**Calhoun County School District**

**COVID-19 Back-To-School Safety Plan**

**2023-2024**

*Key Points*:

* Each campus will have a full-time Register Nurse available on site.
* The school nurses will have the authority to send students or staff home for COVID-19 testing if they suspect someone is at school with COVID-19.
* Each campus will utilize bottle filling stations and water fountains for drinking water.
* In the event of having a COVID-19 positive person in the school, custodians will thoroughly disinfect all areas affected with an electrostatic sprayer.
* The MHSAA will determine safety protocols for all sports related extracurricular activities.
* Voluntary Virtual Learning Program will not be an option in 2023-2024.
* The CCSD does encourage staff and students to get vaccinated against COVID-19.
* The CCSD will continue to encourage hand washing and the use of hand sanitizers.
* Staff and students will have a COVID-19 safety update from their school nurse at the beginning of school. CDC posters will remain in place to remind staff and students of best practices.
* **Masks will not be required in the Calhoun County School District during the 2023-24 school** **year.**
* Unvaccinated staff and students are strongly encouraged to wear a face covering.
* Parents will be strongly encouraged to check the temperature and the overall health of their child/children before sending them to the bus each morning.
* Sick employees and students are encouraged to stay at home.
* Students will be confined to a quarantine room if their temperature is 100.0 or higher.
* Students and staff will continue to practice physical distancing as much as feasible in the school setting.
* The CCSD is working on several district-wide initiatives to help prevent, protect and respond to the COVID-19 pandemic. This will include restroom improvements, new and improved HVAC systems and the addition and renovation of classroom space in critical need areas.
* **\*\*\*\* CCSD employees will no longer receive “COVID-19 Days” due to quarantine or isolation through which telework would be an option. Employees must now use their accumulated leave just as they would any other sickness or injury. \*\*\*\***
* **\*\*\*\* Contact Tracing and Quarantines have been discontinued for individual students and employees. There will be no school sanctioned quarantine absences for individual students or staff. All doctor or parent ordered quarantines for students will be subject to the normal attendance policy set forth in the Student Handbook.**
* **\*\*\*\* All Outbreak and School Closure provisions have been removed. \*\*\*\***

**CCSD Isolation Procedures**

***(NOTE: Contact Tracing and Quarantines have been discontinued for the 2023-2024 School Year.)***

***Isolation Procedures*:**

**Parent notifies the school that a student has tested positive.**

Students must:

* Provide the school with a copy of the dated-positive test report **or** a photograph of the positive home test kit with the name of the student and test date in the photograph. Either method will suffice to receive a school-sanctioned isolation period.
* Isolate at home for 5 calendar days following the date of the positive test.
* Be fever free for at least 24 hours (on Day 5 of Isolation) without fever-reducing medication before returning to school on Day 6.

**Employee notifies the school that he/she has tested positive.**

Employee must:

* Isolate at home for 5 calendar days from the day of the positive test,
* Be fever free for at least 24 hours (on Day 5 of Isolation) without fever-reducing medication before returning to school on Day 6.

**Parent notifies the school that student has COVID-19 symptoms:**

**or**

**School notifies the parent that student has COVID-19 symptoms:**

The student will be referred to a doctor for COVID-19 Testing.

With a **Negative Test Result** (Home Test will NOT be accepted) **or** a note from the physician which states the condition is **NOT** **COVID-19**:

* The student may return to school after being fever free for 24 hours without fever-reducing medication.

With a **Positive Test Result**:

Students must:

* Provide the school with a copy of the dated-positive test report **or** a photograph of the positive home test kit with the name of the student and test date in the photograph. Either method will suffice to receive a school-sanctioned isolation period.
* Isolate at home for 5 calendar days following the date of the positive test.
* Be fever free for at least 24 hours (on Day 5 of Isolation) without fever-reducing medication before returning to school on Day 6.

*In light of the COVID-19 pandemic, CCSD recognizes that this is a very fluid situation that will require flexibility to be able to respond to a changing environment. In the event that this document conflicts with other current district policies, this safety document will supersede all other district policies.*