

Carney Public Schools

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Carney Public Schools Covid-19 Safety Precautions

Carney Public Schools will follow the guidance from the Oklahoma State Department of Education, The American Academy of Pediatrics, and the Oklahoma State Department of Health to in creating policies for school re-entry that foster the overall health of children, adolescents, staff, and communities and are based on available evidence. We desperately want to have uninterrupted, in person instruction for the school year. In order to do this, we must follow safety precautions as defined below. It is important to understand that these requirements can change along with recommendations for Lincoln County from the Oklahoma State Department of Health's Covid-19 alert system.

Screenings: Students and staff will have their temperature taken daily and screened for presence of symptoms. If a student or staff member has any symptoms and/or a 100-degree temperature or higher, they will be sent home. Students and staff should not return to school until they are fever free for 24 hours without use of medication and other symptoms have improved.

Students and school personnel should stay home if they are experiencing any of the following symptoms:

- Fever or chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

Students with positive screening findings will be separated from the presumed well population until able to leave the school grounds safely in the care of the appropriate parent representative. Staff will don the appropriate protective equipment and leave the school grounds upon approval of the supervisor.

Social Distancing: Students and staff will be encouraged to follow the 6 feet social distancing protocol when possible. However, we realize this isn't feasible at all times due to our class size.

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- PK-1 will begin their day at the Cafeteria
- Students 2-12 will go straight to their 1st hour/homeroom teacher when they arrive
- High School breakfast will be “Grab n Go” at the high school between 1st and 2nd hour
- Passing times between classes will alternate
- PK-4th Grades will have physical education, music, and recess individually
- Physical Education classes will be held out doors when the weather permits
- Students riding the bus to and from school will sit with their family members and will sit as far as possible from other students
- Classroom seating will be spread out as much as possible
- Students will not work in groups or share supplies
- Music and chorus classes will be held outdoors when the weather permits

Visitors: In the effort to keep our school safe, visitors will only be allowed inside the buildings by appointment. Parents can check their students in or out by calling the office, and a staff member will escort them to and from the building. (For PK students: One parent, wearing a mask, may come in the building with their new student on the first two days of school)

Cleaning/Sanitation Practices: All classrooms, buses, and buildings will be sanitized daily and periodically throughout the day.

- Hand sanitizer will be used when entering each building
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- Students and staff will wash their hands frequently throughout the day
- Teachers and staff will have disinfectant spray/wipes in their rooms and will use it between each class
- Students will not share supplies, such as markers, pencils, etc.
- Students will bring their own water bottles and will not be allowed to drink directly from the water fountain

In the event of a positive covid-19 case in our school or a student/staff member is exposed to the virus:

- CPS will work with the Lincoln County Health Department to conduct contact tracing, and follow the Oklahoma State Department of Health requirements.
- The community will be informed of the positive case
- Any location on campus that is contaminated will be closed for at least 48 hours to be disinfected
- There will be a possibility of school closure until all areas are disinfected according to CDC guidelines

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Athletics: All sports will continue as scheduled; we will follow the Oklahoma Secondary School Association guidance and directives for athletic events. If there is an interruption in the athletic seasons, we will notify the community as soon as possible.

Face Masks: According to the American Academy of Pediatrics, Centers for Disease Control, the Oklahoma State Department of Education, and guidance from local medical professionals, face coverings play a critical role in preventing infection and should be used to reduce the spread of coronavirus. As a result, face masks will be required in our schools, with some flexibility and reasonable accommodations available for younger students and to address specific situations and personal health concerns. Face coverings will be part of the dress code for all students' grades pk-12, with, again, some flexibility and reasonable accommodations available for younger students or specific situations/health concerns. Students in grades PK-3rd grade may remove their masks in the classroom.

- We will provide cloth face masks, free of charge to students. Students may choose to wear their own face masks. Face coverings must not include messages or images that distract from the learning environment as outlined for other articles of clothing in school dress code policies.
- Carney Public School employees will be required to wear face coverings on buses, in hallways, upon entering the building, in the classroom and where social distancing is not possible.
- In the event a student cannot wear a mask due to a documented exemption as outlined in the State Dept. of Education's safety protocol guidance for opening school, we will work with each one individually and their family, to find a reasonable accommodation. If reasonable accommodation cannot be reached between the student, family and CPS, the student may be transitioned to virtual learning from home via Carney Virtual Academy. If needed, school personnel will work with families to choose an appropriate virtual or blended learning environment.
- If a student refuses to wear a face covering, we will, work with the student and family to find a solution. The student may be transitioned to virtual learning from home via Carney Virtual School. School personnel will work with families to choose an appropriate virtual or blended learning environment.