

Dear Bobcat families,

Custer County schools in conjunction with the local public health department are prioritizing in-person learning for our students. We were able to stay in-person as much as possible last school year and learned along the way. This school year we will continue to use a flexible plan. We are using layers of protection to keep our students and staff safe. Our plan will be subject to change as situations arise. The physical and mental health of our students is extremely important and that is why we will not be making “knee-jerk” decisions to quarantine large bodies of students unless absolutely necessary. We encourage mask wearing for those who would like to but do not require them. Masks are available and will be provided for those who want to wear them. Mask-shaming will not be tolerated whatsoever.

Our best protection from COVID-19 is vaccination, we encourage everyone eligible to get vaccinated, but we also understand and respect that this is an individual and family decision. We plan to host a vaccination clinic in the future for those who are eligible and wish to be vaccinated. We appreciate the continued support of parents and community members as we move forward.

We will be:

- Promoting frequent handwashing
- Using proper ventilation
- Social distancing when possible
- Staying home when sick
- Encouraging outdoor activities
- Masking on buses

Below are links to the resources we will be using to make decisions when a situation arises:

Guidance for schools

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/k-12-guidance.html>

Guidance for fully vaccinated individuals

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/fully-vaccinated-guidance.html>

Guidance for families with vaccinated and unvaccinated individuals

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/about-covid-19/caring-for-children/families.html>

Symptoms of COVID-19

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html>

Information on masking on public transportation

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/face-masks-public-transportation.html>

