



District Statement on Face Mask Requirements in All CCSD Schools

We are receiving inquiries regarding rescinding mask mandates for College Community Schools. Face masks are still required in all Prairie schools at all times, including school buses. It has been our goal to offer full onsite instruction since the start of the year. Our mitigation strategies, including masking, have been instrumental in achieving this goal and will continue to be as we maintain full onsite instruction for PK-12 students.

We are maintaining mask requirements with the following rationale:

- 1) The Iowa Department of Public Health identifies masking as an effective mitigation strategy to prevent the spread of COVID-19.
- 2) Masking allows us to reduce the number of required quarantines when students are masked during exposure, resulting in fewer interruptions to our students' school year.
- 3) The CDC still recommends layered mitigation strategies, including prioritizing universal and correct use of masks. [link](#)
- 4) Local District Data indicates success from mitigation strategies (including masking) in limiting spread and exposure at school. Please see the CCSD data reported weekly at this [link](#)

The College Community School District will continue to align practices and recommendations from the public health agencies locally and at the state level throughout the pandemic. The health and safety of students, staff, and their families remains a top priority as we navigate through the COVID-19 pandemic. While recent developments in medicine bring us all hope of better days ahead, we are still in the middle of a global pandemic and we will act accordingly.

The District continues to work to implement layered mitigation strategies in compliance with federal and state public health guidance. As a District we will continue to enforce layered mitigation strategies until further notice.

We appreciate your continued cooperation and support!

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