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## COVID Update and the Schedule for Return

The Clarke County School District continues to coordinate with local and regional health officials and organizations to evaluate when and how to return staff and students to in-person learning. Athens-Clarke County and the surrounding region are still experiencing high levels of COVID cases, which continue to strain local healthcare facilities.

In addition to providing vaccination opportunities for our staff, we are working to implement additional mitigation efforts to help reduce the spread of COVID-19. Our goal is to welcome all students back to our buildings as soon as possible, beginning with a modified schedule. We are committed to providing all of our students with the opportunity to access in-person instruction this spring. **We will provide an update on our planning in next week's communication.**

The timeline for returning to in-person learning is based on many factors, including a reduction in the number of COVID cases, vaccine availability, and new mitigation efforts the district will implement.

**Based on current conditions, CCSD will continue with remote learning for all students through at least Friday, February 5, 2021.**

We are pleased to announce the staff vaccination process is underway. Employees over the age of 65 have been given the opportunity to receive the COVID-19 vaccine as part of Phase 1 A+ of the state of Georgia's vaccination rollout plan. Teachers and school staff can begin to receive the COVID-19 vaccine as soon as the state transitions to Phase 1 B. While we do not know the specific date for the next phase, we are actively working with community partners to coordinate a CCSD staff vaccination effort. We will provide more details as the timeline develops.

## School Calendar Reminders

- Upcoming Breaks:
  - Student/Staff Holiday: March 11–12
  - Spring Break: April 2–9
- The 2021-22 academic year is scheduled to be approved at the February 11, 2021, Board of Education meeting.

## Pre-K Early Registration: Feb 15 – Feb 20

Parents/Guardians can apply for Pre-K for the 21-22 school year during the Early Registration window.

**When:** Mon, Feb. 15 – Sat, Feb. 20

**Where:** Registration will be held online due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Help will be available by email and phone.

**How:** Students registered during Early Registration will be entered into the lottery for the available seats for the 2021-22 school year. Visit [this page](#) on Monday, February 15, for a link to the application and instructions for submitting documents.

**Who:** Children who will be 4 (four) years old by September 1, 2021

## Student Meals

CCSD will continue to provide free student meals during virtual learning (either at curbside locations or via bus routes).

Fri, JAN 22	<p><b>Curbside locations (11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Chase Street Elementary</li> <li>● Clarke Middle</li> <li>● Hilsman Middle</li> <li>● Timothy Road Elementary</li> <li>● Whitehead Road Elementary</li> <li>● Winterville Elementary</li> </ul> <p><b>Bus Delivery</b></p> <p>To be added to a bus route for meal delivery, contact the Transportation Department: Phone: 706-548-6971   Office Hours: Monday – Friday, 7:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.</p>
Mon, JAN 25	
Wed, JAN 27	
Fri, JAN 29	

## Community Resources

- Please [click here](#) to view community food resources for families.
- The Northeast Health District has a free COVID-19 testing and vaccination drive-through at 355 Oneta Street in Athens. Appointments are required. [Click here](#) or call 706-340-0996 to make an appointment.