

# **CLINTON PRAIRIE SCHOOL CORPORATION**

## Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) about the 2020-21 School Year for Parents

### Instructional Questions:

**Will there be an online option available?** Clinton Prairie School Corporation will provide online instruction per parent request based on the following criteria:

1. Instruction and assignments will require the student to participate during the normal school hours.
2. Clinton Prairie School Corporation is mandated to adhere to 180 days of instruction by the Indiana Department of Education during the 2020-2021 school year. Remote learning students must also meet this requirement.
3. Remote learning will require attendance 5 days a week.
4. Students who earned a failing grade during the final grading period of the 2019-2020 school year may not be eligible for remote learning.
5. Students should expect workload to that which they would experience with in-person instruction. Remote learning will be every day and due dates will not be delayed as with our traditional (planned/unplanned) eLearning guidelines.
6. Students enrolled in the remote learning option will not be allowed to participate in extracurricular or athletic activities.
7. Students will be required to participate in local formative assessment (classroom tests, quizzes, NWEA, final exams) as well as state mandated tests (ILEARN, IREAD, etc). Students will be responsible for scheduling tests after hours.
8. Reliable internet service is required.
9. Questions emailed to teachers will be answered during the normal school day or by appointment.
10. Jr. Sr High coursework may also consist of content from a contracted vendor.
11. A minimum number of participants in each grade level/class will be required in order to offer Remote Learning.

For parents wishing for their child to participate in remote learning, an online request will be submitted by **July 31, 2020**. The remote learning registration request can be found here: <https://forms.gle/1aA9RmTg7y6i16kt6>

Parents will be notified of their child's enrollment in Remote Learning by the end of July, 2020.

**What will the online experience be?** Depending on the number of students who choose this option, we anticipate assigning a teacher to provide the online curriculum. The curriculum in grades K-4 may be limited to mathematics, reading and language arts. There may be some self-directed opportunities in social studies, science and related arts. For students in 5th and 6th grade, subject areas may be included in the core curriculum. Subjects taught may be English/Language Arts and math with selected lessons in science and social studies.

**If someone commits to eLearning or in-person to start the year, can they be allowed to move later to the alternate option?** Any changes may be adjusted at the semester break.

**Sharing of Supplies** - At all possible, students will have their own manipulatives, art supplies, and school supplies. Any items that are shared will be sanitized before each class.

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**How will classrooms be set up?** Excess furniture and equipment is being removed from all classrooms to provide the maximum opportunity to spread desks and tables out. Social distance will not be possible in every classroom activity. When possible, student desks will be placed in rows facing the same direction, and provided as much space as possible.

**Passing periods** - Passing periods will be a “mask zone”. Students will wear masks during this time. Hallways and stairways may be considered as a one-way only to reduce the movement during passing periods.

**If a teacher is out with symptoms, will a sub be used for 14 days?** It is possible that a sub may be used to manage the classroom but the teacher may be able to Zoom in or remotely access students to teach. This will be dependent upon the individual situation.

## **Health and Safety Questions**

**Do students/staff have to wear masks?** - All employees and students will need to bring a mask and wear it in designated areas and in certain circumstances (hallways, bus, smaller groups, etc). According to the Indiana State Health Commissioner, “Wearing face masks will be key to keeping schools safe, along with implementing social distancing protocols.” Dr. Kris Box. We want to protect our older staff members who are more at risk of getting COVID-19. Teachers may require that students wear masks in situations where staff is more at-risk even though desks and students are distanced. The situations when masks are not required will be at the direction of the classroom teacher for instructional purposes.

We are encouraging students to bring their own masks, but the school will provide masks for those who do not. Masks from home should be cloth masks that cover the nose and mouth and provide a good seal against the face. Gators may be worn as face/mask coverings if the gator provides good contact above the nose and around the neck/shoulders area. No masks with valves are allowed since the valve does not filter the expired air and no bandanas since they do not provide good contact below the chin. Cloth Masks should be laundered daily.

**What can parents help to do to keep schools open and students/staff safe?** Keep your children home if they are sick. Please screen your children daily and do not send them to school if they are ill. If they exhibit any of the COVID-19 symptoms, please keep your child home. Wearing a mask and washing hands are important ways to stop the spread and keep everyone safe.

## **What are COVID-19 related symptoms?**

- A fever of 100.0
- Cough
- Congestion or runny nose
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Chills
- Repeated shaking with chills
- Muscle pain
- Sore throat
- New loss of taste or smell

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- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

**Emphasizing hand washing at home and at school.** Students will wash hands when they are transitioning but especially before and after lunch/recess. Additional hand sanitizing stations are being added in key locations throughout the schools as well as in each classroom.

**If a student arrives at school and is ill, what will happen?** The student will immediately be referred to the school nurse and likely sent home.

**When can an individual who tested positive for COVID-19 return to school?** The Indiana State Department of Health has developed very specific guidelines for all schools to follow concerning when a staff person or student may return to school. Clinton Prairie will follow these guidelines.

