



Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools Return to In-Person Learning Plan*

Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools returned to in-person learning in the spring of 2021. In-person learning continues through the summer of 2021 with Camp CMS being offered in person. For the 2021-2022 school year, CMS plans to return to school with in-person learning five days per week. Based on feedback from CMS families, CMS will also offer a virtual/remote school option for students in grades 3-12 for the 2021-2022 school year.

CMS will continue to monitor the [metrics dashboard](#) to adjust and update this plan as needed.

Virtual/Remote School Option for Students in Grades 3-12

Students in grades 9-12 who are interested in a virtual/remote learning option for 2021-2022 can enroll in the existing CMS Virtual High School. CMS will be opening new virtual schools for students in grades 3-5 and 6-8. Students in grades 3-8 who are interested in a virtual/remote learning option for the 2021-2022 school year can enroll in the new 3-5 and 6-8 virtual schools.

Information about the virtual schools and how to register for the virtual school option can be found here: <https://cmschoice.org/cms-virtual-schools/>.

In-Person Learning: Health and Wellness

The safety, health and well-being of our students, staff, families and community is a top priority. CMS will continue the following safety measures and protocols to ensure staff and student safety:

CMS will follow [CDC's K-12 safety strategies](#) as well as [NC DHHS StrongschoolsNC toolkit](#).

Some of the health and safety measures include: requiring face covering, physical distancing, handwashing, cleaning facilities, monitoring community transmission rates and contact tracing to appropriately quarantine and isolate anyone who is ill. We continue to monitor our local metrics, follow state guidance and revise recommendations and protocols as we receive updates.



CMS is committed to consistent and layered prevention strategies to ensure safety in our buildings. Strategies to be followed at Camp CMS include:

- Encouraging anyone who is eligible to get vaccinated
- Social/physical distancing encouraged and reminders posted throughout the building
- Face coverings are required indoors by all students, staff and guests in CMS facilities (unless an exception is documented with this form, Spanish version). Face coverings are required to be worn on buses or other transportation vehicles. Face coverings are not required outdoors but may be worn if individuals are more comfortable doing so.
- Hand-sanitizer stations placed strategically throughout school
- Limiting nonessential visitor and activities involving external groups
- Prior to arrival, monitoring for symptoms at home and stay home if sick

Monitoring at home includes that staff and students must disclose (within the last 10- to 14-day period):

- Have you tested positive for COVID-19?
- Have you been in close contact with someone who tested positive?
- Have you developed symptoms?

If someone answers yes to any of these questions, they must contact the school and remain at home until they meet criteria for return. **Students who are not feeling well should stay home and consult with a health care provider.**

Cleaning and Sanitizing:

- Custodial teams will be following Centers for Disease Control guidelines for enhanced cleaning, disinfecting and sanitizing
 - Custodial teams will conduct enhanced cleaning/disinfecting processes inside classrooms and restrooms at the end of each school day and perform enhanced cleaning on common touchpoints throughout buildings throughout the day
 - Daily monitoring and restocking, as needed, for custodial supplies (paper towels, hand soap, toilet tissue, hand sanitizer, custodial cleaning products, etc.)
 - Water fountains will be cleaned more frequently. As a reminder, no drinking directly from the fountains.
- Increase air flow in schools by 10-15% via HVAC automation system, where feasible
- School buses will have hand sanitizer for staff and students
- School buses will be cleaned and disinfected twice daily
- Bus drivers will be provided personal protective equipment including face coverings, hand sanitizer and cleaning products



Resources:

- [Health and Safety Cleaning Sanitizing Disinfecting.jpg](#)
- [Health and Safety Cleaning Sanitizing Disinfecting Spanish.png](#)
- [Protect Yourself and Others Stay Home When You're Sick 07.24.20.jpg](#)
- [COVID-19 Guidance for Parents-Guardians Coordinated School Health 03.21.png](#)

COVID-19 Guidance for Supervisors and Employees:

- [Guidance for Supervisors.pdf](#)
- [Guidance for Employees.pdf](#)

COVID-19 Guidance for Principals

- [Guidance for Principals.pdf](#)

COVID-19 Guidance for Return to School

- [When can my student return after symptoms or a positive test.pdf](#)

Social and Emotional Health

During this time, we also know that supporting student and staff social and emotional well-being is critically important.

How do I talk to my child about COVID-19?

- We understand the fear and anxiety that news and developments related to COVID-19 can cause in children. Click here to read tips from the National Association of School Psychologists on talking to children about COVID-19.
- [Click here for more information on School Counseling Services that CMS offers.](#)

What emotional supports are available for students?

- Student services staff (school counselors, social workers and psychologists) are available to students during Camp CMS. Counseling is available for students during Camp CMS. We encourage students and families to reach out to their school's staff members for support.

What emotional supports are available for staff?

- Any employee who might need additional social-emotional support is encouraged to contact LifeCare, our employee assistance program, at 1-866-592-7240 or <http://member.lifecare.com>. More information is available for staff on the employee intranet.



To give comments and feedback, please go to:

<https://forms.gle/vD7Pd8fvcCVd81mA7>

**As a condition of the American Rescue Plan funding, this document serves as the CMS plan to return to in-person learning after the disruption from the COVID-19 pandemic.*