

Meet the Principal Virtual Town Hall: FAQ

1. Are there discussions around considerations to require testing any/all returning to in-person in campus?
 - a. As of right now, per the most recent CDC guidelines, the CDC does not recommend retesting to return to campus. For people that previously tested positive for COVID-19 and remain asymptomatic after recovery, retesting is not recommended within 3 months after the date of symptom onset for the initial COVID-19 infection.
2. What are going to be your safety procedures if we go back?
 - a. We have been working with our district leaders on establishing protocols for a safe return to campus, when we do return in-person. We have taken precautions as in having signage around our campus, and we have adjusted our bell schedule to accommodate traffic flow between classes. We have added more lunches to the day to bring down the number of larger group gatherings. We have also provided all classrooms with the necessary cleaning equipment and protocols to properly sanitize the classrooms between classes and student use.
3. For when in person resumes: Will we as parents be informed when a student on campus has COVID? If/when students/teachers test positive for COVID, what is the reaction plan? At what point do we move back to a distance model?
 - a. While we are not allowed to disclose names of individuals who may test positive for COVID-19 because of FERPA laws, we will work closely with Maricopa County Public Health to determine those students, families and or staff who should be notified based on primary or secondary contact with the positive COVID-19 person.
4. Will students and teacher be required to wear a mask? And if students do not have a mask, will they be provided with one?
 - a. Because information changes daily regarding the virus as of right now, ALL who are on campus will be required to wear a mask. If a student does not have a mask, they will be provided one.
5. How are we going to socially distance ourselves in the classroom?
 - a. Social distancing in classrooms for more than 3300 students on a campus is a challenge. Currently we are working with district leadership in looking at several models that will allow us to maximize our ability to social distance as best as possible. One example is splitting the school in half and having one-half of the student body come one day and the other half on another day.
6. How many cases at the school would be considered a breakout?
 - a. Outbreaks of COVID19 is defined as two or more laboratory- confirmed COVID-19 cases among students, children in care, residents, or staff with onsets within a 14 day period, who are epidemiologically linked, do not share a household, and were not identified as close contacts of each other in another setting during standard case investigation or contact tracing.

7. Once in person instruction starts, are student's you going to hold our students with hostage until they get the vaccine? Will it be mandatory for students to get vaccinated?
 - a. According to the Arizona Department of Health, "We understand this will be a very unique school year and while we do not want to put more burden on schools, or create barriers to vaccination or education, **schools are still required to follow the current immunization regulations that are in place.** We ask that schools and childcare/preschool facilities do the best they can to follow the requirements."
8. What are the exact metrics for students to return to in school learning?
 - a. We are currently using the metrics that were established by our public health offices to plan for reopening. You can view on our district webpage what exactly is being recommended by the public health offices in regard to reopening as well as <https://www.maricopa.gov/5594/School-Metrics>.
9. What are our options if we do not feel it is safe for our student to return to school in-person after the fall break?
 - a. Students will have the option to attend our Chandler Online Academy (COA) if the in-person plan does not suit your family's needs.
10. Will the kids still only have 3 classes a day when in person?
 - a. We are still collaborating with our district office on what model would be the safest and the best learning environment for students once we return to in-person learning.
11. Will there be a supply pickup for fine arts classes like ceramics?
 - a. Yes. Teachers are currently working on plans for their classes that need school resources to be picked up here at CHS in a drive through format. Please work with your child's teacher should you need specific resources for that class.
12. What will the school environment be like exactly when we get back?
 - a. School may look a little different when we return, and while we are still working on plans for what that return will look like, we know everyone will be required to wear a mask. Passing periods will be extended, more lunches will be added to the day, directional patterns will govern how students move throughout campus. Cleaning supplies will be made available for all staff to properly sanitize their learning space every period.
13. How do you expect students to be able to focus on their school and find the motivation to work amidst a global pandemic AND a civil rights movement?
 - a. We know that having been away from the traditional school environment for 6 months has taken a toll on many of our students and families. This is a big reason why we have tried to make the virtual learning world mirror and mimic the traditional learning environment as best as possible. We continue to encourage students to communicate their needs and challenges with their teachers so that we can provide them with the appropriate supports that we have available.
14. What will class sizes max out at when in person?
 - a. While there is no set cap for what classes will be like when we are in-person we are working very hard to make sure we develop schedules to reduce class size.