They can be accessed at the following link:

[https://www.coronavirus.in.gov/files/20\\_Student%20Guidance%20for%20Return%20to%20School.pdf](https://www.coronavirus.in.gov/files/20_Student%20Guidance%20for%20Return%20to%20School.pdf)

**How will the clinic be handled?** At the recommendation of the Indiana Department of Education and the Indiana State Department of Health, we will separate space in our clinics. There will be a separate space for routine medicine distribution, injuries, etc. and a separate space for students who are ill. Please have a plan for alternate pick up and ensure emergency contacts are updated in Harmony with your child's information.

In accordance with recommendations from the Indiana Department of Health, we will only be using nebulizers in emergency situations. If your student has asthma, please provide a metered dose inhaler with a spacer for use during normal daily activities along with your student's Asthma Action Plan from their doctor.

If your child takes daily medications, please administer them at home.

**If your child has a chronic condition which may mimic symptoms of COVID-19 (allergies, cough, variant asthma, etc.) consider contacting your primary care provider now for documentation regarding the illness and clearance to return to school.**

**What additional cleaning protocols will be in place?** High touch surfaces will be cleaned and disinfected regularly throughout the day. Additional cleaning staff have been hired to concentrate on bathroom cleaning, playground equipment, and high touch surfaces. Classrooms will be supplied with cleaning/sanitizing products that are safe to use around all students including students with asthma and allergies. Desks and common use items will be able to be sprayed and wiped down between class periods or as needed.

**Cafeteria protocols** - The cafeteria will have a seating chart and individual classes will be seated together. Ex: Mrs. Neal's kindergarten class will be seated together and Mrs. Stine's kindergarten class will be seated together. Adjustments are being made to the serving line as well as added signage.

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There will be no sharing of any lunch items between students. Our daily menus will include many items that are prepackaged and grab and go options.

**Recess?** Individual classes will be assigned a play area (on a rotating basis).

**Will volunteers/visitors/guests be allowed?** At this time, we will not be scheduling volunteers during the day in our schools or outside guests to the classrooms.

**Water fountains?** Additional water bottle filling stations are being installed this summer. Students are allowed to bring a water bottle to refill during the day.

**Temperature Screening?** Parents are asked to screen their child at home prior to coming to school for signs and symptoms of COVID-19. Temperature checks may be administered upon arrival to the school and/or classroom. Each teacher will have a non-contact thermometer.

## **Transportation**

**What precautions will be taken on the bus?** All Clinton Prairie School Corporation busses and mini buses will be thoroughly disinfected before and after routes. Any student riding the bus will be required to wear a face covering. Parents will transport students to school if they do not want their child wearing a face covering on the bus. An extra supply of face coverings will be available on each bus for students who forget to bring one. All parents and guardians will specify a specific plan for their student's transportation at the beginning of the school year. This plan should not change unless the family moves or a change of parent employment or status that affects the transportation plan. Each child will be assigned as either:

1. Drives to school
2. Independently transported to school
3. Bus transportation to school with
  - a. Assigned to one bus only (no multiple bus assignments)
  - b. Assigned to a given seat on the bus
  - c. No eating or drinking on bus unless a medical emergency - i.e. Diabetic
  - d. Any changes that a parent or guardian wishes to make will occur at the bus pick up or drop off location after the child has left the school bus.

There may be times when a driver is quarantined. In these instances, all efforts will be made to find a substitute driver. There may be times when this is not possible and parents will need to provide transportation for their child who rides this particular route.

Seating charts will be used and siblings will be seated together. Students can be dropped off no earlier than 7:50am for breakfast and 8am for school. Parents can drop breakfast eaters off at door W-15 and students not attending breakfast will be dropped off at W-7.

If you are in need of dropping off your child at a much earlier time, the Boys and Girls Club of Clinton County has a before school and after school program at Clinton Prairie. Contact them at: (765) 659-3520.

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## **Questions About Positive Cases**

**What happens if there is a positive case in school?** If a student/staff member tests positive for COVID-19, we will immediately notify the Clinton County Department of Health. Any student or staff member considered as a known close contact (defined by ISDH as within 6 feet for 15 minutes or greater), will be notified by the Department of Health and Contact Tracing Personnel. A known close contact must complete a 14 day quarantine even if COVID-19 test results are negative.

**What happens if there is a positive case in my child's classroom?** If a student/staff member tests positive for COVID-19 in your child's classroom, we will immediately notify the Clinton County Department of Health. All families from that classroom will be notified of a positive case. If your child was in close proximity to the individual who tested positive, the Clinton County Department of Health will contact you if they believe you should quarantine your child for 14 days and watch for symptoms. The school will contact you about how learning will continue during the 14 day quarantine. The individual who tests positive will be quarantined for 14 days before returning to school. The school will close off and deep clean affected areas.

**What if a family member of a student/staff has COVID-19?** If an individual in one's home has COVID-19, those in the household should also stay home for a minimum of 14 days. This could be longer if the student becomes symptomatic. The Clinton County Department of Health will provide guidance to Clinton Prairie.