



Cascade View Covid Safety Guidelines

2021-22

Our WHY:

At Cascade View Elementary, we are passionate about meeting all learners where they are in service of each realizing their innate and extraordinary human potential!

Thunderbirds **take care of themselves** by following all school guidelines and staff direction to keep themselves safe, healthy, and protected. They wear masks when they are supposed to; wash their hands frequently; and make sure their work areas are kept clean.

Thunderbirds **take care of others** by following school guidelines which includes wearing masks and staying at least 3 feet close and no closer. They care about the health and safety of others and will never jeopardize that through their own intentional actions. Thunderbirds know that Kindness and Compassion Count!

Thunderbirds **take care of our school and community** by insuring our school is clean, safe, and a healthy place for everyone—emotionally and physically. Thunderbirds are “upstanders” and speak out in honor of fairness and kindness and when they see or hear something that is not appropriate, they seek staff support immediately.

Thunderbirds want to be in school every day in person where it is safe for everyone. Following the safety guidelines support our continued in person school experience for ALL!

Message for parents before coming to school....

- Students can bring...
 - Lunch, or have lunch provided here for free
 - Water bottle
 - Personal sanitizer (it will be provided for everyone)
 - Mask (masks will be available for students, if needed but we highly encourage students bring them home and if they are cloth masks, that they be laundered regularly)
 - Snack, individually wrapped if they'd like. We won't be able to provide snack.
- Students will be able to ride the bus, walk, or be dropped off at school. **If dropping off and picking up, parents/guardians will need to stay in the vehicle to support efficient traffic flow.** Students will put their masks on as they exit vehicles and walk to their classroom door.
- At the end of the day, students will be distanced as they await pickup. Walkers will exit the campus to go home. Bus riders will proceed directly to their busses and will wear masks the entire trip home.
- At this time, we are still directing all parents to refrain from walking on campus—to start the year, and for the foreseeable future, we will be following the same expectations we had in place last spring.
- For the month of September, we are not going to be able to allow parent volunteers on campus—we will reevaluate this expectations upon further guidance from the county health department.

General Principles moving forward at Cascade View:

- Buildings will be stocked with PPE such as masks for adults and children (face shields as necessary), hand sanitizer, disposable gloves, gowns, and disinfectant sprays/wipes.
- The goal is to maximize the physical distance between students with 3 feet distancing being the absolute minimum.
- Students will be managed in cohorts whenever possible. Students going to recess and lunch together will be Kindergarten, First and Second grades, Third and Fourth grades, and finally Fifth and Sixth grades along with our highly capable classroom. We are going to allow students to have recess without masks HOWEVER we encourage each family to think closely on this and allow your child the option to stay masked during recess. We will continue to have designated mask break locations.
- Students will wash hands or use hand sanitizer whenever they return to their classroom, after using the restroom, at arrival and dismissal, or when preparing for lunch.
- Appropriate signage will be visible to remind staff and students about distance, hand hygiene, and masking.
- Air filter upgrades and exchanges will still be part of the air ventilation protocol.
- This document will be used to provide training to staff and clarification to families.
- Should a student become ill they must be picked up immediately. Having a backup plan for emergency pick up is advised.

Pick Up (at end of day) / Drop Off (at start of day)

Action Steps (Individual Responsible)

Bus Riders (far parking lot):

- Masks will be worn on busses at all times.
- Busses will continue to use designated bus zones for arrival and departure.
- Students will be released from busses no earlier than 8:15am one bus at a time.
- Following the same protocols as last year with how they will enter the building, students will travel directly to the exterior door of their classrooms, staying masked the entire time.
- Sped staff will greet their students at buses and escort them to class.
- Bus riders will retrace the same route at dismissal time, queuing up in the gym prior to exiting to the bus areas (*specialists*).

Parent Driven (circular drive) around the parking lot:

- Students will be released from their cars no earlier than 8:15am.
- **Parents will remain in their vehicles. This is for safety (you and your child) and for ease and efficiency of traffic flow. If you need to get out of your car to assist your child, please park in a parking stall. We encourage hugs and kisses to happen when you are still at home.**
- Students will travel directly to their classroom.
- Parent driven students will walk out with their teacher at dismissal time and queue up socially distanced (3 feet close and no closer) from others.

