

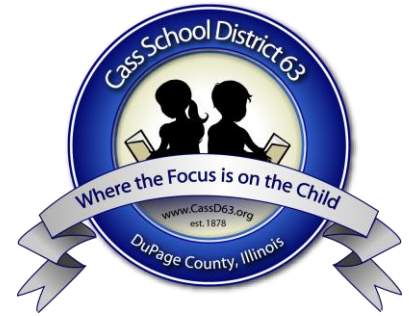
# ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE

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*Mark R. Cross*

Superintendent of Schools



Tuesday, September 29, 2020

Dear Concord Elementary School Parents,

We are so excited to bring our in-person PreK, Kindergarten and First Grade students back to school safely this week. In addition to our previous communications as well as the information Dr. Anderson shared with you yesterday, following are several very important items that will be helpful in your planning. We truly appreciate your assistance and cooperation with these important matters.

### **Daily Parent Certification of Student COVID-19 Symptoms**

To help ensure the health and safety of our students, staff and families, one of the strict requirements is making certain that everyone at school is free of COVID-19 symptoms, and has not been in close contact with anyone who has tested positive for COVID-19, or is suspected of having COVID-19. *As part of this important safety protocol, we will be asking you as parents to comply as follows:*

1. Certify the absence of all related and listed symptoms for each child prior to him or her entering a school district bus or building.
2. Agree to not send your child to school with any of the symptoms as described below, or if he or she has been in close contact as described above.
3. Understand that school staff will symptom check each child who is not pre-certified, will check any students additionally as needed and will monitor all children for symptoms throughout the day.
4. Understand that in addition to parent certification, we will enact our safety protocols and contact you to pick up your child immediately if he or she exhibits any of the following symptoms:

Temperature of 100.4° Fahrenheit or greater

New cough\*\*\*

New congestion or runny nose\*\*\*

New loss of sense of taste or smell\*\*\*

New onset of a moderate to severe headache\*\*\*

Abdominal pain from an unknown cause

Sore throat

Shortness of breath

Diarrhea

Nausea or vomiting

Muscle or body aches

Fatigue from an unknown cause

\*\*\*Symptoms marked as New\*\*\* do not need to be checked IF they are previously existing symptoms AND can be attributed to allergies or another pre-existing condition.

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## **Daily Parent Certification Procedures for Non-Bus Riders**

For children walking or riding to school with parents, parent certification should be completed through the Electronic COVID-19 Symptom Parent Certification Form, which will be provided in an email link to parents the morning of each in school attendance day for their children. An email link will not be sent to parents of students who are either fully remote, or remote on the day the message is sent.

## **Daily Parent Certification Procedures for Bus Riders**

We are asking that parents of children riding the bus to school to please complete the [COVID-19 Symptom Paper Certification Form](#) provided here under this link, which can be easily printed for the first day of attendance. The form should be completed, out and ready to turn in upon boarding the bus each morning. For students scheduled to ride the bus to school, 30 copies of this form will be sent home for parents to complete each morning after they check and certify their child.

## **Bus Route Information**

Parents of students who plan to ride the bus to or from school should have been contacted regarding route details. We ask for patience and understanding on the first day as it relates to bus routes and times, and we do ask for your cooperation and compliance with the protocols as outlined above.

## **Mask and Social Distancing Reminders**

As a reminder to parents, proper wearing of face masks covering the nose and mouth will be required of all students and staff while at school, on school grounds, at bus stops and on buses. While the school district will maintain an inventory of disposable masks, we are asking parents to provide multiple personal masks for their child in sealed plastic bags for the masks not being worn at the time. Additionally, we will follow social distancing protocols at school as much as possible at all times.

## **Exclusion from School Protocols**

As part of our health and safety protocols, Cass School District 63 will be complying with the [Illinois Department of Public Health Exclusion Guidance](#). While we will communicate more on this matter through our updated Return to Learn Framework, parents of children with symptoms will be contacted regarding the length of exclusions for any symptomatic students and siblings.

## **DuPage County Health Department Symptom Monitoring**

If your child remains at home due to any of the symptoms as described above, please share this information on the form and with the office so that we are aware of the information and can monitor this accordingly. As appropriate, the school district will communicate general school-wide data regarding absences and symptoms to the DuPage County Health Department.

## **Additional Information**

This is the critical information we wanted to provide, and additional information and details will continue to be shared with you. At this time, we are only focused on making our first day with our youngest students successful, and we cannot wait to see the children this Wednesday or Thursday. Thank you so much for doing your part to make this safe and successful for our students and staff!

Sincerely,

*Mark R. Cross*

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