NEWS RELEASE
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CLOVIS MUNICIPAL SCHOOLS
2020 - 2021 REENTRY GUIDELINES
FOR FAMILIES, STUDENTS, & STAFF

In preparation for the start of school in August, Clovis Municipal Schools has created a District reentry guide to familiarize families, students, and staff with the unique circumstances created by COVID-19. Based on requirements and guidance provided by the New Mexico Public Education Department and in keeping with current public health orders, the Clovis Municipal Schools 2020 - 2021 Reentry Guidelines detail the procedures for returning to school.

This guide is the result of in-depth planning and analysis by District leadership and specialists who have diligently worked to address the needs created by the current public health climate. Going forward, further, more detailed guidance is being developed, however these guidelines will serve as the core operating procedures for all that follows.

Ultimately, as these guidelines illustrate, school reentry is largely directed at the state level, with districts responsible for implementation and adherence to public health orders and state mandates. In light of this, we have all learned in past months that the challenges of COVID-19 create uncertainty in our world. Therefore, as of the time this document was prepared, it is in line with state expectations and public health orders. However, the District is preparing for the upcoming school year with the understanding that flexibility and adaptation will be required, a sentiment we also encourage our families and community to adopt.

It is with great anticipation and commitment that our District prepares to welcome students back to school in August. Our staff are enthusiastically readying themselves to resume the very important role of educating and supporting the students of our community.

See you on the first day of school!

Clovis Municipal Schools Leadership Team

Inspire. Innovate. Educate.
August 17, 2020, is the first day of school for students of Clovis Municipal Schools in 1st – 12th grades and August 24, 2020, for preschool and kindergarten (see “2020-2021 Instructional Calendar,” p.9 or online: 2020-2021 Instructional Calendar). This document is intended to serve as a basic reentry guide for families, students and staff. Additional and more comprehensive documents will be made available as developed.

As the District prepares for reentry into school, the NM Public Education Department requires each school district comply with eight minimum requirements: NM Public Education Department Reentry Guidance Document

1. **All districts and schools across the state will be able to open strictly according to Hybrid guidelines (see next page - yellow column).** The Department of Health and Medical Advisory Team will regularly assess rates of the spread of COVID-19. Districts and schools will then follow the appropriate guidelines based on the designated safe reentry category.

2. Schools, at the direction of the NM Department of Health, must participate in a surveillance and rapid response testing program for all staff.

3. Schools must adhere to the social distancing requirements of their designated category.

4. Schools should avoid large group gatherings.

5. Face coverings are required for all students and staff except while eating, drinking and exercising, with limited exceptions for students or staff who have medical reasons for not being able to wear a mask or face shield.

6. **All staff must be screened on a daily basis, including a temperature check and review of potential symptoms.**

   All sites must work with state and local health officials to have a plan for contact tracing. While not required, this is also recommended for students.

7. **For transportation, all staff and students must wear face shields or masks. In addition:**

   a. A maximum of two students may sit together on a bus seat.

   b. Schools in the yellow category should take all reasonable steps to limit bus seats to one student to the best of their ability.

8. **Meals must be provided to students during in-person instruction and remote learning.**
# CLOVIS MUNICIPAL SCHOOLS 2020-2021
## REENTRY GUIDELINES

