



## CHANDLER UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 80

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Camille Casteel, Ed.D., Superintendent

Dear CUSD Parents and Guardians,

The health and safety of our students and staff are a top priority for the Chandler Unified School District. Thank you for your support and understanding as we respond to the unexpected changes that have impacted our community due to COVID-19.

You can help protect your family and others from COVID-19 by practicing and promoting everyday healthy habits. Parents are responsible for determining their child's health status before arriving at school and for keeping their child at home should they present symptoms of any kind. Use the checklist below to plan and prepare for returning to the 2020-2021 school year.

**Daily Health Screening:** You are responsible for ensuring that your child is not exhibiting any of the following symptoms of COVID-19 **PRIOR** to coming to school and keeping them home if they do.

- Fever of 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit or higher
- Chills
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea
- Any other symptom of illness, whether or not you believe it's related to COVID-19
- Has your child recently been in close contact with anyone who has exhibited any of the above symptoms?
- Has your child recently been in close contact with anyone who has tested positive for COVID-19?

While the District understands that many of these symptoms can also be due to non-COVID-19-related issues, we must proceed with an abundance of caution during this public health emergency.

### **Need to Know:**

- ***Stay informed on the latest facts and new developments related to COVID-19.***
  - Stay informed about COVID-19 through reputable sources such as the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) @ <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/index.html> and Arizona Department of Health Services (AZDHS) @ <https://www.azdhs.gov/>. This includes new information on symptoms, complications, how it is transmitted, and how to prevent transmission.

- Seek medical advice by first calling your health care provider.
- Although CUSD is taking many steps to protect your child from the spread of COVID-19, it is impossible to reduce the risk to zero.
- Practice and reinforce good prevention habits with your family.
  - ✓ Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
  - ✓ Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
  - ✓ Wash hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after going to the bathroom; before eating; and after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing. If soap and water are not readily available, use a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.

**If your child is sick, or needs to leave school:**

- If your child is sick with any illness, keep them home from school and notify the school of your child's absence. Your child will need to be symptom-free, without any medication, for 24 hours before returning to school.
- If you are contacted by the school regarding your sick child, they must be picked up 1 hour of being notified.
- Medications will not be given at school that mask COVID-19 like symptoms (i.e. headache).
- Contact your child's school administration or the health office with any concerns specifically related to COVID-19 and your child's health.
- Consider planning for alternate childcare arrangements. Have a backup plan in the event your child needs to stay home from school or is sent home from school.
- Please make sure all contact information is always up to date in Infinite Campus.

As situations evolve, we are prepared to comply with the directions from the state and local health agencies and adjust, as necessary.

Sincerely,

Chandler Unified School District