



CHEROKEE NATION PUBLIC HEALTH GUIDANCE FOR SCHOOLS

Cherokee Nation Public Health follows the guidance from CDC COVID-19 prevention in K-12 schools.
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/k-12-guidance.html>.

CNPH strongly recommends the following mitigation measures for schools prioritized in the order below. Schools should implement multiple prevention strategies together consistently to protect students, teachers, staff, visitors, and other members of their households.

- 1 Vaccination promotion to all eligible students and staff.
- 2 Indoor masking by all students (age 2 and older), staff, teachers, and visitors to K-12 schools, regardless of vaccination status.
- 3 Cohort students if possible to reduce the number of exposed students and staff should a positive case be identified.
- 4 Maintaining at least 3 feet of physical distance between students within classrooms to reduce transmission risk when possible
- 5 Screening testing, ventilation, handwashing and respiratory etiquette, staying home when sick and getting tested, contact tracing in combination with quarantine and isolation, and cleaning and disinfection are also important measures of prevention to keep schools safe.
- 6 Students, teachers, and staff should stay home when they have signs of any infectious illness and be referred to their healthcare provider for testing and care.
- 7 Implement multiple prevention strategies together consistently (often referred to as layering) to protect students, teachers, staff, visitors, and other members of their households.
- 8 Monitor community transmission and vaccination rates in your area. This can be found at <https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#county-view>
- 9 Call the Cherokee Nation Public Health Hotline for technical assistance at 1-833-528-0063. Please note that Cherokee Nation is not authorized to share specific patient information but can provide general guidance.

**Cherokee Nation offers the COVID-19 Vaccine to ANYONE 12 and older, regardless of residency. Appointments and walk-ins are welcome at all health center locations 8am-4pm, Monday-Friday, excluding holidays.
For appointments call 1-539-234-4099.**