

## **CMS Semester 2 Reopening Information and Survey Frequently Asked Questions**

Thank you for your support and patience as we move forward in the safest manner possible to reopen our school. If you have not completed the please do so no later than Wednesday, December 16th at 4:00 PM. We **must** receive a survey for every student (one survey per CMS sibling is required) so we can prepare our classrooms appropriately. We will assume students without a survey are planning to continue their current learning model of either 100% BRIDGE or on campus hybrid learning.

**Note:** If you opt for your child to have Hybrid Learning and he/she does not attend in person instruction for more than 2 weeks without a reason, he/she will be moved to BRIDGE to accommodate waitlisted Hybrid Learning students.

[Link to PHASE 4 SCHEDULE draft](#)

[Click here for the SURVEY Survey DUE Wed. December 16th at 4 PM](#)

### **INSTRUCTION**

#### **What will learning look like in the classroom? How will the teachers teach both students at home and in the classroom?**

Our learning model will continue to include distance learning which will allow us to educate students in the classroom and at home. For most classes, this will occur concurrently via live streaming. Just like teaching during a typical school year, teachers will have the autonomy to decide the best way to support student learning, and this may look different for each subject area. It may be necessary for all students (in the classroom and at home) to be online learning at the same time. For example, teachers may choose to have the students in person work with a student learning from home on a group work assignment. It's important to remember that each classroom is a community of learners, and the teacher will be doing his/her very best to support every student everyday, no matter where their learning takes place.

#### **Why are Chromebooks/laptops and headphones necessary when in the classroom?**

As mentioned above, teachers will have students learning from campus and learning from home each day. The teacher may ask that all students, whether they are at home or in the classroom, log into the class via Zoom for an activity involving the whole class. Of course, this will look different for each subject area and may vary from week to week. Teachers will continue to use teaching strategies such as synchronous and asynchronous learning to support all students. All students will need access to a device and headphones. They may bring a personal Chromebook or laptop to school, or our school will provide a Chromebook to those students who request one. Our Wifi has adequate campus coverage and will support students accessing it in the classroom and in designated outdoor spaces.

**Is this survey binding? Can I change my mind at a later date?**

We are asking families to make an informed decision no later than December 16th for the potential February 1 start date so we can set up our classrooms in the safest way possible. If students opt to continue on BRIDGE, but change their mind and request a return to school, we may not be able to accommodate this request due to classroom capacity. If a student opting for on-campus learning changes his/her mind to learn from home, he/she may do so, and the classroom capacity will be adjusted.

**Do I need to fill out the survey for each CMS student in my family?**

Yes, we must have a completed survey for each CMS student in the same family. We cannot assume that all CMS siblings have the same needs.

**What if I left the district to homeschool or attend a private school? May I re-enroll and opt for hybrid learning?**

A: Our survey is for currently enrolled students. If families choose to enroll at CMS after the survey closes, they will be placed according to preference if space allows.

**SAFETY**

CUSD will continue to follow the San Diego County Public Health Order or the California Department of Public Health Guidelines.

**Will teachers and students be required to wear masks?**

Yes. Masks are required for **all** staff and students. When students are outdoors, they are expected to keep their mask on. Students must speak with a staff member if a mask break is needed. Students are asked to consistently observe social distancing of at least six feet, especially when removing a mask. If social distancing is not possible outdoors, the mask must be worn, with the exception of eating/drinking. Teachers will be required to teach with their mask on, and many may also choose to wear a face shield.

**How often will classrooms and high touch surfaces be cleaned?**

Our custodial staff will thoroughly clean all classrooms once per day and will disinfect with an electrostatic cleaner between class periods.. All classrooms have been supplied with disinfectant wipes, a 2in1 cleanser and disinfectant solution, and hand sanitizer, which are available to students and staff to use as often as they see fit. We encourage students to regularly wash their hands, use hand sanitizer, and clean their workspace.

**Will students be required to clean their hands every time they exit and enter a classroom?**

Yes, students will be required to sanitize when they enter and exit the classroom and are expected to wash their hands after using the restroom. All health and safety guidelines and protocols will be clearly posted and reviewed with students regularly.

**Will passing periods and arrival/dismissal times be staggered?**

We will determine this once we have survey data, but it's very likely that we will have some small windows of staggered times for passing periods and arrival/dismissal. We ask for the flexibility of our students and parents, as we continue to make safety our first priority.

**Will students be allowed to have a snack during break? Can they purchase one at school?**

Students will be allowed to have a snack at school, however, they will need to bring their own snack from home. Items will not be for sale on campus. Health and safety guidelines regarding eating will be reviewed with students, and they will be expected to follow the on campus protocols for removing their mask, social distancing, and eating in designated areas.

**How is the district supporting medically vulnerable staff, staff who get sick, and substitute teacher availability?**

All schools sites are working closely with the CUSD Human Resources Department to support staff during this unprecedented time. If a teacher needs to be away from the classroom, a substitute teacher will be arranged. If a class needs to be quarantined, the BRIDGE model will be able to continue supporting all students learning. We are aware of the substitute teacher shortage in San Diego County and continue to actively work to recruit additional substitute teachers.

**Will students and teachers be regularly tested?**

All staff are required to test regularly. CUSD will not be testing students prior to returning to on-campus learning. Testing will be highly recommended if a student is symptomatic or has been exposed to COVID-19. Testing is the parents choice and responsibility. If your student tests positive for COVID-19, we appreciate you contacting and informing the school.

**How many students will be in a classroom during a period?**

The final number of students in each class will depend on the number of students interested in returning to campus. Our plan for Phase 4 is to bring back approximately 50% of our student body each day, which will result in approximately 10-15 students in a classroom at a time. Students will be seated with as much space between them as possible, and no less than one meter apart. Students will be grouped according to their last name in the alphabet and their assigned days of the week.

**Will students be in cohorts?**

Cohorting in secondary schools is very challenging, as the definition of cohorting is to keep one small group of students together for the entire day. With secondary students taking a variety of classes and levels, this creates multiple complexities. Since Phase 4 includes students attending three classes a day, students will be part of multiple cohorts. We are not required to cohort our students, but we believe by grouping them by the last name in the alphabet and assigned days of the week, we can trace and isolate students who have been on our campus.

**Can I pick my student's in person learning days or ask that the day be coordinated with my elementary or high school student's schedule?**

We will do our best to stay aligned with CHS, but unfortunately, we are unable to accommodate any schedule or learning day requests due to the need to balance our classroom capacity to support classroom safety and social distancing.

**What are the plans for notifying parents when a COVID-19 positive case is identified on campus?**

We will continue to follow CUSD protocols. Anytime a positive case is identified, all CMS families will receive a general notification. However, students considered a "close contact" will be personally contacted by a staff member. The CDC defines "close contact" as anyone who was within 6 feet of an infected person for at least 15 minutes. An infected person can spread COVID-19 starting from 48 hours (or 2 days) before the person had any symptoms or tested positive for COVID-19. Link to the [CUSD COVID-19 Dashboard](#).

In the spirit of keeping our community safe and healthy, we appreciate your continued communication with the CUSD health team and CMS administration should students be positive for Covid, become sick with any Covid symptoms or be notified as a close contact. Please email the following individuals:

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