



September 15, 2020

Dear Crane Families,

During a special work session last night, the Crane Governing Board set a date for the return of in-person learning. All Crane Schools will reopen next week on **Tuesday, September 22, 2020**.

Please understand that this decision was reached after months of deliberation, consideration of county health metrics and recommendations from public health and education experts, and input from our community members. The Crane Governing Board listened to the comments from the public, reviewed the presentation, and ultimately decided that students may return to the classroom for a variety of reasons that include educational achievement and social and emotional wellbeing. Therefore, it is now our task to prepare for our students and staff to return to traditional, 5 day a week learning as of next Tuesday.

From the beginning, the Crane District has valued flexibility and the need to provide families with options to suit their individual and specific circumstances. Parents may opt to have their child(ren) return to in-person learning on September 22nd, or they can apply with their designated school to continue remote learning, if resources permit. Virtual Learning is also available by way of the standalone online school, Crane iLearning Academy, staffed, facilitated and instructed by Crane Elementary School District teachers. (The hybrid model is not feasible at a district level at this time due to lack of physical capacity and staffing availability.)

If your child is returning to in-person learning next week, please review the following to help us in maintaining a healthy and safe learning environment for our students and staff.

IMMUNIZATIONS

- Please make sure that your child(ren)'s immunization records are up-to-date.
- Your child(ren) will **NOT** be able to attend in-person learning until immunizations are updated. Schools will reach out to you to provide you with a list of required immunizations.
- If you need to update immunization records, please make an appointment with your primary care health provider or use the following available community resources:
 - **Yuma County Health Department:** (928) 317-4559. By appointment only.
 - **Sunset Community School-Based Health Center:** (928) 329-9442
 - **Next Care Urgent Care:** (888) 381-4858

PROTECTIVE PROTOCOLS

- For the safety of **ALL** children and staff, please review the **Crane Mitigation Plan** available at www.craneschools.org/Fall20201.aspx. It is available in English and Spanish.
- Detailed protective protocols include, but are not limited to:





- Face Coverings: will be required
- Arrival & Meal Protocols
- Bathroom & Recess Breaks
- Classroom Transitions
- Bus Safety
- Daily Health Screenings (student and staff expectations)

COMMUNICATION

- It is **essential** for schools to have updated contact information to notify and communicate with parents/guardians.
- In the case of a partial or full school closure, schools must be able to reach families immediately. If you haven't subscribed to receive notices from the Blackboard Connect mass email system, please call your school to do so as soon as possible.
- Crane School District provides regular updates and news via social media platforms including Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram. Several of the Crane Schools also have active social media outlets. We encourage you to follow these accounts to stay informed.

TRANSPORTATION

- If your child(ren) will require transportation services once we resume In-Person Learning, please submit an application as soon as possible.
- **Eligible Students:** Students who reside within the boundaries of their home school, but outside that school's designated walking area (outside of the 1-mile radius).
- Submit an application for **EACH** child.
- At this time, transportation from and to the Marine Base (MCAS) and outside of the Crane District will be suspended. Due to the unforeseen current and anticipated shortage of school bus drivers, the district has had to explore and implement measures that would permit it to best serve the district population and cause the least amount of disruption possible. The suspension of these services are of a temporary nature and will be evaluated for reinstatement when staffing resources become available.
- **APPLICATIONS:**
 - English: <https://forms.gle/F5X3xehjrGhkuVTo6>
 - Spanish: <https://forms.gle/s2Nxg1aoimmFcsk78>

COLD/FLU SEASON

- As we know, we are fast approaching the season where students and staff are susceptible to the cold and flu which can exacerbate the current situation brought on by the pandemic. Please help each other out by keeping your child(ren) home if they are sick.
- If your child(ren) experience any of the following symptoms, please have them remain at home and alert the school about the reason for their absence:





THIS NOTICE CONTAINS IMPORTANT
INFORMATION ABOUT IN-PERSON LEARNING.

- Fever of 100.4°F or higher
- Chills
- Cough
- Congestion/runny nose
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Sore Throat
- Fatigue
- Headache
- Vomiting
- Diarrhea
- New loss of taste or smell

Our responsibility right now is to use this week to prepare for the return of our students on physical school sites starting on Tuesday, September 22nd. We appreciate your partnership throughout this whole learning experience and ask for patience and understanding as we transition to this new phase of learning. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Laurie Doering
Superintendent

