

# CHICKASAW CITY SCHOOLS

## COVID-19 GUIDANCE

Chickasaw City Schools will return to traditional, on-campus classrooms for the 2021-2022 school year on August 12, 2021.

### **Parent/Guardian Responsibilities**

Parents/guardians are advised to monitor for symptoms of COVID-19. Students with a fever of 100 degrees or higher should not come to school. Parents/guardians of symptomatic children who have concerns should contact their school nurse to discuss symptoms, obtain physician clearance, and return dates. A successful school year is dependent upon support from everyone.

### **REPORTING**

Alabama administrative code 420-4-1 mandates COVID-19 is a reportable disease. COVID-19 exposures should be reported within 24 hours. Being transparent regarding COVID-19 exposure and reporting to your school nurse is crucial to having a successful school year.

### **TRANSPORTATION**

While physical distancing cannot be obtained on the school bus, the CDC has ordered masking for all people utilizing public transportation. All buses will be sanitized after each route.

### **CLASSROOM SETTINGS**

Teachers will monitor students to ensure appropriate practices are maintained to limit virus transmission. The goal for everyone is to maintain a physical distance of 3 feet throughout the school day. Parents/guardians are encouraged to educate students on the importance of maintaining physical distancing, when possible, as well as the importance of masking appropriately.

### **MASK/FACIAL COVERINGS**

The CDC/ADPH recommends universal indoor masking for all teachers, staff, students, and visitors to K-12 schools, regardless of vaccination status. Parents/guardians are encouraged to educate students on the importance of maintaining a physical distance of 3 feet, when possible, as well as encourage the wearing of a mask/facial covering.

We will have the following color alerts:

**Red** - Masks at all events indoor/outdoor, No school visitors allowed

**Orange** - Masks required indoors, School visitors with permission of central office

**Green** - Masks recommended, not required, School visitors with permission of school administrator

**Grey** - No masks suggested/required

Under the current CDC guidelines, a person testing positive must be isolated for 10 days, with the last 24 hours being fever/symptom free. Symptomatic cases may return with a negative COVID-19 test result and must be fever free for 24 hours, while abiding by the health policy in the handbook. The wearing of mask/facial coverings is likely to eliminate a school ordered quarantine due to exposure. The combination of masking and physical distancing can eliminate the need for quarantine. Chickasaw City Schools highly recommends vaccinations to all eligible students, staff, and community members.

### **SCHOOL VISITORS**

All school visitors are restricted at this time unless permission is granted from the central office.

### **THANK YOU**

Thank you for your cooperation and support in aiding to keep everyone safe during these unprecedented times.