

Dear CCUSD families,

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. All Cave Creek USD schools will now provide a daily update to families on the number of confirmed cases of COVID-19 with campus exposure. With the current rate of transmission and the potential for individuals to be exposed in the hallways, at lunch, or in other common spaces, it is becoming increasingly more difficult to identify close contacts. Therefore, we feel it is best to widen our scope to keep our classrooms safe.

Masks will continue to be optional but are recommended for vaccinated and unvaccinated individuals while indoors and during times of substantial or high transmission, per the CDC and Arizona Department of Health Services. Further mitigation procedures that are recommended and encouraged in our school include social distancing, frequent handwashing, and frequent use of hand sanitizer. In an effort to reduce the spread of COVID-19, please monitor your students for symptoms, and keep them home from school if they are not well. Please call our attendance line if you are keeping your student home due to symptoms and/or if they test positive for COVID-19.

Again, thank you for reading these updates and staying in tune with how to keep your child healthy:

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](#).

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