



Concho Elementary School District No. 6

CESD MITIGATION PLAN

STUDENT PROTOCOLS

Daily Health Screenings

At home

Inform students and parents that students must not come to school if they exhibit **ANY** of the following symptoms:

- fever of 100.4 degrees or higher, or chills;
- shortness of breath or difficulty breathing;
- muscle aches;
- sore throat;
- headache;
- fatigue;
- congestion or runny nose;
- cough;
- vomiting;
- diarrhea; or
- new loss of taste or smell.

Also, inform parents, on the school website, and via email reminders that they should screen students for the above symptoms each morning, should self-report symptoms, and must keep students at home if any symptoms are present. Assure parents that students will have the opportunity to make up work missed due to symptoms of COVID-19.

Note: Schools will not give out attendance awards for the duration of the COVID-19 health crisis.

All buses will have clearly visible signage communicating to parents that students should not enter the school bus with any of the above symptoms. There will be a temperature check before boarding. Masks are required on the bus and will be provided if student does not have a mask.

At school

At the start of school, the teacher/staff will visually check each student for symptoms prior to students entering the classroom. Any student with visible symptoms of runny nose, cough, shortness of breath, or vomiting, will be taken to the health office. Parents may be contacted for pick-up with the following exceptions:

- If the student has a runny nose and the nurse/health aide observes that there are no other symptoms, the nurse/health aide will contact the parent to inquire as to whether the student has had any other symptoms or there have been any COVID-19 exposures in the home. If not, the student may return to class.
- If the student has health information on file that confirms a diagnosis of asthma or other respiratory condition and the nurse/health aide observes that there are no other symptoms, the nurse/health aide will contact the parent to inquire as to whether the student has had any other symptoms or there have been any COVID-19 exposures in the home. If not, the student may return to class.

Enhanced Social Distancing

Basic social distancing practices

Staff members will educate and remind students regularly to maintain 6 feet of distance between individuals or wear face coverings.

Bus transportation seating options

The district may consider the following seating options related to operation of district buses.

- To the extent possible, the district will assign one student per bus seat.
- Siblings will be allowed to sit together if they wish.
- Maintain maximum bus ventilation at all times, including open windows (weather permitting). Set ventilation to non-recirculating mode.

Classroom layout.

Position desks 6 feet apart unless that spacing is not possible due to the size of the classroom and the number of students assigned to it.

Position desks to face the same direction rather than facing each other. Do not use large tables for groups of students unless this is the only option.

Communal spaces.

Guidelines for specific communal spaces are given below.

Playgrounds:

Allow no more than one grade level at a time on playground equipment. Encourage teachers to be creative in employing techniques to maintain social distancing during unstructured time. Finally, require teachers and students to wash their hands following activities.

Lunch rooms:

We will continue to use the multipurpose room during lunch, with increased safety measures, including the following:

Open the multipurpose room during lunch, with increased safety measures, including the following:

- Limit the number of students sitting at each table, and tables will be spaced appropriately throughout the multipurpose room.
- Serve lunches on disposable food service items (trays, plates, etc.), if possible.
- Lunches will be plated in advance so students can grab and go, limiting the amount of time spent in line and limiting the number of people touching serving utensils
- Prohibit students from sharing lunch items with one another.

Bathrooms.

We will continue to send only a few students to the restrooms at any given time. Signs will be posted in the restrooms to encourage hand washing and social distancing.

Front offices.

Signs will be posted in offices reminding people to practice good health/hygiene habits and maintain social distancing. Cloth face masks will be provided to visitors that request a face mask.

Hand Washing

Require all students to wash their hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, or use hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol at the following times:

- upon arrival at school (use hand sanitizer if there is no sink in the classroom),
- after being outside for physical activity,
- before and after lunch,
- prior to leaving school for home, and
- after sneezing, coughing, or blowing nose.

Cloth Face Coverings

As per Governor Ducey's executive order 2020-51,

“All school districts and charter schools shall develop and implement a **policy to require face coverings, such as face masks or face shields, for all staff and students** over the age of five until the Arizona Department of Health Services determines that face coverings are no longer necessary or recommended to contain the spread of the virus.

- a. **Policies shall include exceptions for instances when students can socially distance** or are outside in playground settings with distancing, and shall allow breaks for students to take their face covering off in a safe environment.
- b. Schools shall incorporate other restrictions and exceptions consistent with guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.
- c. Cloth face coverings should not be worn by children under the age of 2 or anyone who has trouble breathing, is unconscious, incapacitated, or otherwise unable to remove the mask without assistance.”

Based on the above Executive Order, face coverings will be required for all staff and students when social distancing is not possible. When social distancing is possible, students may still wear face coverings if they so choose.

Students may bring their own cloth face coverings to and from school. When feasible, schools should also have a supply of face coverings available to provide students who cannot afford or do not have their own.

Note: Cloth face coverings are designed to protect other individuals rather than the individual wearing the covering. Accordingly, the greater number of students wearing cloth face coverings, the greater the overall transmission mitigation that will be

achieved. Plastic face guards, which provide protection for the wearer, will not be required or provided, but are permitted.

Student Belongings/Materials

For younger grades and where possible, student belongings may be kept in individual bins or cubbies labeled with each student's name.

Do not permit sharing of school supplies among students. If a school supply or piece of equipment must be shared by students (for instance, a pencil sharpener or blocks/toys), have a staff member wipe down the item with disinfectant after each use.

Trips and Activities

Field trips are temporarily canceled. Teachers use virtual learning opportunities (such as virtual tours of museums) to enhance students' educational experiences.

Specialized Classes

Some classes, such as science labs, choir, band, PE, and others, may require alternative lesson plans to limit contact and the sharing of supplies, and to reduce the spread of respiratory droplets.