

CCSD Community,

This was an exciting week as we welcomed students back to their schools -- it was wonderful to see our students learning in their classrooms. We reopened 19 of our 23 campuses and provided in-person education to almost 7,000 students. We are pleased to report we had very strong attendance -- both in-person and online. Thank you to our teachers and staff for their efforts in successfully bringing students back to our schools.

We know the continued success of the return to in-person instruction will require everyone's help in our community. These are some of the ways that you can assist us:

- Please keep your children home if they are sick.
- Please report all cases of COVID in your household to your child's school.
- If your child is sick at school, we need you to come and pick them up.
- Like we tell our students, we need YOU to remember the 3 W's: wear your mask, wash your hands, and watch your distance.

We are "Better Together," and, together, we can continue to support our students. Thank you for your continued support of the Clarke County School District.

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Interim Superintendent

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Operations

| | Results | Notes |
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| Transportation | An average of 2100 students transported to school | Students are socially distanced with a max capacity of 48 students |
| School Nutrition | 37,750 meals served to in-person students 1,412 meals served to remote students | Grab & Go for Breakfast Social distancing in the cafeteria Eat-in classrooms |
| Learning Model Pivots | The Fowler Elementary community received communication regarding the need to shift to virtual instruction 11/16-11/20. | This difficult decision, made in consultation with the school principal, was due to the high number of critical staff anticipated to be out of the building due to precautionary quarantine and/or individual/family health risk factors. |

Navigating COVID-19

Like other school districts in Georgia, we are working to ensure the health and safety of our students and staff. A safe return to in-person instruction requires us to partner with our community to implement strong mitigation strategies and respond quickly to incidents when they arise.

Because our teams follow the recommended procedures regarding contact tracing, we expect an increase in the number of staff and students placed in precautionary quarantine. This is a shared reality with other school districts and businesses across the state.

Following is a review of the procedures in place:

| Topic | Our Approach |
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| Mitigation / Prevention | We have developed and implemented mitigation strategies based on CDC/DPH guidance. For information about our approach, click here . |
| Incident Response / Contract Tracing | <p>We have a team of nurses engaged around the clock in contact tracing as necessary to respond to COVID-19 related incidents in our school community.</p> <p>As previously communicated, we will respond to positive cases within our schools by pausing in-person instruction for the affected classroom or team for 24 hours to minimize the risk of exposure while we conduct contact tracing. For information about our approach, click here.</p> <p>If you have questions about this process, please contact Amy Roark, Director of Nursing Services / 706-546-7721 ext. 20752.</p> |
| | <p>As previously communicated, we will notify our school communities of positive cases in their school. These communications will come from the school directly to families through the school's typical communication methods (for example, Infinite Campus or ClassDojo).</p> <p>When our nursing teams determine whether someone must self-isolate (because they are confirmed positive for COVID-19) or go into precautionary quarantine (because they are identified as a close contact of someone who was confirmed positive for COVID-19), these individuals will receive direct communication explaining the details of their quarantine or isolation.</p> <p>If you have questions about this process, please contact Amy Roark, Director of Nursing Services / 706-546-7721 ext. 20752.</p> |
| Learning Pivot Models | Schools that shift their learning model to remote instruction will provide families with guidance on how their students should participate in virtual instruction. If you have questions, please contact your school leader. |
| Data Reporting | We will continue to report confirmed positive cases and precautionary quarantines weekly, as we have since August. Click here to see our weekly reports. |