



Colorado Springs Schools

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Dear Carver Families,

Carver wanted to give you an update into what in-person/remote instruction is going to look like with our transition into this new phase of the school year. Please know that your student is our first priority and making sure that they are safe during this return to learn.

To create a safe school experience, we ask that you partner with us to make sure that everybody is taken care of. We ask before you even leave your home that you conduct the at home symptom screening for families. We ask that you error on the side of caution and when deciding if your child should attend school that day. The list is attached to this email, if you need another copy. All adults who enter the building will also be completing this same survey, you can link to this survey with a QR code that is posted at the entrance of the school. The school will be following the Return to Learn guidelines that are posted on the District 11 website or by clicking this link, <https://www.d11.org/returntolearn>. Before students can enter the building, they need to be wearing a mask. If you don't have one when you arrive at school, we will be happy to provide a mask for you. The school has created a plan for how students can enter the building, the flow of traffic in the hallways, a cleaning schedule throughout the day, and making sure that students have plenty of opportunities to make sure that they can clean their hands.

Students will be in a cohort with their same grade level. This means that your student shouldn't be interacting with any students outside of their own grade level while in the school building. This is a safety precaution to help limit the contact to a large number of individuals. With families choosing what is best for their child's schooling, families have had the option to choose between coming back to in-person learning or online learning. This has created some new challenges for the school in regards to our roster construction with teachers and their classrooms. Due to numbers of students that are attending in-person instruction and students who are attending online, class rosters have been constructed to make sure your student's needs are met. There is a possibility that your student might be placed with a different classroom teacher. When making this decision, we also were considering the teacher's at-risk factor with students in the building. When we entered into Inspire Online, our goal was to create opportunities in the virtual classroom for students to get to know both teachers in case this situation would arise. We will have two different models that will be presented for online students. Our first model involves students joining in classrooms through WebEx and receiving the same lesson as the other students in classroom are receiving. This model will occur in kindergarten, first, and fourth grade. The second model, will mirror what has been happening during these last couple of weeks of Inspire Online. Your student will get some live instruction from the teacher and there will be activities that your student will complete on their own time.

The expectation of school has not changed if your child is participating with in-person learning or staying with Inspire Online. We hope your expectation of us remains high of us at Carver Elementary as well. Students need to arrive in time to get breakfast from the cafeteria and to their classroom by 8:00 in the morning where attendance will be taken. Students need to make sure they make it to all their classes so they can receive their instruction. If your student is not able to make it to a class, call into the front office to

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excuse your student's absence. Work will need to be completed on time and submitted to the teacher. If you have any issues or concerns, make sure that you contact us and we will move as quickly as possible to resolve them.

There were several factors when making decisions of what schooling would look like in this next phase. The top factor considered was the safety of our students, families, and staff. If you would to talk about any these topics or other concerns that you may have, please call the front office at 719-328-7100.

Your Partner in Education,

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