



COUNTRYSIDE MONTESSORI CHARTER SCHOOL

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COVID-19 Updates

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Parents & Students

Health and Wellness

- Masks are optional in Pasco County Schools. However, the CDC continues to recommend the use of masks. Since CDC guidance is subject to change, we recommend visiting the [CDC website](#) for the latest guidance.
- All district employees, students, visitors, and volunteers will review a health self-screener prior to reporting to work or school each day. The screeners will be posted at the top of our website.
- We will not be doing temperature checks upon arrival at this time.
- Staff and students will be encouraged to practice social distancing when and where possible.

Facilities Maintenance

- Enhanced cleaning will continue.
- Touch points around the campus will be disinfected throughout the day.
- Tables, sinks, drinking fountains, and light switches will be disinfected daily.
- AC filters will continue to be replaced with greater frequency.
- The use of one-way traffic flows inside buildings is encouraged where feasible to improve social distancing of students and staff.
- Cleaning resources (hand sanitizer, alcohol wipes, soap, germicide) will be regularly replenished.

Positive Cases

Students or staff who have tested positive for COVID-19 will be able to return to school or work when the following criteria have been met:

- At least 10 days have passed since symptoms first appeared, AND
- At least 24 hours have passed since the last fever has passed with the use of fever-reducing medications, AND
- Symptoms have subsided.

Students and staff may return in fewer than 10 days with the following:

- Verified medical documentation of alternate diagnosis as the cause of symptoms, OR
- Documentation of a negative PCR COVID-19 test.

Quarantine

- The Department of Health will determine which individuals need to quarantine due to close contact with a positive case. Close contact is defined as within six feet of an infected person for a total of 15 minutes or more.
- The Department of Health will review each case and make a recommendation. Students and staff who have been fully vaccinated may not be required to quarantine unless they exhibit symptoms.
- Individuals who need to quarantine will be notified via a letter from the Department of Health, which will be sent to the individuals by the school.
- Students who must quarantine or isolate will be marked as an excused absence during the quarantine period.

Instruction

- Students have two options for instruction, including in-person, on-campus instruction as an enrolled CMCS student and the Pasco eSchool/FLVS virtual option. For the Pasco eSchool/FLVS option, students would have to withdraw from CMCS. The state has not approved our continued use of the innovative option that was offered last year – CMCS Online.
- Each quarantine situation will be unique and CMCS will work with families to develop a plan to ensure instructional continuity.
- Concurrent teaching and Zoom classes are not the expectation when students are out on quarantine.

Visitors and Volunteers

- Meetings involving visitors will be conducted **virtually** when possible.
- At this time, CMCS will not have visitors on campus for at least the first quarter. We will continue to use the walk-up window for visitors.
- All visitors and volunteers will review a health self-screener prior to visiting the school campus. The screeners will be posted on our website.

Field Trips & Enrichment

- CMCS will not have field trips or enrichment for at least the first quarter.