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<th>Type of School Model</th>
<th>Traditional</th>
<th>Hybrid A or B Cohort</th>
<th>COLA C Cohort</th>
<th>Remote</th>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Description of model</strong></td>
<td>School as we know it. All students in classrooms.</td>
<td>Pre K-12 students attend in person on M/T (A Cohort) or T/W/F (B Cohort) - No or minimal students in buildings on Wednesday to allow for deep cleaning.</td>
<td>Clovis On-Line Academy (COLA) - Fully on-line school for grades K-12 (C Cohort)</td>
<td>All students in CMS working from home.</td>
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<td><strong>Teachers</strong></td>
<td>Clovis Municipal Schools Teachers</td>
<td>CMS teachers teach face-to-face with students in classrooms. Teachers monitor work of students on remote days.</td>
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<td>District determined curriculum utilizing district created resources. Curriculum is delivered through Face-to-Face instruction in the buildings</td>
<td>CMS teachers use District created curriculum utilizing District created resources for face-to-face instruction. CMS teachers utilize online curriculum to provide lessons to students when students are at home 3 days per week. Online curriculum may be Edgenuity or district created resources delivered with Google classroom.</td>
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<td><strong>Courses offered</strong></td>
<td>Full Course selection</td>
<td>Full course selection, but delivered electronically when students are not in school.</td>
<td>Limited course selection is available.</td>
<td>Full course selection, but delivered electronically everyday.</td>
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<td><strong>Reason for Model</strong></td>
<td>It is safe to resume school as normal</td>
<td>Social distancing is required as determined by the current health situation.</td>
<td>Parent/student chooses to keep student at home.</td>
<td>The current health situation dictates that it is not safe for students to be in school.</td>
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<td><strong>School Model is Determined by:</strong></td>
<td>Determined by New Mexico Public Education Department.</td>
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**NOTE:** Students/parents can change to Cohort C at any point as long as space is available; however, students cannot change to Cohort A/B until the semester ends.
BEFORE LEAVING HOME:
- Parent/guardian checks the child for COVID-19 symptoms, in the event of a temperature of 100°, keep the child home until symptoms subside for 48 hours; contact the school office to report the absence
- Have your child wash their hands just prior to leaving home
- Please send your child to school with a full bottle of water and face covering
- Check their materials and confirm they have the items needed for the day to include homework, supplies and Chromebooks/chargers. This will avoid parents/guardians having to make multiple trips to the campus throughout the day.

RIDING THE BUS:
- It is critical that parents/guardians provide supervision of their children until the bus is boarded.
- To avoid grouping of students, students should remain in the vehicle or stand at least 6’ apart while waiting for bus arrival to minimize grouping of children from different households.
- Unaccompanied students at the bus stop showing signs of sickness will not be allowed on the bus. Authorities will be contacted to return the student to their parents/guardians.
- Students who fail to follow COVID safe practices may have their transportation privileges suspended or revoked.
- Hand sanitizer will be used as students board and exit the bus.
- Buses will establish loading and unloading practices to limit direct person to person contact. Students will sit in assigned seating. No more than 2 students will be allowed per seat.
- Face coverings (masks, neck gaiters, or face shields) will be required for all students and staff while riding the bus. Medical exceptions will be managed on a case-by-case basis.
- Buses will be disinfected between routes and at the end of the day.
ENTERING THE SCHOOL BUILDING:
- School buildings will be open at 7:30 am. Each site will determine when students are allowed in the building due to the temperature screening process.
- Face coverings (masks, neck gaiters, or face shields) are required for all students and staff except while eating, drinking and exercising (including recess), with limited exceptions for students or staff who have medical reasons for not being able to wear a mask or face shield. Students seeking a medical exception need to contact the school nurse. Staff seeking a medical exception need to contact Employee Services.
- Temperature checks are required of staff and students as they enter the building. Anyone with a temperature of 100° F or higher will be isolated and sent home. Confidentiality will be maintained to the extent possible.
- Anyone in the buildings will follow marked spaced lines to enter the building and designated entrance and exit flow paths.
- Essential visitors must call the school office before entering; screening and face-covering will be required.
- Large group gatherings will be prohibited.
- Access to facilities by nonessential visitors and volunteers will be restricted.
- Students or staff who feel ill after coming to school will be isolated until they can return home.

TRANSITIONING & GATHERINGS:
- Hallways will have lanes as flow paths to keep students separated.
- Class changes will be staggered to decrease the number of students in hallways.
- Same groups of students will stay with the same staff as much as practical.
- Large group gatherings will be prohibited, especially in parking lots and common areas.
- Recess will be staggered to reduce the numbers of students together at a given time. Social distancing will be required. Recess will be structured with games and activities that allow for social
distancing.  **NMPED Guidance P.E., Recess, Activities**

- Occupancy in classrooms and all other spaces will follow the 6’ social distancing or 50% capacity requirements.
- Every site will post signage detailing proper hygiene information and common COVID-19 symptoms.

