

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. When not able to maintain a 6 foot distance and/or as directed by staff, the use of a personal mask will be expected.

At Home:

Based upon current health guidelines: **Students must not come to school** if they exhibit any of the following symptoms:

- 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
- Any other symptom of illness, whether or not you believe it's related to COVID-19

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.)

Note: CES will not give out attendance awards for 2020-2021 school year.

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.

The Protocols for Congress Elementary School District (as shown in this document) will be followed (please note #10 which has been bolded in this document).

**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. **Signature by a parent or the child’s guardian is required.**

1. _____ I understand that during this COVID-19 public health emergency, I will NOT be permitted to enter the facility/school beyond the designated drop-off and pick-up area. I understand that this procedure change is for the safety of all persons present at the facility/school and to limit to the extent possible everyone’s risk of exposure.
2. _____ I understand that it is my responsibility to inform other members of my household of the information contained herein.
3. _____ I understand that IF there is an emergency requiring me to enter the facility beyond the designated drop-off and pick-up area, I MUST wash my hands and wear a mask before entering. While in the facility, I will practice social distancing and remain 6 feet from all other people, except for my own child.
4. _____ I understand that in order to attend school, 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
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While the District understands that many of these symptoms can also be due to non-COVID-19-related issues, we must proceed with an abundance of caution during this public health emergency.

Symptoms typically appear two to seven days after being infected. Your child will need to be symptom-free, without any medication, for 72 hours before returning to school.

5. _____ I understand that as the parent/guardian, I will need to take my child's temperature prior to coming to school. I understand that, as the parent/guardian, I must also conduct daily self-screening of my child for symptoms prior to the child arriving at school.
6. _____ I understand that over the course of the school day, my child's temperature will be taken.
7. _____ I understand that my child will be required to wash their hands throughout the day using CDC-recommended handwashing procedures.
8. _____ I understand that my child must wear a face covering throughout the day according to the protocols established by the District.
9. _____ I will immediately notify the Site Point of Contact if I become aware that my child has had close contact with any individual who has been diagnosed with COVID-19. The CDC defines "close contact" as being within 6 feet of an infected person for at least 15 minutes starting from two days before illness onset (or, for asymptomatic patients, two days prior to specimen collection) until the time the patient is isolated.
10. _____ **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) will contact the Arizona Department of Health Services if any staff member or student**

contracts COVID-19 to help make crucial decisions on next steps.

11. _____ 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's Name:

DOB:

Parent's Name:

Parent's Signature:

Date:
