

Return to Learn Coweta

Fall 2023 Plan for Coweta Public Schools

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Coweta Public Schools is pleased to welcome our students back to a safe and encouraging learning environment to begin the 2023-2024 School Year. This plan is designed to highlight many of our practices to keep children as safe as possible while providing them the opportunity to learn. Plans are subject to change as new information becomes available or as situations arise related to COVID-19

Health and Safety Measures

MASKS

Masks will be optional for students, employees, and visitors as Oklahoma Senate Bill 658 restricts the mandatory enforcement of masks in schools without a state of emergency declared by the Governor.

OTHER LAYERED MITIGATION PRACTICES

DAILY WELLNESS SCREENINGS – Each morning, families are asked to take their child's temperatures, as a fever of 100 or greater may be an indication of an active case of COVID-19 or other illnesses. Other symptoms include the following: chills, cough, headache, loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion, runny nose, nausea, vomiting and diarrhea. Students should stay home if experiencing symptoms of COVID-19 or any other illness.

HYGIENE – Hand washing is one of the best means of protection against infection. Students will be reminded to wash their hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after blowing their noses, coughing, or sneezing, going to the bathroom, and before eating. They will also have access to hand sanitizer throughout the school building when hand washing opportunities are not readily available.

SOCIAL DISTANCING – While it will be difficult to maintain distance between the students at school, social distancing is encouraged to the extent possible in hallways, classrooms, cafeterias, gyms and buses.

CLEANING PROTOCOLS – Besides routine cleaning, high-touch areas will continue to receive additional attention throughout the day. Disinfecting wipes and sprays will be readily available to staff. Disinfecting machines will be utilized in buildings and on buses as needed.

VACCINATIONS – State health departments and the CDC recommend COVID-19 vaccines for those eligible. Oklahoma Senate Bill 658 restricts school districts from requiring COVID-19 vaccines for students. Vaccinations are readily available at various doctors' offices and pharmacies in Coweta.

VISITORS

School sites will allow parents and visitors into the buildings for scheduled appointments and will have the flexibility to allow guests in the buildings for special occasions.

EXPOSURES, DIAGNOSES, & RETURN TO SCHOOL AFTER COVID-19

- Students or employees who test positive for COVID-19 must notify the school and stay home for five days or longer if symptoms persist. If students and employees are symptom free and returning after day 5; they must wear a mask for an additional 5 days while at school and school functions.
- Parents should notify the school if their child had close contact with an individual outside of the school setting who has tested positive for COVID-19 and plans to self-quarantine.
- Students who come into close contact with a COVID-19 positive individual should self-monitor for symptoms and may return to school or self-quarantine.

Academic Options

- Coweta Public Schools is offering in-person instruction for all students in grades Pre-K-12.
- Full-time virtual options are available for students in grades K-12. Applications for these programs are available from building principals.

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