

Dear CCUSD families,

Another great week of learning in the books at Cave Creek Unified School District. Thank you parents and staff for working together to ensure a great educational experience for our students.

In an effort to ensure we are continuing to respond to the needs of our community, please take this [survey](#) regarding masks in our schools.

As we continue to provide Friday updates to our community please read the following reminders:

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. Please 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. In accordance with House Bill 2898, CCUSD cannot mandate mask wearing; however, we urge families to have those conversations.

Vaccinations

It is also highly recommended that those who are eligible carefully consider and are vaccinated against COVID-19. More than 60% of our staff and students are currently eligible for the vaccine. We will continue to make available opportunities for the vaccination, especially as the eligible age continues to lower, and we are in the process of planning another CCUSD clinic. Up-to-date information on vaccination sites can be found [here](#).

Close Contact Quarantine

In the case that your child may have been exposed by close contact to someone who tested positive for COVID-19, the school will contact you via telephone and follow up with the new letter from the Maricopa County Department of Public Health. The new letter clearly defines the MCDPH quarantine guidance and MCDPH may follow up with you. Please be aware of the change below:

“Per the CDC, ADHS and MCDPH, close contacts are people who were within 6 feet of a person with COVID-19 while infectious for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period, regardless of whether masks were worn. [Exception: in the K-12 setting, a student who was within 3-6 feet of an infected student is not considered a close contact if both students were engaged in consistent and correct use of well-fitting masks at all times. This exception does not apply to teachers, staff or other adults in the classroom setting.] This exposure does not mean that your child has COVID-19 or will necessarily get COVID-19. Per MCDPH, and in accordance with CDC and ADHS guidance, close contacts who are not fully vaccinated or have not tested positive for COVID-19 in the last 90 days are to quarantine (stay) at home for up to 10 days. This includes being excluded from in-person school and extracurricular activities. Isolation and quarantine authority are delegated to MCDPH and outlined in Arizona Revised Statutes and Arizona Administrative code.”

Free Local Testing Available

COVID Testing is available Monday through Friday, 7:00 am - 6:00 pm, to all ages through Embry Health. Testing is located at the Holland Center Parking Lot (next to the Foothills YMCA). Those under 18 must be accompanied by a guardian. Results are posted in 24-48 hours. Appointments can be made through Embry Health (480-376-2175), or embrywomenshealth.com/covid-19-testing-at-the-holland-center.

Other Reminders:

- Next Wednesday, August 25, is an Early Release Day for all school campuses. Please be sure to check your school's dismissal time for our first Early Release of the school year.
- If you want to receive text notifications from your child's school text Y or Yes to 67587.
- Please "like" your school's Facebook page and follow them on Twitter for up to date information.

Thank you for your assistance and cooperation.

One Team

CCUSD Administration