

Cambridge Public Schools is Prepared for Safe In-Person Learning!

Overview of Safety and Health Plans

COVID-19 Data Dashboard

CPS's scientific advisors identified three metrics that CPS uses to determine if it's safe to open school buildings: daily new cases, positive testing rates, and wastewater COVID-19 levels. See the latest information on the Data Dashboard linked from the main page of the CPS website.

COVID-19 Testing

In partnership with the City of Cambridge and the Cambridge Public Health Department, CPS has established a comprehensive testing system:

- Optional, free testing for all staff in CPS buildings, up to twice weekly
- Testing for symptomatic students and staff in CPS buildings
- Additional health aides for every school

School/Classroom Setup

CPS buildings and classrooms are setup to support social distancing and frequent hand-washing:

- Desks & tables spaced 6 feet apart, with 10 to 12 students in a typical classroom
- Sinks or additional sanitizer if no sink. Additional sinks installed in common areas and some classrooms.
- Virus shields placed in some high traffic areas
- "Get Well" rooms in every building, for students who demonstrate symptoms

Air Quality

CPS has reviewed and improved air ventilation quality:

- Improvements to central ventilation and filtration systems
- High Efficiency Particulate Air (HEPA) "air scrubbers" to clean air in under-ventilated areas
- Consulting with engineering and science experts to set a minimum standard of 4 Air Changes per Hour (4ACH) in any room that will be used by students and staff
- Window repairs and replacements to ensure maximum access to windows, and purchasing box fans to circulate fresh air

Masks, Face Shields, Gloves

CPS has ordered an abundance of personal protective equipment.

- CPS ordered 230,000 masks; 3,000 child-size and 2,000 adult-size face shields; 1,000,000 pairs of gloves, and has goggles and coveralls for those who may need it
- Staff and students may use the mask they prefer





Cleaning

CPS has strengthened its cleaning and disinfecting routines.

- Additional custodial staff being allocated for daily cleaning & sanitizing
- Electrostatic sprayers purchased to disinfect buildings
- Cleaning & disinfectant supplies provided for every classroom

Daily Health Checklist

CPS has developed a Daily Health Checklist that students and staff must review before entering a building for work, school, or an appointment. See the online and printed versions of “What Should I Do? A Daily Health Checklist and Responses to Different COVID Situations”



Scientific Advisors

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