

Dear CCUSD families,

We are excited to welcome a new cohort of incoming Kindergarten students to all of our elementary schools this coming Thursday, January 27 during our Kindergarten Registration evening events from 6:00-7:00 pm. If you know a family with a child turning 5 on or before August 31, 2022, please invite them to attend our events. We also will be hosting our Future Stinger Night on January 27 for incoming 7th graders from 5-6:30 pm at Sonoran Trails Middle School.

We continue to experience a high number of student and staff COVID cases reported to us. We ask you to be vigilant and thoughtful as we are in the midst of this spike. Our teachers, staff, and leaders continue to provide a high quality education in the midst of both teacher and staff absences and we ask that you remain patient and flexible as we continue to support our students. Again, thank you for reading these updates and staying in tune with how to keep your child healthy:

When students are sick

If your child is experiencing any symptoms of illness, keep them home. It is best practice to keep your children home when they are feeling any symptoms of an illness. Do not send your child to school if you are awaiting the results of a COVID-19 test.

Face Coverings

Face coverings are strongly encouraged for all students, staff and individuals, regardless of vaccination status while indoors and on school property to help prevent the spread at our schools. We urge families to consider this. Remember, that the distance for being identified as a close contact shrinks from 6 feet to 3 feet when students are wearing face coverings. This could reduce the number of students quarantined by the MCDPH and keep more students in school.

Contact Tracing

CCUSD, like most school districts in Maricopa County, is seeing increased numbers of COVID-19 reports from students and staff. We will continue to do our best with our current staffing and contract tracing. However, due to staffing shortages, the volume of messages and cases, and the time needed to contact trace, relay and send courtesy potential-exposure notices from the Maricopa County Department of Health, there will be times when your school may be sending notices only when the Maricopa County Department of Public Health identifies an outbreak on campus. Parents can also check the dashboard to stay up on case counts.

COVID Testing Site

If you need to get tested for COVID, the Embry testing site is located off of 56th St between Carefree Highway and Dove Valley Rd. The link for appointments is [here](#).

Early Release

Wednesday, January 26 is an early-release day for all campuses.

Education and Community Services (ECS) new programs

ECS is launching a new full menu of classes for teens-adults that address anxiety, mindfulness, parenting, etc. The link to the "Health, Wellness, Parent & Staff Support, and CPR/First Aid" enrichment programs is [here](#).

Tax Credit Donations

Arizona's tax law (ARS 43-1089.01) allows families a dollar for dollar tax credit of up to \$400 if they contribute to extracurricular activities in public schools. Individuals can give up to \$200. More information along with forms can be found [here](#).

Social Media/Tik Tok Challenges

These challenges ask students to do the various malicious activities and video record it and post it to Tik Tok.

Students and families should be aware that we have zero tolerance for this type of behavior. Students involved will be disciplined, assessed damages and fees for replacement of items, and we will prosecute through the appropriate law enforcement agency. If you hear or see anything, please notify your school immediately.

Anonymous Tip Line

In CCUSD, we are all responsible for keeping our schools safe and orderly. Report alcohol/drug abuse, safety risks, theft, weapons, vandalism or other concerns anonymously at anonymoustips.com. It takes all of us working together to keep our students and campuses focused on our primary goal - educating students.

Other Reminders:

- Please “like” your school’s Facebook page and follow them on Twitter for up to date information. We would love you to comment and share or retweet any posts.

One Team

CCUSD Administration