

Center Point-Urbana CSD



2023-24 Return to Learn Plan

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An LEA receiving an allocation of funds through the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Elementary and Secondary Emergency Relief (ESSER) formula is required to develop a plan for the safe return to in-person instruction and the continuity of services plan. This plan is to be regularly reviewed and, as appropriate, revised no less frequently than every six months throughout the program period.

Modifications and amendments to our most recent plan will be based on current health trends of the local area, as well as recommendations and requirements received from the Iowa Department of Public Health, the Iowa Department of Education, and both the Linn and Benton County Departments of Public Health.

ESSER III continues through Sept. 30, 2024 pending there are no federal extensions for the funds.

Purpose of Return to Learn Plan

The purpose of this plan is to provide Center Point-Urbana CSD students with face-to-face learning experiences in a 2020 pre-pandemic manner.

Currently, the Center Point-Urbana School District operates under its normal, pre-pandemic processes and procedures. We will continue to follow all state and federal laws, including all students attending school full-time, in-person. Masks will remain optional for students, staff, and visitors in our buildings.

For the October 2023 review/update, there have been no new modifications and/or revisions to the district's Return to Learn plan.

STATE RESOURCES

- [IDPH COVID-19 Education Update May 14, 2021:](#)
 - Identifies that COVID-19 in the school setting should be approached like other child illnesses including the elimination of quarantine procedures for exposed students regardless of mask usage.
- [IDPH Common Child Illnesses and Exclusion Criteria:](#)
 - Identifies COVID-19 as a common child illness that results in exclusion, as with other illnesses, from the education setting for the positive individual.
- [House File 847:](#)
 - Prohibits K-12 schools from mandating face masks effective May 20, 2021.
- [Senate File 160:](#)
 - Requires school districts in Iowa to provide on-site learning.
- [Iowa Department of Education](#)
- [Iowa Department of Public Health](#)
- [Linn County Public Health](#)
- [Benton County Public Health](#)

COVID-19 in the School Setting

CONTACT TRACING

- CPU Families can anticipate that their child may be exposed to COVID-19 during the school year.
- CPU will not contact trace to identify individuals as “close contacts” who may have been exposed to COVID-19 in the school setting.
- The IDPH has identified that school district should handle COVID-19 as an everyday illness such as the flu.

NOTIFICATIONS

- CPU will approach COVID-19 like all other child illnesses.
- CPU will not publish data on the number of active positive cases, historical positive cases, or exposures.

EXPOSURE

- Individuals who believe they have been exposed to COVID-19 in or outside of the school setting should coordinate with their doctor/county health officials to identify when they may safely return to school.
- Families should notify the school nurse with information regarding their return.

ILLNESS

- Individuals feeling ill should not attend school.
 - It is possible that symptoms of illness may be a result of COVID-19.
- IDPH guidelines will be followed

Mitigation

FACE COVERINGS

- Face-coverings are not required for students, staff, or visitors.

SOCIAL DISTANCING

- Social distancing will not be required or maintained in the school setting.
- A priority will be placed on maximizing instruction and collaboration in the classroom environment.

CLASS COHORTS

- Classes will not be required to cohort and will be allowed to intermix as deemed appropriate for instruction and play.
- Desks and tables will be arranged to maximize instruction and collaboration rather than maximizing physical distance.

VISITORS & VOLUNTEERS

- Visitors and volunteers will be allowed in CPU classrooms following typical pre-COVID procedures and guidelines.

Departments

TRANSPORTATION

- Transportation will return to pre-COVID mitigation operations, following all legal capacity limits for buses and other transportation vehicles.
- Hand sanitizer will be available for student use when entering and exiting the bus.
- High touch surfaces on the school buses and vehicles such as seats, handrails and seat belts will be disinfected regularly by transportation staff.

FOOD SERVICE

- Food service will return to pre-COVID mitigation operations.
- Social distancing will not be required or maintained in food service and cafeteria settings.
- All lunch rooms will operate at normal capacity.

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS

- On a daily basis as allowed, custodians will disinfect, sanitize, and clean, in the following areas within each building as part of their regular cleaning schedule:
 - Classrooms
 - Restrooms
 - Weight Rooms
 - Locker Rooms
 - Hallways & Common Areas
 - Media Centers
 - Offices
 - Lunchrooms

HEALTH & NURSING SERVICES

- Nurses will be available to provide assistance when a health concern arises for students and staff.
- The district will take direction from the Iowa Department of Public Health as to the up-to-date protocol and procedures when addressing COVID-19.
- Information about Health and Nursing Services can be found on the district's website at:
 - <https://cpuschools.org/district-departments/health-services/>