

Charlotte County Schools

Press Release

- **Parent Options for their children for the 2020 – 2021 School Year**
 - Traditional “face-to-face” learning, known as “brick and mortar” instruction
 - Charlotte Virtual School (Must register by July 31 on District Website)
 - Home Education

- **Masks**
 - Wearing masks on the school bus and in the school buildings will clearly be introduced this school year, and will be allowed. To what extent masks will be required will be forthcoming.
 - Students with disabilities or medical conditions that prevent any type of face covering will be addressed on a case-by-case basis.

- **Social Distancing**
 - Schools will promote and encourage social distancing as much as possible, and school officials will continue to remind students and staff of its importance throughout the school day.

- **1:1 Chromebooks**
 - The Charlotte County Public School District has increased its inventory of Chromebooks in order to issue a device to each student in the District.

- **School Health Protocols**
 - School Nurses will work with the Department of Health to ensure the potential spread of COVID-19 is minimized within the school setting.
 - Students who are exhibiting COVID-like symptoms will be sent home and will be excused from school attendance until they meet CDC Guidelines for return.
 - Students who test positive for COVID-19 will be excused from school attendance until they meet CDC Guidelines for return.
 - School Nurses will provide daily medications to students in a secondary location to prevent the exposure of ill students to healthy students in the school clinic.
 - School officials will contact parents when COVID-19 positive cases occur.
 - It is important to note that student names, including any identifiable information, will not be released in order to protect the confidentiality of that student per Federal Law.
 - The District will refer to local Department of Health guidelines for notification procedure and protocol.

- Students will be allowed to carry hand sanitizer as long as the bottle meets CDC safety requirements and contains no more than 3 ounces of sanitizer.
 - The bottle must be in its original container and not altered in any fashion.

- **School Sanitizing Protocols**

- Custodial services at each school will strive to meet CDC guidelines for cleaning and sanitation. Classrooms, media centers, nurse stations, cafeterias, kitchens, restrooms, water fountains, administrative offices, and public spaces, to include but not limited to corridors, elevators and stairwells will be cleaned and disinfected daily.
- Buses will be cleaned and disinfected daily.
- Special attention will be given to frequently touched surfaces throughout the day to reduce risk.
- Each location has been provided with appropriate cleaning and sanitizing products as well as personal protective equipment (PPE).
- Cloth masks will be provided for all staff. Disposable masks will be available for visitors.
- While hand washing is encouraged throughout the day, hand sanitizer will be available throughout the school.
- Transportation and Champ's Cafe will provide hand sanitizer for all customers.
- Floor and window decals encouraging social distancing and hand washing will be visible throughout the school.
- Visitors will be greeted and encouraged to follow social distancing floor decals in school lobbies.
 - Sneeze guards will be provided at each main office lobby counter

- **Transportation Survey**

- A phone survey to assess student bus usage will be sent to parents over the next few days, and parents are encouraged to complete the brief survey.