

PATHWAY TO A SAFE AND HEALTHY RETURN

"Need to Know" Updates

This Safe Return to School Plan has been updated to reflect the status of Cumberland County Schools for the 2022-2023 school year.

SCHEDULE

Cumberland County Schools (CCS) is operating on a normal schedule. To view school and testing calendars, visit <https://www.ccs.k12.nc.us/Page/3016>.

SAFETY PROTOCOLS

- ★ **Protocol for Sick Students:** In compliance with CDC's Operational Guidance for K-12 schools, if your child is sent home for one of the following symptoms: fever of 100.4° F (38° C) or greater, nausea or vomiting, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, muscle or body aches, headache, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose or diarrhea, your child should remain out of school five days.
- ★ Students may return to school sooner if they have a negative COVID-19 test result. We accept a negative antigen, PCR, or home test for readmittance to school. A doctor's note stating the child is well enough to return to school on a specific date is also acceptable. All students must have symptom improvement, with a 24-hour time lapse since the child had a fever (without fever-reducing medicine).
- ★ **Water Fountain Usage:** Each school has fillable water stations. Students and staff are encouraged to bring a water bottle to remain hydrated throughout the school day. Disposable cups will be made available to all schools.
- ★ **Expectations for Face Coverings:** Face coverings are optional for students and staff. Anyone who chooses to wear a face covering will be supported in their decision to do so at any community level, including low. A face covering must be secured safely over the nose, mouth, and under your chin.
- ★ COVID-19 data for each school is updated weekly and can be found on the dashboard. Click on the following link to view our current data.
https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/13B7y5VPjv3o3NPCeP8Of-cs-mZ-fDUkSO_XFjpB2gcA/edit#gid=438161682

SCHOOL OPERATIONS AND PROCEDURES

- ★ **Child Nutrition:** Learn about changes to meal service. Consider taking advantage of the free breakfast and lunch service.
- ★ **Technology in Schools:** Students are asked to bring their fully charged, CCS-assigned Chromebooks to school each day. Personal devices may not be brought to school to use in place of the devices issued by the school.
- ★ **Medication Check-in:** We request that parents/guardians send an adult family member to check in their child's medication if they are experiencing COVID-19 symptoms.