

SAFE RETURN TO LEARN PLAN 2022-2023



Plan for In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services

Important Dates

June 15, 2021

- CSI Board of Directors passed a resolution concerning in-person instruction for the 2021-2022 School Year.
- CSI schools submitted
 - Board-Approved Calendars and Bell Schedules, specifying student contact time in brick-and-mortar settings as well as any selected remote learning options.
 - Remote Learning Assurances verifying that at a minimum 20% of remote learning would be conducted through synchronous instructional methods.
 - Board-Approved Policy/Resolution that addressed the implementation of learning in response to the COVID-19 pandemic including a definition of “educational process”, a description of instructional delivery outlining synchronous and asynchronous modes of instruction that may be offered, and the methodology for documenting attendance for asynchronous instruction.

July 26 – September 7, 2021

- First Day of School (varies by school)

August 16, 2021

- CSI schools submitted updated Learning Plans to CSI for review
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November 16, 2021

- CSI Safe Return to Learn Plan reviewed by CSI Board of Directors, public comment is collected

January 31, 2022

- CSI schools provide any updates to their Safe Return to Learn Plans for review by CSI staff

March 31, 2022

- CSI Safe Return to Learn Plan reviewed by CSI Board of Directors, any updates are posted to CSI's website

November 1, 2022

- CSI staff review plan and had no updates.

Addressing Academic Needs

100% of CSI schools brick-and-mortar schools will begin the 2022-2023 school year with full-time, in-person instruction with layered prevention strategies in place as needed based on community spread. In accordance with Colorado Department of Education's Remote Learning Flexibilities for the 2022-2023 School Year, each CSI school has designated alternate modes of instruction that may be used to respond to increased rates of COVID-19 in the school community or their county.

“Temporary remote learning” flexibility means that there may be local needs for brick-and-mortar schools to temporarily suspend in-person learning due to COVID in the 2022-23 school year. This may include the need to temporarily move a classroom, a grade level, or the school to remote learning. It may also result from workforce shortages due to a COVID-19 outbreak. A school may need to temporarily move to remote learning in these instances for a short period of time (i.e. the rest

of the week/two weeks). When a school suspends in-person learning in this way, it will follow policies and procedures that it developed during the 2021-2022 school year to ensure a smooth transition.

100% Remote Learning Option due to COVID-19 Health Concerns

In accordance with Colorado Department of Education's Remote Learning Flexibilities for the 2022-2023 School Year, CSI schools will no longer offer families a 100% remote learning option.

Expanding Mental Health Supports

The pandemic increased the prevalence of mental health needs of teachers and students, on top of the already heightened mental health issues within our state. CSI's Mental Health Programs Coordinator will continue to work directly with schools on programming to support this area that is critical to the success of students.

CSI schools have planned to leverage their American Rescue Plan Funds to increase mental health staffing, adopt social emotional learning curricula and contract with local agencies to provide increased mental health supports for students and the school community.

Providing Access During Shifts to Remote Learning

CSI schools have surveyed their families and are aware of technology and internet access needs among their community. They are prepared to distribute devices and internet hot spots as needed in the event of a shift to remote learning due to COVID-19. Distribution procedures utilized in 2021-2022 have been evaluated and improved as needed for this school year.

CSI schools have outlined plans for continuity of instruction that ensure a minimum of 20% synchronous instructional time during instances of remote learning. Service provision for students with special needs will continue to be implemented during remote learning.

Layered Prevention Strategies

CSI schools implement layered prevention strategies to keep COVID-19 out of their buildings and maintain continuity of in-person learning to the greatest extent possible.

Promoting Vaccination

CDC recommends that all teachers, staff and eligible students be vaccinated as soon as possible. Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment's (CDPHE) Vaccine Support Teams and mobile buses offer CSI schools the opportunity to host regularly occurring vaccine clinics for the school community. CSI schools may promote vaccination and/or choose to host vaccine clinics at their schools.

Consistent and Correct Mask Use

Currently, mask requirements are determined by Colorado LPHAs. CSI schools adhere to the local mask requirements in their respective counties. In the absence of mask requirements from the LPHA, CSI schools may recommend or require staff, students and/or visitors to wear masks at school.

Physical Distancing

CSI schools maintain physical distancing to the greatest extent possible while indoors. If CSI schools are experiencing moderate-to-high transmission levels, CSI schools may shift to 6 feet of physical distancing and/or cohorting procedures.

Screening Testing

CSI schools may choose to participate in this program and will require parental consent for any student prior to participating.