**MEALS: NMPED Guidance for Meals**

- Meals will be provided for every student every day, even when learning from home.
- Disposable plates, utensils, etc. will be used.
- Cafeteria and serving lines will be marked with designated entrance and exit flow paths.
- Lunches from home may be brought to school and left in designated areas for student pick-up at meal time. Food delivery from home or outside sources during the school day is discouraged due to health/safety concerns and should be avoided when at all possible. Face coverings (masks, neck gaiters or face shields) are required for all individuals dropping off lunch.
- Cafeterias will be cleaned after each serving and throughout the day.
- For elementary students, cafeteria staff will deliver breakfast and lunch to be eaten in the classroom. Teachers will place the meals on the students’ desks. Trash receptacles for food waste will be placed in the hallways.
- Secondary schools will have breakfast and lunch delivered to designated eating locations throughout each campus. Social distancing guidelines will be followed.
- Remote learners will be able to pick up meals at a designated location and time. Breakfast and lunch will be distributed together, Monday through Friday.
- Possible options for delivery of meals to designated locations for students in remote areas are being developed.
PRACTICING PREVENTION:
- COVID-19 preventive hygiene measures will be taught and reinforced. These include handwashing, covering coughs, and proper wearing of face coverings.
- Hand soap and hand sanitizer will be provided. Hand sanitizer will be available for use by students, with teacher supervision.
- Disinfectant materials and personal protective equipment will be made available for every classroom.
- Frequently touched surfaces will be cleaned/disinfected by trained custodial staff at least daily.
- Water fountains will not be used by students. Students are encouraged to bring their own water bottles from home. Students will be scheduled to refill their personal bottle with staff operating the bottle-fill feature of water fountains. Disposable containers will be available for students without a water bottle.
- Deep cleaning of schools prior to school opening, during school breaks, mid-week and weekends will occur.

TEMPORARY SCHOOL CLOSURE OCCURRING WHILE HYBRID MODEL IS BEING USED:
- Areas of a building or an entire campus may be temporarily closed due to a positive COVID-19 test or possible exposure. In the event of any closure, the turnaround time for reentry will be at least 48 hours. When possible, cleaning and disinfecting the campus will occur after an initial 24 hour waiting period has passed.
- Those who have had close contact to a positive COVID-19 case will be advised to stay home and follow New Mexico Department of Health (NMDOH) guidance for home quarantine.
- Staff or students testing positive for COVID-19 may not return until having met NMDOH criteria.
- To the extent possible, remote instruction will continue for those affected by a closure.
SPECIALS AND EXTRA CURRICULAR:
- Elementary Art, PE, Library and Music and Secondary Elective Courses are vital to the success of students and will occur on a regular basis.
- Athletics and Activities will follow New Mexico Activities Association (NMAA) Guidelines where applicable. [New Mexico Activities Association](#)
- Pre-season COVID-19 testing will be administered for all coaches and student athletes.

GRADING PRACTICES AND ASSESSMENTS: [NMPED Grading Guidance](#)
- District grading procedures that were in place before school closure will be utilized.
- Grades will be reflective of student performance against grade level content and standards. Intervention strategies will be used to scaffold student learning as necessary.
- Remote work will be graded in the same manner as work completed in the traditional classroom.
- State Assessments will be determined by the New Mexico Public Education Department.

ATTENDANCE:
- Attendance will be taken daily in both hybrid/in-person and remote classes.
- Attendance and participation are mandatory for both in-person and online instruction.
- Attendance expectations and accountability will align with the “New Mexico Attendance for Success Act”: [Attendance for Success Act](#)

SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL LEARNING:
- Clovis Municipal Schools will prioritize Social and Emotional Learning for all students and staff. Positive Action and Capturing Kids’ Hearts will be utilized.
SPECIAL EDUCATION AND ANCILLARY SERVICES:

- Academic Individualized Education Plan (IEP) services will continue, as well as ancillary services such as Speech, Occupational Therapy/Physical Therapy (OT/PT), counseling, audiology and services for visually impaired students. These will occur virtually and/or in person through extended learning activities, small group intervention with Google Classroom, teletherapy and parent consultation. We are also providing equipment for sound enhancement on the Chromebooks to our students with hearing loss.

- **NMPED Guidance for Special Education**

SERVICE TO ENGLISH LEARNERS:

- Families will complete the Language Use Survey (LUS) in the registration packet, and if needed, screening will be conducted within the 30 day period from the beginning of school. If instruction is in the remote learning model, NMPED's temporary screening process will be utilized to determine if the student qualifies for provisional English Learners (EL) service. Upon reentry into a Hybrid or in-person school environment, provisional EL’s will be given the World-class Instructional Design and Assessment (WIDA) WIDA-ACCESS Placement Test (WAPT) screening to determine qualification.

