



CANTON UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT 66

RETURN TO LEARN 2021-2022

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Canton Union School District is dedicated to providing a safe learning environment for our students and staff. We have worked diligently to ensure the disruptions caused by COVID are minimized as much as possible. Our focus remains not only on empowering every student to embrace their individuality, but to ensure that every student is prepared, respectful, driven, and empowered to pursue their future. This communication provides updated details on the policies and procedures related to COVID. Given the frequent changes and unpredictability of the situation, CUSD 66 will continue to provide timely updates to families and community members. We thank you for your unwavering support.

Remote Learning

Remote learning will continue to be offered to any student who is absent from school due to issues related to COVID.

Masks

Mask use is recommended indoors for students, staff, and visitors regardless of vaccination status. Per federal mandates, masks must be worn on busses by all passengers and bus drivers.

Quarantine and Contact Tracing

Students and staff who have symptoms of infectious illness, such as influenza (flu) or COVID19, should stay home and contact their healthcare provider for testing and care.

Individuals in our school environment who show symptoms of COVID-19 are to immediately report to the school's office and we will recommend parents pick up their student. The recommendation will be for the student to return to school once they are symptom free for 24 hours.

If a positive case arises within our school environment, parents of students who are considered close contacts, will be notified. In that notification, the recommendation will be to keep the child home and monitor for any symptoms for a period of 5 days.

Any student who has tested positive for COVID will be excluded from school for 5 days. Upon return to school, it will be recommended for that student to wear a face mask for 5 days.



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Screening

Screening will take place as indicated with the changes of mitigation levels. This may include self-certification badges as well as temperature screening.

Lockers & Drinking Fountains

Students will resume the use of hall lockers. In addition, students at all buildings will continue the use of the newly implemented water stations, drinking directly from a water fountain will not be permitted.

Band and Choir

At this time, music programs will resume all regular programming including competitions, concerts, and programs. This may be altered to a virtual format or may be canceled if additional mitigation measures must be taken.

Field Trips and Assemblies

Pending administrative approval, field trips that align with instructional outcomes and/or are in extension of the learning environment will be permitted. Some trips may require additional safety mitigations.

Visitors

Volunteers and visitors, that are present for an academic purpose, will be permitted pending proof of vaccination. In addition, changes in the visitor policy may take place in response to various changes of mitigation levels.

Disabilities or Other Health Care Needs

Parents of students who need accommodations, modifications, or assistance related to COVID-19 safety protocols, disabilities, underlying medical conditions, or weakened immune systems should contact their student's case manager to discuss those need(s).

Staff members who need accommodations, modifications, or assistance related to COVID-19 safety protocols, disabilities, underlying medical conditions, or weakened immune systems should contact the district superintendent to discuss the need(s). Staff members with weakened immune systems are advised to contact their healthcare professional about the need for continued personal protective measures after vaccination.



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Physical Distancing

To the extent possible within school and classroom structures so that it does not exclude students from full-day in-person learning, school staff are to help students commit to physical distancing as much as possible by:

- Arranging furniture, controlling movement, play spaces and naptime materials to model and reinforce physical distancing of at least 3 feet;
- Providing assigned seating for students and requiring students to remain in these seats to the greatest extent possible; and
- School staff will maximize physical distance as much as possible when moving through food service lines and while eating indoors. Aside from the cafeteria, additional spaces for mealtime seating may be utilized when available and feasible.

Handwashing and Respiratory Etiquette

School staff will monitor and reinforce frequent handwashing and respiratory etiquette by:

- Continuing to teach handwashing with soap and water for at least 20 seconds;
- Assisting young children with handwashing;
 - reminding everyone in the facility to wash hands frequently;
- Using hand sanitizer containing at least 60% alcohol (for teachers, staff, and older students who can safely use hand sanitizer) when handwashing is not possible;
- Continuing to teach respiratory etiquette (e.g., covering coughs and sneezes).

Vaccination Clinics

Those who want to get vaccinated against COVID-19 can visit [vaccines.gov](https://www.vaccines.gov) or contact the Fulton County Health Department to find out where they can get vaccinated in our community. Canton Union School District #66 will continue to partner with the Fulton County Health Department to provide vaccination opportunities.

Plan Review

This plan will be reviewed as needed and revised as is appropriate.



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MITIGATION LEVELS

LEVEL 1- MINIMAL



Metric- Past 7 days of new positive cases per school (staff and students) is 0-1% for two consecutive weeks

- Masks are recommended for all students, staff, and visitors
- 3 feet to 6 feet of distance will be maintained between individuals when possible
- Close contact and symptomatic students will be recommended to quarantine
- Provide remote learning to qualifying students

LEVEL 2-MODERATE



Metric- Past 7 days of new positive cases per school (staff and students) is 1.01-3.0% for two consecutive weeks

- Masks are recommended for all students, staff, and visitors
- 3 feet to 6 feet of distance will be maintained between individuals when possible
- Close contact and symptomatic students will be recommended to quarantine
- Provide remote learning to qualifying students and/or implement remote learning for classes, grade level or building if needed
- Field trips, assemblies, and some programs may be canceled or postponed

LEVEL 3-SUBSTANTIAL



Metric- Past 7 days of new positive cases per school (staff and students) is > 3.01% for two consecutive weeks

- Masks may be required for all students and staff at all times
- 3 feet to 6 feet of distance will be maintained between individuals when possible
- Close contact and symptomatic students will be recommended to quarantine
- Provide remote learning to qualifying students and/or implement remote learning for classes, grade level or building if needed
- Screening and temperature are required for entry
- Field trips, assemblies, and some programs will be canceled or postponed