Recess

Action Steps (*Individual Responsible*)

Staff Assigned to Recess Supervision/Support:

- Classroom teacher will escort students, in socially distanced lines, to playground entrance where supervision staff will take over. Students no longer will be required to wear masks but we still encourage everyone to do so. We will have designated mask break areas on the playground.
- Balls/shared equipment is allowed this Fall. Students may bring their own recess toys BUT at the approval of the teacher. Our school will not be responsible for lost or stolen items if brought from home (so we encourage all to keep those items at home).
- Playground equipment and structures will be used in compliance with current health and safety practice.
- Students will follow the directions of supervision staff while engaged in appropriate recess activities
- After recess, students will walk to their classrooms.
- Students will wash/sanitize hands upon re-entry of classroom (*Classroom staff*)

Breakfast/Lunch

Action Steps (*Individual Responsible*)

- K; 1-2; 3-4; 5-6-HC class are our 4 identified cohorts for lunch and recess. This may need to change as needed to respond to new direction
- Students will wash/sanitize hands in their classroom prior to entering the lunchroom
- All students are eligible for free breakfast and lunch meals this year
- Classroom teachers will escort students to the lunchroom to receive lunches
- Students will be seated: 5 students per class specific lunch table, tables spread apart if in the gym OR outside under the covered play area, picnic style. We are aiming to have lunch outside for the entire month of September.
- Seats will be assigned by class.
- Students with lunches brought from home will walk directly to their assigned seat (student)
- Students who are receiving a school lunch will walk through a brief socially distanced line and select from the lunch options (student/supervision staff)
- Students will discard their garbage/recycle and deposit their personal lunchboxes into a classroom specific tub (for later return to classrooms) as they exit the cafeteria, lunch staff will call out tables to dismiss to the waste stations then dismiss out their assigned exit door to recess
- 10 minutes will be left between lunches for disinfectant/cleaning procedures (*Custodians/supervision staff*)

Restrooms

Action Steps (*Individual Responsible*)

- Maximum capacity signage for all restrooms
- Dots on floor will indicate properly spaced waiting locations for toilets and sink/paper towels to reflect maximum capacity and cueing line in hallways outside of restrooms
- Bathrooms are shared between cohort's K/1, 2/3, and 4-6
- All expectations for restrooms will be posted including: capacity, handwashing posters, and markers/dots.
- All staff and students must wash hands prior to returning to class

Action Steps (*Individual Responsible*)

- Students will remain masked indoors at all times
- Students will not be dismissed from their lunch table without wearing their mask
- Once outside, students may remove mask for a break
- Students will remain properly distanced while taking a mask break. The goal is to maximize the physical distance between students with 3 feet distancing being the minimum.
- Masks will be placed on wrist, hung from lanyard, pulled down under chin, placed in pocket, or hung on ear
- If a student loses, soils, damages, or does not arrive with a mask we will supply a disposable one
- Masks must conform with district policy for appropriate attire (i.e. graphic, violent, inappropriate, alcohol/drug related are prohibited)
- Report any mask violations to COVID coordinators or administrators

HOW TO WEAR A MASK?



It should **COVER YOUR MOUTH, NOSE AND CHIN**, with the coloured side facing outwards.



PINCH THE METAL EDGE OF THE MASK so that it presses gently on your nose bridge.



Remove a used mask by **HOLDING ONLY THE EAR LOOPS.**



WASH YOUR HANDS WITH SOAP AND WATER REGULARLY.

Classroom

Action Steps (*Individual Responsible*)

- Students will enter and exit their classroom by following their established walk routes when navigating campus (following the “rules of the road”)
- Desks are spaced at least 3 feet apart with students facing the same direction when possible
- Unnecessary furniture and soft/porous materials (including community stuffies) have been removed from classrooms
- Desks will be disinfected daily by custodial staff after students leave
- Shared materials are allowed per recent guidance. Students will sanitize their hands before and after use.
- Students will be allowed to bring personal water bottles with their name on it, and water fountains will be accessible for drinking water.
- Throughout the day students will pass by one another (entering class, down an aisle) closer than 3 feet for brief periods of time, not to exceed 15 minutes of close proximity per day
- Staff may be within 3 feet of students during the day to provide instructional support, not to exceed 15 minutes of close proximity per day
- Classroom sinks will be used for student handwashing throughout the day limiting one student at a time (*classroom teacher*)
- Snacks are an option in the classroom, but must be individually wrapped, not shared, and consumed at their desk or outside during a break.
- Should a student become ill, or there be concern about symptom display, student will wait outside the classroom door. Teacher will call the office and an escort will meet the student for screening and determination.