



Ellicott School District 22

Home of the Thunderhawks

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Safety Procedures and Protocols 2021-2022

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As we begin this year, we are filled with excitement to have our hallways and classrooms filled with students and staff. Unfortunately, COVID-19 is continuing to have a presence in our decision making in regards to the operating our schools. As the different local and federal departments of health, try to navigate the spread of the virus and the science of how to live, the Ellicott School District will continue to monitor all recommendations and make decisions based on educating the 'child' as a whole. El Paso County Health has provided recommendations, but at the moment they have not mandated masks to be worn to attend School.

We will follow the following procedures and protocols, knowing that this situation is subject to change at a moment's notice. Thank you in advance for your support, patience, and understanding as we all- will move forward together to have a great year. "Together for Excellence", as we try and keep the schools open, please make sure that you are doing your part in regards to keeping you and your families healthy.

Illness:

If individuals have symptoms of illness, they should not come to school.

If a student presents any symptoms while at school, we will follow the established procedures as with any other illness. They will be isolated, evaluated and the appropriate action will be taken.

If an individual receives a positive notification, then follow the health care provider instructions for a safe return to school. The only change that we will expect is that symptoms must be non-existent without the help of medication for 48 hours before returning.

Vaccinations:

Public Health Officials recommend vaccinations for everyone ages 12 and up.

Ellicott School District does not require the COVID 19 vaccination to work in or attend school. Ellicott Schools will not require reporting of vaccination status for COVID-19.



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Masks:

Are not required in school, but recommended for those individuals who are not vaccinated and is recommended by the Center for Disease Control (CDC) at all times entering indoor spaces.

Federal Mandate states that masks are required for all forms of Public Transportation- to include school buses. For further information please visit the following website for more information at: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/k-12-guidance.html>

Notification-Quarantine-Isolation:

Ellicott School District 22 is a public education institution. We are here to educate, not track the students, staff or community's health status. We are concerned if any event or incident threatens the educational environment, but are not health care professionals. To that end- we will not require tests, or vaccinations to receive or deliver education.

As a citizen, your responsibility is to isolate yourself or loved ones, if you or they are sick. If you or a family member goes to a medical professional please follow the recommendations that your healthcare professional gives to you. We will do our best to notify staff and family if this is a threat to their safety. We will report if there is an outbreak to El Paso County Health, but if you are healthy- come to school. If you are sick- stay home.

Sincerely-

Chris Smith, ESD22 Superintendent