

Cowan Community Schools

2022-2023 Return to School Plan



The following plan is subject to change at any time when there are changes made to the local, state, or federal guidelines. Additionally, any significant increase in COVID-19 cases in our local community may dictate more restrictive measures be put in place.

July 2022

Cowan Families:

For the 2022-23 school year, we are looking forward to moving back to nearly all pre-pandemic procedures. However, it is still important to remember:

- Students that are ill should stay home from school;
- Students or staff that test positive for COVID must isolate at home for a minimum of 5 days;

If you have any questions or concerns please don't hesitate to give me a call at (765) 289-4866 or send an email to tbrown@cowan.k12.in.us. We are here to serve the Cowan Community and support you during the school year.

Thank you,

Timothy P. Brown
Superintendent

Student Illnesses

Q1: Should families continue to self-screen students at home on a daily basis?

A1: Yes, parents should be attentive to the daily health of their students and should ensure their students are safe to attend school each day. If students are experiencing multiple symptoms of illness they should stay home. A student is required to stay home if he or she has a fever of 100.4 or higher.

Q2: When can a symptomatic student return to school?

A2: The student must be fever-free for 24 hours (without fever-reducing medication) and have improving symptoms to return to school.

Q3: What happens if a student has a confirmed COVID case?

A3: First, share this information with the school. Students who test positive will be required to remain out of school for 5 days from their onset of symptoms or 5 days after testing positive for asymptomatic students with no exceptions. After 5 days the student must be free of symptoms and be fever-free without any fever-reducing medicine.

Q4: What happens if a student exhibits symptoms during the school day?

A4: Just like before the pandemic, if our healthcare staff believes it is best for the student to be at home, a phone call will be made to send the student home. If the student has a fever, for any reason, the student should not return to school until fever-free for 24 hours without fever-reducing medications. Students and families are encouraged to seek medical attention for further evaluation and instructions.

Q5: What steps will the school take if a case of COVID-19 has been confirmed for a student or a staff member?

A5: We will document this locally for the specific student's attendance. No contact tracing will take place during the 22-23 school year..

School Administered BinaxNOW (Rapid) Tests

Q1: Will Cowan be administering the rapid tests provided by the state to students and staff?

A1: At this time we do not anticipate providing rapid tests during the school day for students or staff during the 2022-23 school year. We will provide an update if this changes.

Vaccine Information

Q1: Where can I find information about vaccine sites and eligibility?

A1: Visit the Indiana State Department of Health Website dedicated to vaccines at <https://www.coronavirus.in.gov/vaccine/index.htm>. Anyone age 6 months and older may now schedule a COVID-19 vaccination appointment. [Click here](#) to register or call 211 (866-211-9966) if you do not have access to a computer or need assistance. Walk-in appointments are also accepted at most vaccination sites.

Q2: What immunizations are required?

A2: The COVID-19 vaccine is not required for students or staff. Other scheduled immunizations are required every year for students and these must be completed by the start of the school year unless there is an exemption on file. Students entering kindergarten, 6th grade, and 12th grade require new immunizations each year. Here is a list of required immunizations:

[Indiana 2022-23 Required School Immunizations](#)