

# 2021-2022 Congress Elementary School: Mitigation Plan

## COVID-19 Guidelines/Protocols

\*All guidance may be subject to change based upon health guidelines/directions. Updates will be sent home with new guidance when protocols change.

### **Mask Wearing:**

Current Health Guidelines include the usage of face masks to mitigate the spread of COVID-19. The school will follow the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidance for schools.

### **Students May Not Come to School:**

The presence of any of the symptoms below generally suggests a student has an infectious illness and should not attend school, regardless of whether the illness is COVID-19. **For students with chronic conditions, a positive screening should represent a change from their typical health status.**

- Temperature of 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit or higher
- Sore throat
- Cough (for students with chronic cough due to allergies or asthma, a change in their cough from baseline)
- Difficulty breathing (for students with asthma, a change from their baseline breathing)
- Diarrhea or vomiting
- New onset of severe headache, especially with a fever

PARENTS/GUARDIANS should screen their child(ren) for the above symptoms each morning, report symptoms to the school, and must keep child(ren) at home if any symptoms are present. (Students will have the opportunity to make up work missed due to symptoms of COVID-19.)

### **On the Bus:**

The bus driver, wearing appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE), will visually check each student prior to the student boarding the bus for visible symptoms of COVID-19. If a student exhibits visible symptoms (which may include difficulty breathing, runny nose, and/or vomiting), the following steps will be taken:

- If the parent is at the bus stop/nearby, the student will return to their parent.
- If the parent is not at the bus stop, the student will be provided with a mask if they do not have one already, and—if possible—will be situated, as much possible, to be socially distanced from other persons.
- If a student has a chronic condition such as allergies or asthma, parents should inform administrative staff of that condition. Students with symptoms of runny nose or cough may be given administrative permission to ride the bus.

### **At School:**

A staff member will visually check each student for symptoms prior to students entering the school. Students with visible symptoms of runny nose, cough, shortness of breath, or vomiting: Parents may be contacted for pick-up with the following exceptions:

- If the student has a runny nose, and it is observed there are no other symptoms, the parent may be contacted to inquire as to whether the student has had any other symptoms or there have been any COVID-19 exposures.
- If the student has health information on file that confirms a diagnosis of asthma or other respiratory condition and it is observed there are no other symptoms, the parent may be contacted to inquire as to whether the student has had any other symptoms or there have been any COVID-19 exposures.

\*All teachers have a thermometer and based upon COVID-19 symptom concern will immediately take the temperature of the identified student.

\*Daily cleaning of classrooms and workspaces will be completed using a cleaner that is approved for cleaning to combat COVID-19.

\*Hand washing and usage of hand sanitizer will be done regularly and as needed

**Protocols: Congress Elementary School District  
COVID-19 Parental Acknowledgment and Disclosure**

**Each statement below should be read and initialed by either a parent or the child's guardian.**

1. \_\_\_\_\_ I understand that it is my responsibility to inform other members of my household of the information contained herein.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ I understand my child must be free from COVID-19 symptoms. If, during the day, any of the following symptoms appear, my child will be separated from the rest of the class and moved to a supervised, secure area. I will be contacted, and my child **MUST** be picked up within 1 hour of being notified.  
Symptoms include:
  - Fever of 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit or higher
  - Chills
  - Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
  - Fatigue
  - Muscle or body aches
  - Headache
  - New loss of taste or smell
  - Sore throat
  - Congestion or runny nose
  - Nausea or vomiting
  - Diarrhea
3. \_\_\_\_\_ I understand that, as the parent/guardian, I must conduct a daily screening of my child for symptoms prior to the child arriving at school.
4. \_\_\_\_\_ I understand that my child will be required to wash their hands throughout the day using CDC-recommended handwashing procedures.
5. \_\_\_\_\_ I understand that my child must wear a face covering throughout the day according to the protocols established by the District.
6. \_\_\_\_\_ I will immediately notify the school if I become aware that my child has had close contact with any individual who has been diagnosed with COVID-19.
7. \_\_\_\_\_ **The Site/District will continue to follow the guidelines of both the CDC and state and local officials. As changes occur, parents and guardians will be notified. The Site Point of Contact (Dr. Miller, Superintendent) may contact the Arizona Department of Health Services if any staff member or student contracts COVID-19 to help make crucial decisions on next steps.**
8. \_\_\_\_\_ I understand that, while present at school each day, my child will be in contact with children and employees who are also at risk of community exposure. I understand that no list of restrictions, guidelines, or practices will remove the risk of exposure to COVID-19. I understand that the members of my family play a crucial role in keeping everyone at school safe and reducing the risk of exposure by following the practices outlined herein.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, certify that I have read, understand, and agree to comply with the provisions listed herein.

Child or Children Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
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Parent/Guardian's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_