- 45 minutes of daily language acquisition instruction for ELs will occur. Each EL will receive language development instruction from the same teacher daily. Each site will develop their own schedule based upon numbers, grade level, and language acquisition level of ELs. Instruction will occur during an intervention time and students will be expected to log in for live instruction during virtual days.

- **NMPED Guidance English Learners and Bilingual Multicultural Education Programs**

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July 15, 2020
## CLOVIS MUNICIPAL SCHOOLS
### 2020 - 2021 INSTRUCTIONAL CALENDAR

**APPROVED BY THE CMS BOARD OF EDUCATION: FEBRUARY 25, 2020**
Revised: May 26, 2020, July 1, 2020

### JULY
- **July 3** - Holiday

### AUGUST
- **Aug 6** - New Teacher Orientation
- **Aug 7** - Teachers Report
- **Aug 7** - District Professional Development
- **Aug 10** - Work Days
- **Aug 12** - District Professional Development
- **Aug 13** - Site Professional Development
- **Aug 17** - Classes Begin
- **Aug 24** - Preschool and Kindergarten Classes Begin

### SEPTEMBER
- **Sept 2** - Early Release @ 1:00
- **Sept 7** - Holiday
- **Sept 16** - Progress Reports
- **Sept 16** - Parent/Teacher Conference

### OCTOBER
- **Oct 7** - Early Release @ 1:00
- **Oct 9-12** - Fall Break
- **Oct 16** - End of 1st 9 Weeks (42 days)
- **Oct 19** - Data/90-Day Planning
- **Oct 21** - Report Cards
- **Nov 4** - Early Release @ 1:00
- **Nov 11** - Holiday
- **Nov 18** - Progress Reports
- **Nov 23-27** - Holidays

### NOVEMBER
- **Dec 2** - Early Release @ 1:00
- **Dec 16 - End of 1st Semester - Release at 1:00**
  - (30 days)
  - (80 instructional days)
- **Dec 21-Jan 1** - Holidays

### DECEMBER
- **Mar 3** - Early Release @ 1:00
- **Mar 15** - End of 3rd 9 Weeks (44 days)
- **Mar 17** - Data/90-Day Planning
- **Mar 19** - Report Cards
- **Mar 22-26** - Spring Break
- **Mar (TRD) - Science (NM-ASR)
  - Test Administration Window

### JANUARY
- **Jan 1** - Holiday
- **Jan 4** - Teachers Return
- **Jan 5** - Professional Development
- **Jan 6** - Data/90-Day Planning
- **Jan 7-8** - Work Days
- **Jan 11** - Classes Resume for 2nd Semester
- **Jan 15** - Report Cards
- **Jan 18** - Holiday

### FEBRUARY
- **Feb 3** - Early Release @ 1:00
- **Feb 10** - Progress Reports
- **Feb 15** - Holiday

### MARCH
- **Mar 3** - Early Release @ 1:00
- **Mar 7** - Work Days
- **Mar 19** - Report Cards
- **Mar 22-26** - Spring Break
- **Mar (TRD) - Science (NM-ASR)
  - Test Administration Window

### APRIL
- **Apr (TRD) - VNMSSA
  - Test Administration Window
- **Apr 2** - Spring Holiday
- **Apr 7** - Early Release @ 1:00
- **Apr 21** - Progress Reports
- **Apr 21** - Parent/Teacher Conference

### MAY
- **May 5** - Early Release @ 1:00
- **May 23** - CMS Graduation @ 2:00 PM
- **May 27** - End of 2nd Semester - Release at 1:00
  - (46 days)
  - (99 instructional days)
- **May 27** - Last Day of School
- **May 27** - Report Cards
- **May 31** - Holiday

### JUNE
- **Jun 5** - Full Days
- **Jun 7** - Parent/Teacher Conference
- **Jun 15** - Summer School
- **Jun 17** - Summer School
- **Jun 19** - Summer School
- **Jun 21** - Summer School
- **Jun 23** - Summer School
- **Jun 25** - Summer School
- **Jun 27** - Summer School

### The following schedule is subject to change based on current health orders:

* Hybrid - Cohort A: Monday & Tuesday ~ Face to Face / Wednesday - Friday ~ Virtual
* Hybrid - Cohort B: Monday - Wednesday ~ Virtual / Thursday & Friday ~ Face to Face
* Hybrid - Cohort C: Virtual

(Wednesdays ~ Deep cleaning & disinfecting between Cohort schedules.)