

# Crest Memorial School

# Safe Return to School: Update

2021/ 2022 School Year

# CMS Safe Return to School Plan

Tonight information will be given about updates to our Return to School Plan.

All updates to the plan were reviewed and/or created by:

1. Board of Education Safety Committee
2. CMS School Nurse
3. CMS School Doctor/ CHOP Pediatrician
4. Cape May County Education Office
5. Cape May County Board of Health
6. Cape May County Superintendent's Association

# CMS Safe Return to School Plan

NJ COVID-19 Guidelines:

All students will be back for full-time, in-person instruction for the 2021-2022 school year.

## **Crest Memorial:**

**All students will be expected to return to school for 5 days a week in-person learning.**

**Virtual learning will only be offered to students on covid quarantine.**

**Quarantine: Close contact or COVID-19 positive students.**

# CMS Safe Return to School Plan: Vaccination

NJ COVID-19 Guidelines:

NJ has not mandated vaccines for school students ages 12 and up. NJ has mandated a vaccination or weekly testing for all staff starting October 18. School districts should make every effort to determine the vaccination status of staff and eligible students. Vaccination status changes the amount of quarantine time if a close contact occurs.

## **Crest Memorial School:**

**CMS will not mandate vaccinations for students. Parents of eligible students may tell the school nurse if their child was vaccinated. If needed, we will assist in scheduling the vaccine for any community member, staff member, or eligible student.**

**Staff will need to either be vaccinated or test twice weekly to follow Executive Order 253.**

# CMS Safe Return to School Plan: Masking

NJ COVID-19 Guidelines:

Governor Murphy mandated mask wearing for all students, staff, and school visitors in schools on Friday, August 6th.

## **Crest Memorial:**

**CMS will consider mask wearing optional unless the Governor mandates mask wearing within NJ schools.**

**Masks will not be worn outside during recess, physical education, and Directed Physical Activity time.**

**Masks will not be worn in the gym during physical education when strenuous activity is being performed, but students must maintain social distancing.**

**Mask breaks will occur frequently throughout the day at the teachers discretion.**

# CMS Safe Return to School Plan: Social Distancing

NJ COVID-19 Guidelines:

Social distancing must not prevent a school from offering full-day, full-time, in-person learning. It is recommended to maintain 3 feet of distance between students in the classroom setting.

## **Crest Memorial:**

**Students will be social distanced in the classroom by a minimum of 3 feet.**

**Desks will all face the same direction in grades K-8.**

# CMS Safe Return to School Plan: Lunch

NJ COVID-19 Guidelines: Meals offered in the cafeteria, where masks cannot be worn, schools should consider implementing other layered prevention strategies to help mitigate the spread of COVID-19.

## **Crest Memorial School:**

**In the cafeteria, students will be socially distanced as close to 6 feet as possible with a desk shield in front of each student, as well as other safety measures. We will be reducing the amount of students who will eat in the cafeteria at any one time.**

# CMS Safe Return to School Plan: Screening

NJ COVID-19 Guidelines:

Parents/ caregivers should be strongly encouraged to monitor their children for signs of illness everyday before school.

## **Crest Memorial School:**

**CMS will rely on parents to monitor their children prior to school. Each family will receive a Symptoms Protocol to use as a reference. Parents are asked to notify our school nurse if their child will be staying home and why. During homeroom, teachers will monitor students for any visible symptoms.**



# CMS Safe Return to School Plan: Close Contact

## **NJ COVID-19 Guidelines:**

Close contact is someone who was within 6 feet of an infected person for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more over a 24 hour period.

## **BUT...**

In the K-12 indoor classroom setting, the close contact definition excludes students who were within 3 to 6 feet of an infected student if both students were wearing their masks.

# Close Contact Quarantine Vaccinated

**Fully vaccinated** students and staff do not need to quarantine if they have been in close contact with someone who has COVID-19 as long as they have zero symptoms.

Fully vaccinated students and staff are required to test between days 3 to 5.

Quarantine immediately if any symptoms develop.

# Close Contact Quarantine Unvaccinated

(When covid levels are **LOW** or **MODERATE**)

- Unvaccinated students and staff will be required to quarantine for 10 days FROM THE LAST DAY OF EXPOSURE with no test (return on day 11).
- Unvaccinated students and staff who receive a negative test between days 5 and 7 AFTER THE LAST EXPOSURE may return to school after a 7 day quarantine (return on day 8).
- Household contacts: if a family member tests positive for covid, they are contagious for 10 days. Continued exposure to them during their contagious period means that the close contact quarantine **BEGINS** after the family member is no longer contagious (10 days + 7 or 10 days).

