

Cherry Valley-Springfield Opening Plan for Fall 2021-22

Goal for Fall 2021 Opening:

The goal for the 2021-22 school year is to keep students and staff healthy and safe, while maximizing in-person learning. The protocols outlined in this document are derived from layered mitigation strategies recommended by the CDC, our local Health Departments and NYS Education Department.

COVID Coordinators:

CVSCSD has designated TheriJo Climenhaga, Superintendent, as the COVID-19 coordinator. Other contacts include Dave Mayton, Head of Maintenance and Rebecca Meehan, School Nurse.

LAYERED HEALTH AND SAFETY PROTOCOLS

Social Distancing:

In developing this Fall 2021 opening plan, CVS has considered the size of our building and the ability to maintain appropriate social distance. CVS currently serves approximately 450 students and 111 employees. We take the safety of our students and our staff very seriously.

In order to appropriately plan for space within our facility, maintenance has calculated the square footage of every space. We have assigned capacity to those spaces based upon the space needed for three to six foot social distancing in offices, classrooms and labs. During lunch periods students will maintain social distancing between three and six-feet while eating. During physical education, chorus and band, students will maintain a six-foot distance whenever possible. Classes will also utilize outdoor spaces as much as possible.

Face Masks:

Face masks will be required for both staff and students while in the building and vehicles regardless of vaccination status. Face masks should be worn at crowded outdoor events.

Face masks should be multi layers, tightly woven, breathable fabric, 2-ply cloth, or disposable masks. No mesh face masks or gator masks allowed.

CVS requests that staff and students bring cloth masks from home but, in the event that a person does not have a mask, disposable masks have been purchased and are available at the main office.

Students will be permitted to take mask breaks at the discretion of faculty or administration as long as six-foot distancing may be achieved and does not exceed 15 minutes per day.

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Hand Washing and Respiratory Etiquette:

Staff and students should wash hands frequently with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Covering coughs and sneezes can help reduce the spread of the virus.

Self-Assessment:

Staff, students (with the assistance of their guardian) and visitors should monitor their health and assess if they are exhibiting any COVID-19 symptoms. A person with new symptoms should not enter the building but should contact their healthcare provider to determine the cause and if a COVID-19 test is necessary. If anyone that is not vaccinated who has had close contact with a confirmed or suspected case of COVID-19 within the last 10 days, should not enter the building and contact their county Department of Health for guidance.

Cleaning and Ventilation:

CVS will follow CDC guidance on cleaning and disinfecting school buildings.

[CDC Guidance](#)

These protocols will include:

- Daily cleaning of all spaces in each building
- Mid-Day cleaning to disinfect high touch surfaces
- Immediate cleaning and disinfection of spaces occupied by a person that has reported illness
- Staff should continue to disinfect shared surfaces after use

CVS will continue to meet the requirements for maintaining adequate ventilation.

These protocols include:

- Ventilation systems will be evaluated and adjusted to run according to optimal manufacturer recommendations
- The maximum MERV filter rating that each HVAC unit allows will be installed
- Daily pre and post occupancy fresh air purge cycles will be performed
- Window ventilation should also be maximized as much as possible

Visitors:

Nonessential visitors will be limited. Exceptions can be made with approval by the Administrative Team. It is recommended that visitors make appointments.

A log of visitors must be maintained at the main office.

Visitors should monitor their health and assess if they are exhibiting any COVID-19 symptoms before entering the building. Visitors must follow the three foot social distancing mandate and follow regulations for wearing face masks to limit the spread of illness while on site.

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Symptomatic Students or Staff:

Students and staff showing new signs of illness should not report to school or work. It is expected that students and staff will seek medical assessment by their own health care provider and get tested for COVID-19.

Students and staff with symptoms of illness that present during the school/work day must be sent to the health office. Ill students and staff will be assessed by the school nurse or medical director.

Students or staff with a temperature or other signs of illness, will be sent directly to a dedicated isolation area where students are supervised, prior to being picked up or otherwise sent home.

School health personnel will wear PPE when assessing ill persons or conducting certain respiratory treatments.

The CDC guidance document defines a close contact as someone who was within 6 feet of an infected person (laboratory-confirmed or a clinically compatible illness) for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period (for example, three individual 5-minute exposures for a total of 15 minutes).