Ventilation

Improving ventilation is an important COVID-19 prevention strategy that can reduce the number of virus particles in the air. This can be done by opening multiple doors and windows, using child-safe fans to increase the effectiveness of open windows, and making changes to the HVAC or air filtration systems.

CSI schools may keep classroom windows and doors open to increase ventilation. Additionally a number of schools have upgraded HVAC systems and created outdoor learning spaces.

Handwashing and Respiratory Etiquette

CSI schools provide frequently reminders and opportunities for handwashing and may provide hand sanitizer for staff and student use.

Staying Home when Sick/Getting Tested

CSI schools encourage staff and students to stay at home when they are experiencing symptoms of illness using CDPHE's [How Sick is Too Sick](#) guidance. CSI schools may also require at-home symptom screening.

If a student becomes sick at school, CSI schools refer to CDPHE's [Addressing Symptoms at School](#). All CSI schools have procedures for isolating students with COVID-19 symptoms until they can be picked up from school.

Contact Tracing

CSI schools collaborate with their LPHA, to the extent allowable by privacy laws and other applicable laws, to confidentially provide information about people diagnosed with or exposed to COVID-19. This allows identifying which students, teachers, and staff with positive COVID-19 test results should isolate, and which close contacts should quarantine.

Cleaning and Disinfection

CSI schools have implemented procedures to increase regular cleaning and disinfecting of the building. In addition, schools may limit shared use of materials and/or have additional procedures for cleaning and disinfecting commonly used materials.

Levels of Community Risk and Phased Prevention

CSI's Public Health Liaison regularly attends state and local public health information sessions that address virus spread, mitigation strategies, and public health requirements in order to communicate timely and relevant public health updates to CSI schools. School leaders receive weekly updates and can also access information and resources on [CSI's COVID-19 Updates webpage](#).

CSI schools fall under the jurisdiction of the various local public health agencies (LPHA). CSI school leaders collaborate with partners at their LPHA to stay informed of local public health orders, procedures for reporting positive cases, and determination of risk of transmission. Schools report positive cases, quarantines and shifts to remote or hybrid learning to CSI. Decisions regarding length of quarantine periods and shifts to remote or hybrid learning are made in consultation with LPHA based on levels of community transmission.

LPHA	School
Chafee County Public Health https://www.chaffeecounty.org/Public-Health-Coronavirus	Salida Montessori Charter School
Eagle County Public Health	Stone Creek Charter School
El Paso County Public Health https://www.elpasocountyhealth.org/schools-child-care-and-online-learning	Colorado Early College-Colorado Springs
	Colorado International Language Academy
	Colorado Military Academy
	Colorado Springs Charter Academy
	Coperni 2
	Coperni 3
	James Irwin Charter Academy
	Mountain Song Community School
	Thomas Maclaren School
Garfield County Public Health https://www.garfield-county.com/public-health/novel-coronavirus/	Ross Montessori School
Jefferson County Public Health https://www.jeffco.us/3999/Coronavirus-Disease-2019-COVID-19	Early College of Arvada
	Golden View Classical Academy
	Prospect Academy
Larimer County Public Health https://www.larimer.org/health/communicable-disease/coronavirus-covid-19	Academy of Arts and Knowledge
	Ascent Classical Academy-Northern Colorado
	AXIS International Academy
	Colorado Early College-Fort Collins
	Colorado Early College-Fort Collins West
	Colorado Early College-Windsor
LPHA	School
Mesa County Public Health https://health.mesacounty.us/saferathome/	Caprock Academy
	Monument View Montessori
Ute Mountain Ute Health Services https://www.utemountainutetribe.com/health%20services%20departments.html	Kwiyatag Community Academy*
*may also collaborate with Montezuma County Public Health Agency https://montezumacounty.org/public-health/covid-19-information-and-resources/	

Routt County Public Health https://www.covid19routtcounty.com/	Steamboat Montessori School
San Juan Basin Public Health https://sjbpulichealth.org/coronavirus/	Animas High School
Tri County Public Health* https://www.tchd.org/818/Coronavirus-COVID-19	Mountain Middle School
As Douglas County , Adams County and Arapahoe County Public Health Departments are established, CSI schools will work with the LPHA of their respective county.	Ascent Classical Academy-Douglas County
	Colorado Early College-Aurora
	Colorado Early College-Castle Rock
	Colorado Early College-Inverness
	Colorado Early College-Parker
	Community Leadership Academy & Victory Prep Academy
	Crown Pointe Academy
	Global Village Academy-Northglenn
	High Point Academy
	Montessori del Mundo
	New America School-Aurora
	New Legacy Charter School
	Pinnacle Charter School
	Ricardo Flores Magon Academy
	The Academy of Charter Schools