



Conway Public Schools

START STRONG *SAFETY PLAN*

Conway Public Schools is committed to maintaining a safe and caring environment for our students and staff as we return to school this fall.

In order to help our students become familiar with new procedures, CPSD will implement a staggered start to our 2020-21 school year. Students with last names beginning with A-M will come to school on Monday August 24th. Students with last names beginning with N-Z will come to school on Tuesday August 25th. All students will come to school beginning on Wednesday August 26th.

FACE COVERINGS

CPSD will require all staff and all students in grades Pre-K-12 to wear face coverings/face masks anytime they are within a 6-foot distance of another person. Students and staff may wear facial coverings at all times if so desired. Guidelines for face coverings/masks include the following:

- Facial coverings/masks should be worn properly, completely covering the individual's nose and mouth.
- Facial coverings/masks must not contain content or material that is obscene, offensive, inappropriate or distracting to the learning environment.
- Face shields are permitted but not as a substitute for a facial covering. If a student desires to wear a face shield, he/she must wear a mask underneath.

VISITORS

Visitors to Conway Public School campuses will be significantly reduced during the 2020-21 school year.

- Only those visitors who have an "approved school purpose" will be allowed past the front office.
- All visitors entering any Conway Public Schools campus will be required to wear a mask or facial covering before entering the campus/building. Exceptions regarding face coverings may be granted by building principals or supervisors based upon a documented medical condition.

BREAKFAST & LUNCH

Conway Schools' Food Service Department will utilize "grab and go" and pre-packaged food items as much as possible.

- All school breakfasts and lunches will be served on disposable trays and disposable utensils will be used.
- In order to implement social distancing, lunch schedules may be revamped so that fewer students are at lunch at a time. This will allow for more space between students.
- Cafeteria lines and seating will be spaced out to help with social distancing.

TRANSPORTATION

Conway Public Schools will run our regular bus routes as scheduled in the Fall of 2020. Our transportation department will take additional precautions to ensure the health/safety of our students.

- All bus drivers will wear masks any time students are on board.
- Students' hands will be sprayed with hand sanitizer when they come on board and when they depart the bus.
- The buses will be completely sanitized and disinfected at the end of each route.
- Students will have assigned seats on the bus and drivers will spread out students as much as possible on each route.
- Students in the same family group will be seated together.

CLEANING/DISINFECTING

Conway Public Schools Maintenance Department and Custodial Services will maintain our standard, rigorous cleaning procedures for each school building every night. These are sufficient to kill bacteria and viruses.

In addition, extra cleaning measures will be taken to ensure all areas are disinfected daily. All touch surfaces- including desks, countertops, doorknobs and door "pushbars," keyboards, phone receivers, and hand sanitizer dispensers- will be wiped down and disinfected.

- Every school will be "fogged" nightly with an electrostatic fogging machine. Custodians will use the foggers throughout the building- in classrooms, restrooms, offices, common areas, etc. This sprays a disinfectant mist on all surfaces that, when allowed to dry undisturbed for ten minutes, has a 30-day "kill claim" on all virus particles, including those associated with COVID-19.
- Each teacher will be equipped with a spray bottle of disinfectant for spot cleaning.

In addition, CPSD custodians will continually sanitize surfaces and areas throughout each school each day.

CPSD will sanitize classrooms while students are not present (ex. students are at lunch, activity period, etc.) when there are opportunities to do so.

- Playground equipment will be sanitized between each recess period.
- Cafeteria tables will be sanitized between each lunch group.
- Hand sanitizer dispensers are located in every classroom and bathroom throughout the district.
- Teachers will teach and encourage students to use proper hand washing hygiene.

HEALTH PROTOCOLS

If the district is notified of a confirmed positive case of COVID-19, CPSD will begin contact tracing for probable close contacts. **A probable close contact is anyone who has likely been within 6 feet for 15 cumulative minutes or longer within a 24 hour period of the person testing positive.**

A school administrator will personally call the parent of any student who is a probable close contact to the positive case. Probable close contacts are required to immediately quarantine for 14 days, moving to virtual instruction at this point. Absences will be considered excused.

Any student/staff who tests positive for COVID-19 must be cleared by the Health Department before returning to school. Probable close contacts may return to school after 14 days if they do not contract the virus.

In the event there is a positive case of COVID-19 inside a school building, parents of all students in that school will be notified through the district's automated system. The message will be general in nature and will inform parents that there has been a positive case of COVID within their child's school. The message will remind parents that any students who were **probable close contacts** of that case have been notified personally by a school administrator.

It is extremely important to have a working phone number for every parent & guardian.

STAY STRONG

Please make sure you go online to our website- conwayschools.org- and complete your returning student registration. Look for the "Registration" box underneath the video. If you have questions or need help with this or anything related to Fall 2020 Re-Entry, please call your child's school.