Cordell Public Schools is preparing for the upcoming 2021-2022 school year. It is with utmost importance for Cordell Schools to keep students, faculty, and staff safe. School employees will use advanced cleaning procedures and protocols in an effort for all students to remain safe.

For the 2021-2022 school year, Cordell Schools will implement the traditional school setting and will have the availability of limited virtual learning if it is necessary due to COVID-19.

We are truly concerned for the well-being of all of our students, faculty, and staff. We would appreciate patience and continued support as we work through these difficult times.
Universal and Correct Wearing of Masks

Cordell Schools will follow the CDC’s recommendation for the correct wearing of masks. Masks are recommended as an additional step to help prevent people from contracting and spreading COVID-19.

CDC’s Proper Wearing of Masks: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dSvffQljHQ](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dSvffQljHQ)

Modifying Facilities to Allow for Physical Distancing

The CDC recommends at least 6 feet of distance:
- Between adults in the school building and between adults and students.
- In common areas, such as school lobbies and auditoriums.
- When masks can’t be worn, such as when eating.
- During activities when increased exhalation occurs, such as singing, band practice, sports, etc.
- In community settings outside of the classroom.

Cleaning and Maintaining Healthy Facilities

Cordell Schools follow CDC’s [Cleaning Your Facility](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/cleaning.html) guidelines and will continue a concerted effort of properly cleaning and disinfecting all facilities especially high-touch surface areas.

Handwashing and Respiratory Etiquette

Handwashing is important to keep you healthy and prevent the spread of respiratory infections from one person to the next.

To prevent the spread of germs, you should wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds or use a hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol to clean hands BEFORE and AFTER:
- Touching your eyes, nose, or mouth
- Touching your mask
- Entering and leaving a public place
- Touching an item or surface that may be frequently touched by other people.
# Return to Learn

## Safe Return and Continuity of Services

### Contract Tracing

Contract tracing will be conducted for close contacts (any individual within 6 feet of an infected person for a total 15 minutes or more) of laboratory-confirmed or probable COVID-19 patients.

### Diagnostic and Screening

Cordell Schools will make every effort to assist in diagnostic testing. Currently, Cordell Schools provides COVID-19 testing for staff and students for close contacts of confirmed or probable COVID-19 patients.

### Vaccinations for School Communities

Cordell Schools are willing to conduct vaccinations clinics in conjunction with the local health department for all students and staff.

### Appropriate Accommodations for Children with Disabilities

With respect to health and safety policies, Cordell Schools will provide appropriate accommodations for children with disabilities and coordinate with administration, teachers, and staff to ensure the safety of these children.

### Ensuring Continuity of Services

Cordell Schools will ensure continuity of services by the following:

- Students’ Academic Needs (Summer School, addressing learning loss, tutoring, remediation)
- Addressing social, emotional, mental health for students and staff (counseling and professional development)
- Health and food services (nurse, vaccination clinics, COVID-19 testing, and continued food services)
It is important that families help monitor the health of your child and family. We ask that temperatures be taken at home on a daily basis. If your child has a temperature of 100.4 degrees or greater, do not send your child to school. Other COVID-19 symptoms include cough, sore throat, shortness of breath and loss of taste/smell. Following these guidelines is crucial for the safety and health of our students, teachers, and staff.

Cordell Public Schools will promote healthy procedures and protocols. Masks are recommended for all staff and students and could change with the Oklahoma State Department of Education's and local county health department recommendations. Social distancing will be encouraged and grouping of students limited. Cordell Schools will monitor the requirements and recommendations brought forth. Procedures and protocols are subject to change. Cordell Schools will coordinate procedures and protocols with the state and local health officials.

Hypochlorous acid will be used for disinfecting and cleaning on surfaces frequently. Hand sanitizers will be available in every classroom and throughout the district, and hand-washing along with healthy practices will be implemented.

Visitors are only allowed in the building on a limited basis, visitors will be required to wear a mask. After the first two days of school, parents in the elementary will NOT be allowed to walk children to class.

It is encouraged for parents to transport their child to and from school. Traditional bus transportation will be available. Masks are recommended for all drivers and students and social distancing will be promoted. Bus routes will be restructured to reduce the number of students on each bus. This restructure may lead to earlier pick-up and later drop-off times.

Cordell Public Schools makes the students’ social-emotional well-being a priority. Counselors are available for students and families.

As a parent, if you have any questions or if you feel you need an exemptions from the guidelines above please contact Brad Overton @ 580-832-1000 or brad.overton@cordell.k12.ok.us
SYMPTOM MONITORING

➢ Staff members will be expected to screen for COVID-19 symptoms each day prior to arriving to work.

➢ Parents/guardians are expected to screen their child for COVID-19 symptoms each day prior to arriving at school. Symptoms may appear anywhere from 2-14 days after exposure to COVID-19. Families should monitor children and should not send children to school if they have one or more of the following symptoms. Your child MAY be sent home if these symptoms are exhibited at school.
  - Fever of 100.4 or higher
  - New onset of severe Headache (especially with a fever)
  - Loss of smell or taste
  - Sore throat
  - Diarrhea, vomiting or abdominal pain
  - Shortness of breath
  - Uncontrolled cough
  - Muscle or body ache

This list does not include all possible symptoms. We will follow the CDC's updated guidelines.

➢ If a student begins displaying COVID-19 symptoms at school, he/she should report to the office immediately. Parents will be contacted for pick-up of their child as soon as possible.

This plan will be reviewed and possibly revised at each meeting of the Cordell Board of Education.
What To Do If...

...you are exposed to someone with symptoms of or confirmed COVID-19.

Do you have symptoms?

**NO**

Recommend a PCR test 3-5 days after exposure regardless of vaccine status.

AND

If fully vaccinated:

Attend class, participate in activities & monitor symptoms.

If not fully vaccinated:

- Recommend Quarantine for 7 - 10 days.
- 7 days with negative PCR test after day 5; 10 days without a negative test.
- Recommend no extracurricular activities for 14 days.

**NEGATIVE**

If fully vaccinated:*

You can resume usual activities, but watch for symptoms for 14 days after exposure.

If not fully vaccinated:

Recommend quarantine for 7 days with PCR test, 10 without, monitor symptoms.

If you develop symptoms, see above.

**POSITIVE**

- You need a PCR test regardless of vaccine status. / 24 hours with no symptoms before returning to school
- Contact your healthcare provider.
- Isolate from others in your home - use a separate bedroom, bathroom, utensils, and avoid common areas of the home as much as possible.

**Your test result is:**

- Isolate from others in your home regardless of vaccine status - use a separate bedroom, bathroom, utensils, and avoid common areas of the home as much as possible.

- If a positive case develops in the household, exposed students are REQUIRED to quarantine.

- Quarantine will not be necessary if assurances are given that the infected person can isolate.