



CREECS Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan

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MAINTAINING HEALTH AND SAFETY

A school's plan must include how it will maintain the health and safety of students, educators, and other school and LEA staff, and the extent to which it has adopted policies or practices and a description of any such policies or practices, on each of the CDC's safety recommendations including: the universal and correct wearing of masks; modifying facilities to allow for physical distancing (e.g., use of cohorts/podding); hand washing and respiratory etiquette; cleaning and maintaining healthy facilities, including improving ventilation; contact tracing in combination with isolation and quarantine, in collaboration with the state, local, territorial, or Tribal health departments; diagnostic and screening testing; efforts to provide vaccinations to educators, other staff, and students, if eligible; appropriate accommodations for children with disabilities with respect to health and safety policies or practices; and coordination with state and local health officials.

DESCRIPTION OF MAINTAINING HEALTH AND SAFETY

Creecs established an extensive list of practices and safety protocols for in-person instruction during the 2020-2021 school year. Conversations are planned for this summer with stakeholders, as well as health experts to determine any modifications that may need to take place for the beginning of the 2021-2022 school year.

These practices include:

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- Face masks are available for students and staff.
- Posters emphasizing hand washing, social distancing and proper sanitation will be placed around campus.
- All faculty and staff will emphasize hand-washing and ample supplies or hand sanitizer stations are located around campus.
- Continue to follow guidance from state health experts and local state experts.

Updated:08/11/21

- Desk Dividers will be available upon teacher request.
 - Individual student desk dividers may be provided upon written request of the student's parent or guardian.
 - School sanitization procedures will include cleaning of bathrooms and high-touch surfaces twice daily.
 - Facemasks for students, employees are "strongly encouraged" indoors to help prevent the spread of COVID, but will not be required in compliance with SC Budget Proviso 1.108.
 - Masks will be worn by students and staff in the school nurse's office.
 - Visitors to schools will be required to wear masks when inside of all campus buildings.
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- Posters/signs will be placed around campus encouraging hand-washing, distancing and proper sanitization
 - All faculty and staff will emphasize hand-washing, and ample supplies of hand sanitizer will be made available.
 - Continue to follow guidance from state health experts and local state experts

**POLICIES OR PRACTICES REGARDING CDC RECOMMENDATIONS-
*Universal and correct wearing of masks***

Face coverings were required in 2020-21 for all students with exceptions during meals and outdoors where distancing was possible. Parents were allowed to opt-out from student face coverings in the final weeks of the school year. During Summer 2021, a decision will be made after discussions with stakeholders about the face coverings policy beginning in August 2021. Guidance from DHEC, CDC, and other agencies will be important in making the final decision. That decision will be announced in advance of the opening of the 2021-22 school year.

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- Face masks are optional but available for all students and staff.

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- Facemasks for students, employees, and visitors are "strongly encouraged" indoors to help prevent the spread of COVID, but will not be required in compliance with SC Budget Proviso 1.108.
- Visitors to schools will be required to wear masks when inside of all campus buildings.
- Masks will be worn by students and staff in the school nurse's office.

POLICIES OR PRACTICES REGARDING CDC RECOMMENDATIONS- *Modifying facilities to allow for physical distancing (e.g., use of cohorts/podding)*

To the extent possible, classrooms will space students at a minimum of 3 feet apart. A decision on the use of desk dividers will be made after discussions with stakeholders and a review of guidance from state health experts has been completed. The decision on desk divider use will be announced in advance of the opening of the 2021-2022 school year.

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- Desk shields are available on teacher/parent request.

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- Desk shields will be provided upon teacher request. Individual shields may be provided for students upon written parental request.
- Students will be spaced 3 feet apart when possible. In most cases, CREECS classrooms will not allow for distancing students 3 feet apart.

POLICIES OR PRACTICES REGARDING CDC RECOMMENDATIONS- *Handwashing and respiratory etiquette*

Outdoor sinks and hand sanitizer stations have been installed in locations throughout our campus. CREECS will encourage personal hygiene practices including proper hand washing among students and staff.

