DOH-Collier) and has lost their vaccination card, can contact the DOH-Collier Call Center at (239) 252-6220 Monday through Friday (9am-5pm) or send an email to [covid19collier@flhealth.gov](mailto:covid19collier@flhealth.gov).

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### TRAVEL INFORMATION

For recommendations on international travel and quarantine, as well as domestic travel, see iBriefing #12661. For any questions related to travel or leave related to COVID-19, email: [leaves@collierschools.com](mailto:leaves@collierschools.com).

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