



# Chico ISD RETURN TO INSTRUCTION PLAN

Chico ISD will hold on-campus instruction with safety prevention measures in place. We will **no longer offer asynchronous online learning**. Chico ISD will comply with the CDC guidelines and request that any student or staff member that is lab confirmed COVID positive stay home for 10 days and also be 24 hours fever/symptom free before returning to school. Chico ISD will not perform contact tracing but will allow 3 excused absences for contact tracing before a doctor's note is required. While it is not possible to eliminate all risks of furthering the spread of COVID-19, the current science suggests there are many steps Chico ISD will take to reduce the risks to students, teachers, staff, and their families significantly. Chico ISD is committed to keeping the transmission as low as possible in order to safely return to school.

**The school day has been adjusted back to 8:00am-3:30pm (Monday- Friday) for the 2021-22 school year.**

This guidance document contains the district's response to Prevention, Response, Mitigation, and Modified Operations as well as addresses the safety concerns shared with Chico ISD via the parent survey.

## **Prevention**

### ***Practices to Prevent the Virus from Entering the School***

1. Chico ISD is requiring any student who is lab confirmed COVID positive to comply with the CDC guidelines and remain off campus for 10 days and also be fever free and symptom free for 24 hours.
2. Chico ISD is continuing to reinforce the general illness prevention measures and ask that students remain home with any illness until they are 24 hours fever free.
3. At this time, Chico ISD will allow visitors to our campuses for school events. Visitors or students who are lab confirmed COVID positive must meet the requirements for re-entry stated above before they attend ANY school events. (If the student was home due to COVID related reasons, they may NOT attend any school events that day.)

## **Close Contact**

Chico ISD will not perform contact tracing but will allow 3 excused absences for contact tracing before a doctor's note is required. We will allow students up to 3 excused absences if their parent/guardian chooses to contact trace to determine if they are at risk of catching COVID-19. After the 3 days, Campus Secretaries will need a doctor's note in order to continue with excused absences. If your student has been exposed and you wish to utilize the 3 days to contact trace, please notify the campus your child attends so we can adjust their attendance.

## **Individuals Lab Confirmed with COVID-19:**

1. Any individuals who are lab-confirmed to have COVID-19 cannot return to campus until the school nurse screens the individual to determine if all of the below conditions for campus re-entry have been met:
  - a. In the case of an individual who was diagnosed with COVID-19, the individual may return to school when all three of the following criteria are met:
    - i. at least 24 hours have passed since recovery (resolution of fever without the use of fever-reducing medications);
    - ii. the individual has improvement in symptoms (e.g., cough, shortness of breath); and

- iii. at least ten days have passed since symptoms first appeared.
- b. **You must provide the district nurse and campus secretaries with a doctor's release note in order to return back to school.**

## **Response**

### **If Individuals with Lab-Confirmed Cases Have Been in a School:**

1. If an individual who has been in a school is lab-confirmed to have COVID-19, the school must notify its local health department, in accordance with applicable federal, state and local laws and regulations, including confidentiality requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA).
2. Consistent with school notification requirements for other communicable diseases, and consistent with legal confidentiality requirements, schools must notify all teachers, staff, and families of all students in a school if a lab-confirmed COVID-19 case is identified among students, teachers or staff who participate in any on campus activities.

## **Mitigation**

### ***Practices to Mitigate the Likelihood of COVID-19 Spread Inside the School Operational Considerations***

#### **Health and Hygiene Practices: General**

1. The school will have hand sanitizer and/or hand washing stations with soap and water throughout the school buildings.
2. Students, teachers, staff, and campus visitors should be encouraged to sanitize and/or wash hands frequently.
3. The school will teach students good handwashing techniques and good hygiene techniques to all students to help prevent the spread of germs.
4. Campuses will continue effective cleaning practices, including additional cleaning by janitorial staff when needed, as well as provide the opportunity for children to clean their own spaces before and after they are used, in ways that are safe and developmentally appropriate.
5. On the first day a student attends school, the school will provide instruction to students on appropriate hygiene practices and other mitigation practices adopted in the local school system.

### **Health and Hygiene Practices: Masks/Face Coverings**

Masks will not be required at Chico ISD for the 2021-22 school year however students who wish to wear them may. Chico ISD will not be providing masks for students this year so anyone wishing to wear one needs to bring their own.

### **Secondary Elective/Extracurricular Courses:**

1. All extracurricular practices and contests will be conducted following safety protocols provided by guidance from UIL and TEA.
2. Students who are lab confirmed COVID-19 positive may not participate or attend any extracurricular activities until they have been screened and allowed to return back to school. The district nurse and campus secretaires need a copy of the student's medical note releasing them to resume normal activities and return to school.