15. Is there a time frame as to when, if, in-person class will resume?
 - a. As of this moment we are in virtual learning through the end of first quarter, which was passed by our governing board on August 5th.
16. For the students who are on IEPs that want to go back to in-person learning, are they able to do so?
 - a. Currently, no. Students in some specialized classrooms have been working on our campus with our staff since August 5th.
17. Is the fall break still active?
 - a. Yes.
18. Online learning is challenging. How can I get my child the help they need to be successful at home until they can go back to school? I'm afraid they will slip through the cracks without some guidance.
 - a. When possible, it is very important that students take advantage of the google meets opportunities with their teachers daily. Here, teachers can walk them through and support them greatly. When it is not possible to meet with the teacher virtually, email communication becomes a very useful tool in getting the help your child needs.
19. How are students going to wear a mask during lunch at school?
 - a. Students are expected to spread out while at lunch on campus. Masks will not be required while eating, but students will have to remain seated when eating, and whenever not eating, masks will need to be put back on.
20. How will students have the opportunity to become acquainted with other students during virtual learning?
 - a. Much like a traditional classroom environment, teachers do activities to allow students opportunities to get to know one another and collaborate. While not what we are traditionally used to, teachers are making effective use of the google breakout sessions that allow students opportunities to collaborate and get to know one another.
21. if the kids go back to school will they get lunch
 - a. Yes. Students will still have lunch opportunities including still having access to off campus lunch for grades 10-12.
22. Are there any changes in the way grades will be calculated?
 - a. No.
23. Can students just do the paper and not enter the virtual class?
 - a. No.
24. What can we do as parents to better support the teachers, staff, and administrators during this very difficult time?
 - a. Continue to be open-minded as things change. As information related to the virus changes, it also changes the way our teachers are having to instruct. Continue to communicate with your child's teacher on questions or concerns that you may be having regarding their class.
25. With the virtual learning, what impacts are the teachers feeling?

- a. Like so many of you, teachers have to adjust the way they have traditionally done things. With that said, now that we are in our fourth week of virtual learning, teachers are starting to develop strong routines and gaining confidence in this new format.
26. What's your solution to the students who suffer from depression, ADHD, anxiety, etc. who can't focus or motivate themselves to do school, and are in fear of their grades AND GPA?
- a. We are fortunate to have resources on our campus that most schools do not have access to on their campuses. We have a social worker, health and wellness coach, and mental health counselor in addition to our 7 school counselors. Next week our student supports department will be sending out information regarding virtual groups that will be available for students to sign-up for and get the help that they need.
27. How are bus rides going to work if we must socially distance?
- a. More information regarding bus protocol will be released from the transportation department later.
28. If students return, will they still have the option of staying online through google classroom?
- a. No. While many teachers will still utilize the google classroom platform in their classes, it will not be the primary method for conducting student learning. Teachers will not be asked to teach students existing in both the virtual and physical world.
29. Can fundraisers be organized to raise funds and use to purchase PPEs, cleaning supplies, etc for the school?
- a. Possibly, yes. Please contact our activities office at 480. 812.7970 for more direction before conducting any fundraiser.
30. Will transportation such as buses still be available to students when in-person learning comes back?
- a. No.
31. Would students have to do the COA program if they choose to continue online?
- a. Yes.
32. When will sports start/ how will it work?
- a. Currently fall sports are already underway. Our school district has released specific guidelines for how each sport is to operate. A CHS FAQ regarding athletics will be made available early next week.
33. Will parents/ spectators be able to go and watch their kids do fall sports?
- a. As of right now, CUSD will not be allowing spectators at games. We have however increased our streaming capacity to capture as many of our athletic events as we can.
34. Will the kids "dress out" in the locker room when in-person resumes? How will the proximity of kids be managed in that environment?
- a. More information on locker room procedures will be released later. Currently, locker rooms are not able to be used.
35. Can student athletes fully participate in voluntary workouts/ weight training?

- a. Yes. Student athletes are expected to adhere to the guidelines of their sports. Please see your child's coach for more information on that sport's specific guidelines.