

Here is the text of a letter sent to families by Columbia Public Schools on Tuesday:

As Columbia Public Schools nears the end of the first semester of the 2021-2022 school year, we wanted to reach out to our community about our health and safety decisions in our schools.

The Board of Education regularly reviews and approves the District's COVID Mitigation Measures. As part of our response to the current pandemic, CPS continues to monitor both the COVID numbers within our school community, as well as how court decisions in pending litigation may affect our COVID mitigation efforts. Today, the Attorney General for the State of Missouri issued a letter to school districts in response to a recent decision from the Cole County Circuit Court. CPS is reviewing that communication along with the recent decision to determine its effect on any portions of our COVID Mitigation Measures.

In the meantime, we will maintain the health protocols currently in place at CPS and in our buildings.

Please know that we will continue to receive and evaluate guidance from the federal, state, and local levels to help inform our safety and mitigation measures. And, we will continue to keep our community informed on any changes to our protocols as we move forward.