



Immunizations

Immunization exclusion day is **September 15, 2021**. The State Law (ORC 3313.671) requires all pupils to be successfully immunized against Tetanus, Pertussis, Diphtheria, Polio, Measles, Rubella, Mumps, Varicella (chicken pox) and Hepatitis B. **By law, if your child is not fully immunized, they will not be permitted to attend school.** Please make sure your child is up to date on all of their immunizations. If you are unsure of their status, please contact your healthcare provider. The Columbus Public Health Department also provides no or low cost immunizations. You can call them to schedule an appointment. They are located at 240 Parsons Avenue (614)645-7945. **Please make sure to bring in a copy of your child's most recent immunization record to the school. Their doctor may also fax them to (614)365-5531.**

Medical Needs – Food Allergies? Asthma? ADHD?

Please let me know if your child has any medical conditions that we need to be aware of. There may be special precautions or procedures that will need to be followed. If your child needs to take medication during school hours, please contact me. I will give you a CCS Medication Form. By law, I need to have a doctor's order to administer medication to any student. If your child received medication last year, I will need a new form this year. I have several students who take daily medication and I assure you, this is no problem.

Health Screenings

As part of the School Health Services of Columbus City Schools, and in fulfillment of Ohio Law 3313.69, school nurses conduct periodic student health screenings. The screenings include: height, weight, vision, hearing, dental and the calculation of body mass index (BMI). The school nurses perform these various screenings in pre-kindergarten, special needs pre-kindergarten, kindergarten, 1st, 3rd, 5th, 7th, 9th and 11th

How Do I Determine When to Keep My Child at Home? (COVID & All Other Illnesses)

Check your child for these symptoms before they go to school **each day**:

You should keep your child at home if they have:

- Temperature greater than 100 degrees;
- Loss of taste or smell;
- New or worsening:
 - Sore throat;
 - Cough or difficulty breathing;
 - Runny or stuffy nose;
 - Diarrhea, nausea, or vomiting;
 - Headache, especially with a fever;
 - Body aches;
 - Fatigue.

COVID: What Are the Health and Safety Guidelines the District Will Follow?

Health and safety protocols implemented last school year are recommended to continue to the greatest extent possible for the 2021-2022 school year, including ventilation filtration and outdoor air exchange and flow.

- Masks required for all staff in school buildings and administrative sites with or without vaccination;
- At least 3 feet social distancing when practical;
- Handwashing and hand sanitizing regularly (hand sanitizer will be available in all buildings and classrooms);
- Water fountains will not be used; bottled water will be provided; the use of refillable water bottles is encouraged;
- School visitors will be restricted to parents/guardians and the District's student support partners; visitors will be required to wear masks;
- Masks are NOT required outside of the building; this includes outdoor recess, outdoor field trips, or other activities outside;
- Any student or staff member can wear a mask during outdoor activities if they choose to do so.

What Are the Protocols Regarding Shared Community Spaces?

- * Masks are required for students, staff, and visitors.
- * Student lockers will be used; at least 3 feet social distancing when practical.
- * Restrooms: at least 3 feet social distancing when practical.

Are Students and Staff Required to Get the COVID-19 Vaccine?

No. The District strongly encourages anyone eligible to receive the COVID-19 vaccine, including staff, students, and community, to get vaccinated.

What Are the COVID-19 Isolation and Quarantine Protocols for the 2021/22 School Year?

The District will continue to follow CPH, ODH, and CDC requirements for quarantine of close contacts of COVID-19 cases:

Quarantine for ten (10) days from the date of most recent exposure and monitor for symptoms.

It is also important to note that according to the CDC, all close contacts should continue to monitor for symptoms for 14 days after close contact with a person with COVID-19, even though the quarantine period has been reduced to 10 days.

All school buildings must identify a health separation room where a student or staff member who exhibits COVID-19 symptoms can wait until they are able to leave the building. The school should also include a plan on how the health separation room will operate.

Quarantine may be waived if a student or employee is two weeks past completion of the vaccine series (two shots for Pfizer and Moderna; one shot for Johnson and Johnson) AND without COVID-19 symptoms.

Per ODH guidance, unvaccinated students who are exposed to the virus do not need to quarantine if both parties were wearing a mask, were at least 3 feet apart, and were in a classroom setting. All three conditions must be met.



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