



CEC Inverness Safety and Health Update

Hello CEC Inverness Families,

The purpose of this communication is to provide details regarding CECI's response to the recent news from The Tri-County Health Department (TCHD) Board of Health mandating a universal mask order for all schools in Adams, Arapahoe, and Douglas counties, regardless of vaccination status. The TCHD Board of Health voted on 8/30 to rescind their policy on allowing opt outs to county-wide public health orders by Boards of County Commissioners, to rescind their recent school mask order for children aged 2-11 years, and to put a universal mask order in place for all schools.

The [new order](#) requires facial coverings to be worn by all individuals age 2 years and older in all school and child care settings and goes into effect Sept. 1, 2021, and is in effect until Dec. 31, 2021, unless amended, extended or rescinded.

Therefore, CEC Inverness' current mask protocol as of September 1, is as follows: **CECI will enforce a *mandatory* mask policy for all age groups, regardless of vaccination status. We will honor mask-wearing exemptions for students who cannot tolerate a face covering due to medical or mental health reasons as provided by a qualified healthcare provider.**

Regarding mask exemptions, please refer to the [Public Health Order](#) for specific details. With that being said, the following individuals are exempt from the requirements of this Order. Those seeking a medical exemption must submit an approved letter (guidelines below) to CECI's School Nurse, Mrs. [Ashley Bose](#).

1. Individuals under age 2; and
2. Individuals who cannot medically tolerate a Face Covering and who have submitted to the School or Child Care Setting a statement provided by a Colorado-licensed medical provider on the provider's letterhead including the following:
 - a. Medical provider's printed name, license number, address, phone number;
 - b. Signature of the medical provider;
 - c. Identification of the medical condition preventing the individual from wearing a mask and any recommended alternative to the mask.

CECI's dedication to the health and safety of our students, faculty, and staff has always been (and will remain) a top priority. We realize that this decision will create a myriad of emotions and feelings from our entire community. Be assured that CECI is here to fully support our community's needs by offering the below list of robust resources to help.

Student Support Services

- For CECI's health support team:
 - [Nurse Ashley Bose](#)
 - [Denise Lohmann: CECI Health Tech.](#)
 - [Dr. Candyce Miller: CEC DC, Director of Exceptional Student Services.](#)
 - [Mrs. Julia Gasper: CECI Social Worker.](#)
 - [Dr. Jay Egger: CECI Head of School](#)
- For general technical support, click [HERE](#)
- Other mental health support
 - [Colorado Crisis Services](#)
 - 1-844-493-8255
 - Text "TALK" to 38255



- [CO Office of Behavioral Health](#)
- [Mental Health Tools for Back to School](#)
- [Strengthening Your Resilience: Take Care of Yourself As You Care For Others](#)

COVID-19 State Resources

- *Tri-County Health Department FAQ:* <https://www.tchd.org/DocumentCenter/View/7474/TCHD-FAQ-Cloth-Facemasks-PHO?bidId=>
- *Tri County Health Department:* <https://www.tchd.org/851/School-Support>
- *Colorado COVID-19 Business Resource Center:* <https://choosecolorado.com/covid19/>
- *Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment:* <https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/cdphe/2019-novel-coronavirus>
- *Colorado Department of Public Safety - Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management:* <http://www.coemergency.com/>
- *Colorado Department of Education:* <https://www.cde.state.co.us/safeschools>
- *Colorado Emergency Child Care Collaborative:* <https://covidchildcarecolorado.com/>
- *Colorado State Government COVID-19 Resource Page:* <https://covid19.colorado.gov/>
- *Denver Department of Public Health and Environment:* <https://www.denvergov.org/content/denvergov/en/environmental-health/news/coronavirus-info.html>
- *Effective Mask Wearing Tips:* [Click here](#) for information on how to select the most effective masks and how to wear masks correctly for the best protection.

CECI's focus is, and will always be, dedicated to our four school pillars of: 1) student's academic success, 2) college and career preparedness, 3) diversity, equity, inclusion, and access, and 4) social, emotional, and personal growth.

We fully understand the varying views, concerns, and needs surrounding COVID. We are also fully supportive of these diverse needs and affirm to ensure our students are safe, healthy, and learning. To help increase your confidence in the myriad ways CECI is putting safety and health first, please see the following details:

- Masks are required for **all personnel** while inside the building and for any school event inside the building.
- Masks are required for **all individuals** on school buses [under federal order](#).
- CECI's entire community will encourage and support frequent hand washing, distancing, and sanitation.
- Every family should continue to self-monitor using our [self-screening tool](#).
- **Anyone experiencing symptoms should stay home.**
- When [outbreaks](#) occur, Colorado Early Colleges will work with local health agencies to determine the appropriate response.
- Our school building possesses a state-of-the-art bipolar ionization ventilation system that neutralizes, cleanses, and filtrates our air.
- CECI is purchasing 12 Guardian Angel portable air filters for our classrooms. This filter is mighty with its 4-Stage True HEPA Filtration process featuring Photocatalytic UV-C (PCO Technology).
- There are new, remote learning options (SDOL) for students and families who may be immunocompromised (also available for students who are generally uncomfortable with being in the school building).
- On-site janitorial support will maintain a commitment to cleaning high-touch areas regularly.
- We disinfect student desks/tables in-between classes with an Alpha HP solution.
- Here is the [Tri-County Covid-19 Information Dashboard](#).
- Seating charts will be developed to help with contact tracing, if needed.
- There will be attendance follow-through for absences related to health.
- For COVID exposure cases, CECI has a robust Remote Learning Plan to ensure success for impacted students.



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On a daily basis, our excellent health and safety team, alongside school leadership, are working closely with external agencies to ensure we are up-to-date with current information, recommendations, and mandates.

Thanks again for your patience, flexibility, kindness, and grace during these uncertain times. Let's continue to support each other and respectfully discuss viable solutions to the emotions we may be encountering.

Respect and gratitude,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dr. Jay Egger'.

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