



## COVID-19 UPDATE FOR THE 2021-22 SCHOOL YEAR

July 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2021

The Oregon Department of Education released its [Ready Schools, Safe Learners \(RSSL\) Framework](#) for the 2021-22 school year. Governor Kate Brown, the Oregon Health Authority, and the ODE have created recommendations as a guide but are no longer mandating COVID-19 restrictions in public schools on a statewide basis. Most importantly, new state guidance shifts decision-making back to a local model where school leaders and communities can make decisions that best serve students. The Crook County School District will work collaboratively with our School Board and the Crook County Health Department to develop COVID-19 safety and response plans in preparation for the new school year.

Here is breakdown of our plan when students return to classrooms in September:

- Crook County School District will provide full-time, in-person instruction for all students
- Families who desire to have their children learn at home can choose from two online programs:
  - [Crook County Online Option](#)
  - [Grizzly Mountain HomeLink](#)
- Masks, face coverings, or face shields are no longer required for students or staff. CCSD fully supports students and staff who choose to wear masks for their own safety
- Crook County School District will develop a COVID-19 Response & Safety Plan with our partners at the Crook County Health Department
  - Any potential decision to move students online due to a COVID-19 outbreak in our schools, will be made in conjunction with the Superintendent, School Board, and Crook County Health Department
- COVID-19 vaccines are not required for students to attend school; however, the Crook County Health Department strongly encourages families to consider the vaccine for students 12 and older to improve safety and reduce potential spread of the virus in our schools
- School nurses will continue to manage COVID-19 in our buildings and will make decisions regarding the need for students or staff to quarantine if they have symptoms or test positive
  - Students and staff who are fully vaccinated, and do not have COVID-19 symptoms, will not be required to quarantine or get tested after exposure to someone with COVID-19
- Custodians will frequently sanitize buildings and classrooms and the district will continue providing hand-sanitizing and hand-washing stations in every school
- Sports, music programs, and other extracurricular activities are returning as normal for the 2021-22 school year
- CCSD values the feedback, opinions, and concerns of our local families. If you have comments or questions, please reach out to us at the District Office:
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