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- Posters emphasizing hand washing, social distancing and proper sanitation will be placed around campus.
- All faculty and staff will emphasize hand-washing and ample supplies or hand sanitizer stations are located around campus.

POLICIES OR PRACTICES REGARDING CDC RECOMMENDATIONS- *Cleaning and maintaining healthy facilities, including improving ventilation*

CREECS will ensure that its facility provides a safe and healthy learning environment with the following protocols in place.

- Disinfecting bathrooms and high-touch common surfaces at least twice a day
- All restroom supplies will be checked and restocked multiple times a day. Classrooms will be supplied with approved sanitizer and paper

towels so they may do additional sanitizing of surfaces if they wish to do so.

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- We are following our regular cleaning schedule and deep cleaning as necessary.

POLICIES OR PRACTICES REGARDING CDC RECOMMENDATIONS- *Contact tracing in combination with isolation and quarantine*

The school nurse is responsible for contact tracing associated with positive COVID-19 cases. Protocols are in place for prompt notification of individuals and parents after determination of close contacts. Any isolation and quarantine periods are enforced consistently in alignment with CDC and DHEC recommendations. Persons who are fully vaccinated are not required to quarantine if they remain asymptomatic. In addition to the notification of close contacts, parents of other students in the room are also notified that a positive case was identified in their child's classroom (without information that would identify the positive person). The entire classroom will be quarantined if there is a positive case of COVID-19 in the classroom.

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- Contact tracing and quarantining will resume if 10% of our student population tests positive for COVID-19.

POLICIES OR PRACTICES REGARDING CDC RECOMMENDATIONS- *Diagnostic and screening testing*

Once a vaccine became available, all employees were encouraged to get the covid-19 vaccine during the 2020-2021 school year. Employees were given time off without penalty and all who wished to get the vaccine were able to do so within a one-week period. Any employee who wanted to get screened for COVID-19 at any point in the school year was given time off without penalty for screening. The same policies will be followed for the 2021-2022 school year.

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- COVID-19 tests are available for symptomatic individuals as needed.

POLICIES OR PRACTICES REGARDING CDC RECOMMENDATIONS- *Efforts to provide vaccinations to educators, other staff and students, if eligible*

Teachers were given time off without penalty to get vaccinated during the 2021-2022 school year. The same policy will apply this year to students and employees.

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- The school provides information to faculty and parents on the COVID-19 vaccine.

POLICIES OR PRACTICES REGARDING CDC RECOMMENDATIONS- *Appropriate accommodations for children with disabilities with respect to health and safety policies and practices*

Teachers and service providers will continue to provide specially designed instruction and/or related services outlined in a student's current IEP or 504 Accommodations Plan. If adjustments need to be made given the instructional model in place for the student, IEP teams and 504 committees will convene to consider any amendments to special education goals, services, and accommodations to best meet the needs of the student considering any health and safety procedures and the instructional setting.

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- Our school will continue to provide specialized instruction as outlined in the student's IEP or 504 plan to help meet the needs of the student considering any health and safety procedures and the instructional setting.

POLICIES OR PRACTICES REGARDING CDC RECOMMENDATIONS- *Coordination with state and local health officials*

CREECS will be guided by the latest health and safety conditions in all facets of the Safe Return Plan for the 2021-2022 school year. Flexibility and adaptability are keys to success, and will make changes in operating modes and protocols as needed in consultation with health experts.

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- **We will continue to make decisions based on the latest health and safety recommendations from state and local health officials.**

CONTINUITY OF SERVICES

CREECS has established a digital learning system that consists of:
Adequate technical and instructional support for teachers and students
1:1 technology distribution
Adequate infrastructure to support requirements
Virtual curriculum materials

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- **CREECS will maintain its digital platform to address students' academic needs and students' and staff's social, emotional, mental health, and other needs.**

PERIODIC REVIEW

CREECS will review and if necessary revise its plan every six months. It will seek input from the public through surveys and conversations with stakeholders.

Updated: 04/06/22

- CREECS will review and update our plan every six months through September 2023 to determine if revisions are necessary.

PUBLIC INPUT

CREECS will continue to make its plan public on the school's website. Parents and employees will be made aware of any updates to its plan via email and the school's website.

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