# Close Contact Quarantine Unvaccinated

(When covid levels are **HIGH RISK** or **VERY HIGH RISK**)

- Unvaccinated students and staff will be required to quarantine for 14 days FROM THE LAST DAY OF EXPOSURE (return on day 15).
- Household contacts: If a family member tests positive for covid, they are contagious for 10 days. Continued exposure to them during their contagious period means that the close contact quarantine **BEGINS** after the family member is no longer contagious (10 days + 14 days).

# Exclusion Criteria:

*Exclusion criteria for persons with COVID-19, COVID-19 compatible symptoms and close contacts<sup>1</sup>*

	Low Risk	Moderate Risk	High Risk	Very High Risk
<b>COVID-19 positive</b> (viral test), symptomatic or asymptomatic	Exclude according to <a href="#">COVID-19 exclusion criteria</a>  Identify and exclude school-based contacts for <a href="#">10 days (in absence of testing)</a> from last exposure and report to local health department.	Exclude according to <a href="#">COVID-19 exclusion criteria</a>  Identify and exclude school-based contacts for <a href="#">10 days (in absence of testing)</a> from last exposure and report to local health department.	Exclude according to <a href="#">COVID-19 exclusion criteria</a>  Identify and exclude school-based contacts for <a href="#">14 days</a> from last exposure and report to local health department.	Further recommendations will be based on additional circumstances and available resources at that time
<b>COVID-19 - compatible symptoms but not tested for COVID-19</b>	If no potential exposure to a COVID-19 case in the last 14 days, individual can follow <a href="#">NJDOH School Exclusion List</a>  If person has potential exposure to COVID-19 in the last 14 days, exclude according to <a href="#">COVID-19 exclusion criteria</a>	Exclude according to <a href="#">COVID-19 exclusion criteria</a>	Exclude according to <a href="#">COVID-19 exclusion criteria</a>	
<b>COVID-19 - compatible symptoms and negative COVID-19 test</b> (viral test) <sup>2</sup>	Exclude individual through 24 hours after their fever has ended without the use of fever reducing medications and other symptoms improve	Exclude individual through 24 hours after their fever has ended without the use of fever reducing medications and other symptoms improve	Exclude individual through 24 hours after their fever has ended without the use of fever reducing medications and other symptoms improve	
<b>Close contact</b> of staff or student with COVID-19 <sup>3,4</sup>	Close contacts of a COVID-19 case who are not fully vaccinated should be excluded for <a href="#">10 days (in absence of testing)</a> from date of last contact	Close contacts of a COVID-19 case who are not fully vaccinated should be excluded for <a href="#">10 days (in absence of testing)</a> from date of last contact	Close contacts of a COVID-19 case who are not fully vaccinated should be excluded for <a href="#">14 days</a> from date of last contact	

# CMS Safe Return to School Plan: COVID Positive

NJ COVID-19 Guidelines:

## **COVID-19 Positive (Vaccinated or Unvaccinated):**

Must stay home for 10 days (starting the day symptoms began or if asymptomatic, starting the day of the positive test) and be symptom free for 24 hours prior to returning to school (on day 11).

### Virtual Learning-

Days 1 - 5: will be make up work through Google Classroom or worksheets supplied by the teacher and located in the Main Office.

Days 6 - Return to School: A virtual teacher will reach out to review assignments and assist with school work.

# CMS Safe Return to School Plan: Travel Restrictions

NJ COVID-19 Guidelines:

There are no travel restrictions at this current time.

**Crest Memorial School:**

**There are no restrictions for students and staff who travel.**

# CMS Safe Return to School Plan: Cleaning

Due to the ongoing pandemic the Wildwood Crest School District will be implementing a custodial plan with 3 main focus points to provide our community with clean, safe and healthy schools.

The focus areas are as follows:

**Summer Cleaning-** Each summer the Crest Memorial School Custodial staff provides restorative cleaning and maintenance in order to prepare for the upcoming school year. This summer we will be providing the services listed below while simultaneously maintaining safe working conditions as recommended by the CDC. Staff will practice social distancing and wear masks. Gloves will also be made available to staff.

**Interim disinfection-** Disinfecting and sanitizing of high touch areas during work hours to maintain a safe environment and help reduce the spread of potential contaminants. This process would begin when students and staff return to school.

**Comprehensive Daily Cleaning and disinfection-** Deeper comprehensive cleaning and disinfection to be completed during off hours to further reduce potential spread of any bacterial and viral pathogens.



# CMS Safe Return to School Plan: Schedule

## **Schedule Overview:**

Middle School students will use lockers and change classes.

Kindergarten through 8th grade students will travel to all Special Area classrooms.

Homework Club will begin in October.