

Cottonwood Creek Charter School

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's)

School Year 2020-2021

When does school start?

School starts on August 17, 2020. There will not be electives the first four weeks of school.

Will site class students have the option of Distance Learning to start the school year?

Yes. Cottonwood Creek Charter School is offering to two options for families to the start the school year: (1) Site Classes with County Recommended COVID Safety Precautions and (2) Full Time Distance Learning. Site class students that choose Full Time Distance learning will retain their site class position until the COVID restrictions are lifted.

Will site class students and their families be required to fill out a Liability Waiver in order to attend in-person site classes?

Yes. We will provide to families all the details and the "COVID-19 risks" involved with attending site classes. A signed waiver will be a requirement to attend any on-site classes.

Will face coverings be required at school?

All staff, students in 3rd-8th grades, families, and visitors over 2 years of age are expected to wear face coverings when they are on campus. Face coverings are strongly encouraged for all K-2nd grade students. Students may remove their face covering outside at recess and at lunch.

What types of face coverings are allowed?

A face covering is a covering made of cloth, fabric or other soft or permeable material without holes. It should cover the nose, mouth and chin. Students, staff, and families may choose to also wear a face shield in addition to their required cloth, fabric or other soft or permeable material that covers the nose, mouth and chin. There are a variety of face coverings that can be used at school. These types include cloth face masks, neck gaiters, face bandanas, and face shields. Students that wear ball cap face shields will be allowed to wear their ball caps in the classroom.

Please see examples of face coverings and where to buy them on the last two pages.

What will social distancing look like at the school?

Students will remain in the same cohort (group) with the same teacher during the day to the greatest extent possible, including during recess and lunch, to limit intermingling with other students. Desks are spaced within the classrooms to follow the Shasta County Health guidelines. Materials within the classrooms will be allocated for individual use. Frequent handwashing and/or use of hand sanitizer will be occurring. Staff will be positioned 6 feet between themselves and students as much as is practicable.

What safety precautions are being taken?

Some of our safety practices include wearing face coverings, frequent handwashing, remaining in grade-level cohorts, limited sharing of materials, maximizing space, replacing student tables with individual desks, installing safety barriers in the office and library, staggering lunch times, designating drop-off and pick-up locations, installing motion sensor sinks in the bathrooms, replacing drinking fountains with water bottle fillers, and increasing cleaning during school and after school.

What about temperature screening students?

We are asking that all families take the temperature of their child each morning and screen for illness. If your child has a temperature of 100.4 or higher you are to keep them home. If your child is sick, please keep them home. For the first two weeks, the school will be taking the temperature of all students before they begin class. We will continue to take the temperature of students who are showing signs of being ill.

What happens if there is a positive case at school?

Schools will work with public health on communication and protecting privacy. A confirmed case would result in a grade level cohort being put on distance learning protocols with their current teacher for 14 days. The entire school community would be informed that there was a case at the school.

What would be the conditions to move all students to Phase 1 (Distance/Virtual Learning)?

If Shasta County went on the California County watch list, all schools in Shasta County would move to Distance/Virtual Learning.

When will after-school electives start?

Due to new Shasta County Recommended COVID Safety Precautions, after-school electives have been put on hold for the 1st Learning Period. We will monitor the state and county school safety restrictions during the first few weeks of school. Hopefully, we will transition to a modified elective schedule during the middle of September.

Will visitors be allowed on campus?

We will be limiting visitors, including parents. Office access will still be open with health and safety protocols. Call the school for appointments if a meeting is required.

Will we be offering Friday Fields Trips?

Due to COVID restrictions, we will not be offering any Friday Field Trips the first month of school. We are hoping to put together some outdoor small group field trips by mid-September.

Examples of Face Coverings:

1) Face Masks



2) Neck Gaiters



3) Face Bandanas



4) Face Shields



Websites that sell Face Coverings:

1) Face Masks

3-D Perfect Fit Face Mask	website: (Amazon)
Old Navy variety cloth face masks for kids	website: (Old Navy)
Adidas Face Covers	website: (Adidas)

2) Neck Gaiters

Zhitunemi Kids Neck Gaiter	website: (Amazon)
Mission Neck Gaiters	website: (Amazon)

3) Face Bandanas

LOLONG Face Bandana Neck Gaiters	website: (Amazon)
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4) Face Shields

V by Vye (Kids Anti-Fog Face Shields)	website: (Amazon)
Realshield Ball Cap Shield	website: https://realshield.com/
InstaShield Ball Cap Face Shields	website: https://www.instashieldusa.com/