According to the CDC, people who are fully vaccinated do NOT need to quarantine after contact with someone who had COVID-19 unless they have symptoms. However, fully vaccinated people should get tested 3-5 days after their exposure, even if they do not have symptoms, and wear a mask indoors in public for 14 days following exposure or until their test result is negative.

COVID-19 Confirmed Cases:

If an employee tests positive for COVID-19, the employee should alert School Nurse and their supervisor immediately. CVS must immediately notify state and local health departments and cooperate with contact tracing efforts, including notification of potential contacts, such as workers or visitors who had close contact with the individual, while maintaining confidentiality required by state and federal law and regulations.

If an employee is receiving a COVID-19 test due to COVID symptoms, the employee should alert School Nurse and their supervisor immediately. Employees are expected to self-quarantine until the test results are received.

If someone in the employee's household tests positive for COVID-19, the employee should contact School Nurse and their supervisor immediately for further discussion about potential quarantine orders.

If a student is confirmed positive for COVID-19, CVS will immediately notify the state and local health departments about the case. Together with the department of health, there will be a

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decision made about building or classroom closure. Notifications will be made to those that have been in close contact with the infected student.

If a student is receiving a COVID-19 test due to COVID-19 symptoms, the parent/student should alert the School Nurse immediately. Students are expected to self-quarantine until the test results are received.

If someone in a student's household tests positive for COVID-19, the parent/student should contact the School Nurse immediately for further discussion about potential quarantine orders.

Employees and students will share any quarantine and release orders from the Department of Health with the School Nurse before they return to work/school.

INSTRUCTIONAL MODEL

In-person learning:

CVS will provide 5 days per week in-person instruction to the extent safe and practicable following NY State Department of Health (NYSDOH) and local health guidelines.

CVS will be ready to shift to remote instruction on an as needed basis, recognizing that remote instruction may only be needed for specific grade levels or areas of the building.

CVS will provide a social contract to students, staff and parents. The contract sets standards of behavior to lessen the spread of the coronavirus while on campus. The goal is to safely manage our educational environment to offer students in-person instruction. Everyone's cooperation is required to succeed. The Social Contract can be found at the following link:

[CVS Social Contract](#)

Mandatory Quarantine for Students (instruction)

When an individual or small group of students are subject to mandatory, COVID-related quarantine, the student(s) will be provided with on-going instruction which may include:

- Primary Synchronous Instruction via video conference platforms or SMSs (Google Classroom) (NYSED does not have a requirement for hybrid instructional options for 2021-22)
- Asynchronous Instruction via video conference platform or SMSs (Google Classroom)
- Independent Work (ex. handouts, self-paced activities, worksheets, or packets)

Determination of the appropriate instructional model will be made by the Principal and/or Superintendent in collaboration with the classroom teacher and in recognition of the unique circumstances of the course and technology related issues impacting the family (ex. lack of internet access or lack of a device).

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Student Attendance:

For the 2021-2022 school year, instruction will include a record of daily attendance for in-person instruction and will follow the normal recording procedures set by CVS. All attendance will be recorded in the student management system.

Students on quarantine are required to log in for remote instruction unless they are too unwell to do so. In this instance, a parent or guardian is required to contact the school nurse to record the absence as excused.

Medically Fragile Students:

Remote learning for medically fragile students is no longer required by school districts.

Transportation:

CVS requires a face mask to correctly be worn over the nose and mouth while riding the bus. Whenever possible, ventilation will be increased by opening windows in the vehicle. Students will be given an assigned seat. Attendance will be taken for each bus run. The same applies for athletic runs and extracurricular runs.

Communication:

All faculty and staff will attend an informational meeting prior to the opening of school to review the protocols and to answer any questions.

The students will receive updated training on the importance of face coverings, social distancing and handwashing directly from their teachers at the start of the school year. Students showing any signs of illness will be referred to the school nurse for evaluation.

Signage about signs and symptoms of COVID-19, proper hand washing protocols, requirements of face coverings and reminders for self-assessment checks have been posted at entrances, bathrooms and in hallways and common areas.

CVS will provide regular communications in the form of letters to students, parents/guardians and staff that includes applicable instructions to individuals about our plan and protocols for opening. CVS will also email students, parent/guardians, faculty and staff of any updates and post information on the District website www.cvscs.org Please be sure your contact information is up to date. If you have recently changed your mailing address, phone number or email please contact the guidance office at 607-264-3265, ext. 507.

Resource links:

NYSED:

[NYSED Guidance](#)

CDC:

[CDC Guidance](#)

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