

Description

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Nevada Department of Health and Human Services have updated their guidance for K–12 schools and early education programs. In response, the Clark County School District (CCSD) worked collaboratively with the Southern Nevada Health District (SNHD) to revise the current COVID-19 protocols for CCSD.

Effective Date

These changes will become effective Monday, August 22, 2022.

CCSD-Aligned Updated Mitigation Strategies

Masking, Managing Cases and Exposures, and Responding to Outbreaks

- CCSD will continue to contact trace and notify exposed individuals. Staff and students will be allowed back into schools immediately as long as they are able to mask for a full 10 days and are asymptomatic.
- There are no additional changes when responding to outbreaks. CCSD policy is in alignment with the CDC and the SNHD recommendations.

CCSD will not Require Cohorting Students

- CCSD will continue to try and keep students together from the same classroom during lunch as the District is still required to contact trace positive cases and their close contacts. No additional cohorting will be necessary.

COVID-19 Screening Testing

- CCSD will require 5–10 percent of staff to participate in weekly randomized mandatory testing for those who are not up to date on COVID-19 vaccines when the community level remains at high for three consecutive weeks.
- CCSD will require screening testing in high-risk activities. Testing of individuals will not be dependent on vaccine status. Staff and students may utilize over-the-counter (OTC) tests.
 - CCSD will implement screening testing only for high-risk activities after three consecutive weeks in high community transmission. Student and staff test results will be submitted to the activity advisor.
 - CCSD will strongly encourage staff and students to test utilizing OTC tests after a scheduled school break prior to returning to work or school.

Discontinue the Test to Stay Program

- CCSD will no longer offer the Test to Stay Program for staff or students.
 - Implement serial testing (testing that is sequentially repeated) for staff or students who are unable to mask for 10 days after exposure documented with an Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) accommodation, 504 Plan, or Individualized Education Program (IEP).

Discontinuing Quarantining of Exposed Individuals

- CCSD Health Services Department staff will continue to contact trace; however, they may not quarantine all identified close contacts/exposed individuals.
- If an individual is identified as a close contact, they will be notified and required to mask for 10 days.

- Individuals who are unable to mask and have an ADA accommodation, 504 Plan, or IEP that states the staff or student is unable to wear a face mask will participate in serial testing. Serial testing will allow school-associated close contacts who are not able to mask after exposure to continue working or attending school at CCSD sites during their 10 day masking requirement.

Contact Information

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