



## School Information and Updates

### Friday, September 3, 2021

#### Positive Cases and Quarantining

Students who have a confirmed case of COVID-19 are required to stay home for **10 days** following the onset of symptoms, provided that their symptoms have improved, including being fever-free for 24 hours.

As outlined in our Return to Learn Plan and explained further [here](#), parents and guardians will have the option of quarantining their child and keeping them home from school and activities if they are exposed to COVID-19. Families will be notified by school personnel if their child may have been exposed to a positive individual at school or during a school activity.

We strongly encourage students to stay home if they have symptoms of any illness. Doing so will allow us to keep rates of COVID-19 exposure as low as possible. Rates of COVID-19 positivity, quarantining, and student absenteeism (related to any illness) will be published regularly on [this document](#).

#### COVID-19 On District Website

Covid-19 information can be found on our district website. For the most up-to-date information regarding COVID-19, please [click here](#).

#### Masking in Schools

Linn County Public Health and CDC recommend that masks be worn indoors by all individuals (age 2 and older) who are not fully vaccinated. In areas with high COVID-19 transmission rates, masking for fully vaccinated individuals is recommended as well. Consistent and correct mask use is especially important when the options for physical distancing are limited, such as in a variety of classroom and school settings.

During the previous school year, masking was one of several mitigation strategies that were effective in our effort to prevent the spread of COVID-19. While schools cannot mandate that masks be worn at school due to HF 847, **the district strongly encourages all students and staff to wear facemasks**. Doing so will promote the health of our students and larger community and increase the likelihood of a normal school year that is fully onsite.

#### Food and Nutrition: Breakfast and Lunch - Free or Reduced Information

**Can all students' eat breakfast and lunch? Are meals FREE for ALL children 18 years and under for the 2021-22 school year?**

Yes, breakfast and lunch is available at no charge to all students' in all K-12 buildings. Complete breakfast and lunch meals are free to all children for the 2021-2022 school year. A la carte items like a single carton of milk are not free because a single item does not meet the requirements of a meal. If a student brings a meal from home, they can add a serving of fruit, vegetable, and a carton of milk for free because those items grouped together count as a meal- which is free.

**If my child takes a free meal does it take away from another child?**

Participation in the breakfast and lunch program helps our program and does not take away from another child. Free meals are not based on household income for the 2021-22 school year. The District is reimbursed by the state/federal government for meals so participation does not take away funds from the school district either.

## **MEAL APPLICATIONS**

**Even though meals are free, please complete the application and/or waiver if you wish to be considered for free or reduced price school fees.** A new application and fee waiver form need to be completed every school year. Applications for free and reduced price meals and a waiver for school fees can be completed online or by completing a paper version. The online version is available by visiting <https://family.titank12.com/>. Click on “Apply for Meals Today”.

If you would prefer a paper version of the form or have any questions, please contact Ginny Scott by phone, 319-848-5337 or email [vscott@crprairie.org](mailto:vscott@crprairie.org). Return completed paper forms to Food & Nutrition, Prairie Hill Elementary, 401 76th Ave SW, Cedar Rapids, IA 52404. Once the application has been processed we will send a letter or email to the primary contact listed in Infinite Campus with the determination. Some students are directly certified through the state. Usually we are notified two times per month of students who qualify via direct certification. If we are notified that your child has been qualified for free or reduced price meals, we will send a letter or email to the primary contact listed in Infinite Campus.

## **School Closings and Notifications**

The College Community School District utilizes a notification service for parental and staff outreach for emergency broadcasts. The system will place a phone call, email and text message to parents, guardians and staff in the event of a safety or weather related issue. You will receive a message from 319-848-5200 indicating the alert. The district will also post announcements on our district homepage, district social media channels, and local TV and radio stations.

## **District Annual Notices**

Each year school districts are required to give public notifications regarding annual notices. School, State and Federal notices are posted on our district website. Click the menu page and Annual Notices are listed under ‘District’. [Click here](#) for the listing of annual notices.