



5-Day In-Person Learning

Beginning April 5, students will move to the next phase of the district's re-opening plan: 5-day in-person learning. Students are currently learning in-person in a hybrid model. The school year began in September in an all-virtual model. The Board of Education voted in November to move students to in-person learning in a 4-day hybrid. The Board of Education modified its decision to a 2-day hybrid for middle and high school in January. Students returned in the hybrid learning models after winter break for the start of the second semester. Additionally, since September we have had special education students served in district programs in-person, 5-days a week.

The downward trend in cases along with the increasing availability of vaccines has allowed the Board of Education to vote to move to a 5-day learning model. Based on the data and revised guidelines for schools from the CDC released in late February, health experts have advised that schools can now move to 5-days a week safely. The district will still offer virtual learning for the more than 3,400 students currently enrolled in virtual learning PreK-12.

Below is information and facts regarding the move to 5-day in-person learning:

Mitigation Strategies (Based on revised CDC guidelines)

- Masks are required in CPS (compliant with local health ordinance and CDC guidelines)
- Handwashing should continue and hand sanitizer is readily available in classrooms and all CPS facilities
- Ionizers have been installed in all schools
- Cleaning protocols and checklists will remain in place, however, deep cleaning is no longer required
- Social distancing will take place to the extent possible, however, CPS will not be able to guarantee 3 to 6 feet in all situations
- Families are still encouraged to conduct morning health checks before sending students to school
- If you are sick, please stay home.

Vaccine Availability

- A federal supply of vaccines is now available to school employees. We are encouraging employees to sign up through multiple lists if they are eligible to receive the vaccine, including pharmacies with access to the federally provided doses.
- The state's supply of vaccines for school employees will open on March 15. As vaccines are made available by the state, CPS is prepared to facilitate the vaccination of our employees. We have plans in place with our health partners to make that happen whether the vaccine becomes available in smaller quantities or if it becomes available in larger quantities allowing for a mass clinic.

Tracking and Tracing

- CPS is tracking 14-day case rates using local health department data and 7-day case rates using the CDC formula calculation
- CPS provides tracking information on quarantine and isolation number for both staff and students
- CPS provides tracking information on substitute fill rates
- CPS provides tracking information on vaccinated school employees
- The district has partnered with the local health department to provide comprehensive contact tracing for students and employees and will continue to do so in the 5-day learning model.
- We will follow current guidelines for isolation and quarantine for students and staff.

5-days: What you should know

- The curriculum covers 5-day in-person learning. Students will have learning continue and lessons all 5-days.
- The 4x4 schedule model at high school will continue for the remainder of the school year.
- Students in the virtual model will remain virtual.
- Starting after spring break creates a transition point for students and teachers and provides for additional time for school employees to be vaccinated.
- We are ready and can't wait to begin the next phase of re-opening!