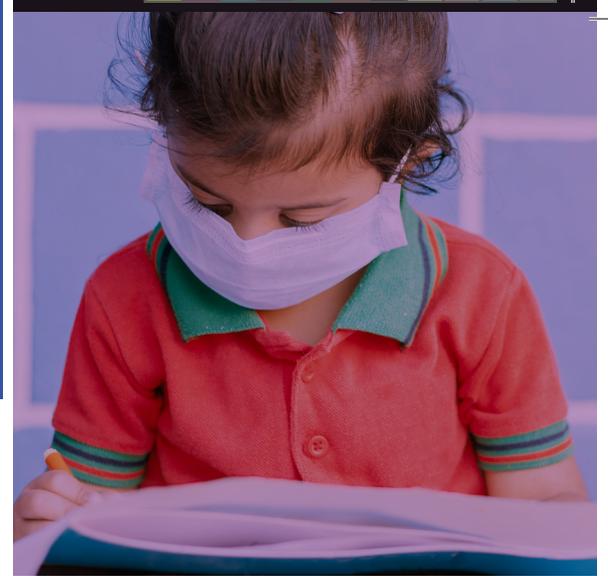


Return to the Classroom with Confidence



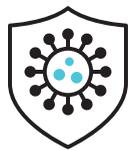
Chicago Public Schools is planning to begin welcoming students back to the classroom beginning January 11 to create safe and healthy in-person learning environments in 2021 we've:



Purchased more than **1.2 million** reusable cloth face masks to support every student and staff member.



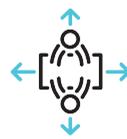
Invested over \$3.5 million to secure over **50,000** hand sanitizer dispensers in all high-traffic areas and soap dispensers to support regular hand washing and sanitizing.



Completed a school-by-school ventilation assessment that assessed if each classroom within the school had an operating mechanical ventilation system including both an air supply and exhaust; or at least one operating window and a HEPA air purifier, which the district is providing for all classrooms as part of an **\$8.5 million** investment. Developed protocol to increase circulation of outdoor air as much as possible throughout the school day (e.g., opening windows and doors when it is safe to do so).



Installed **physical barriers**, such as sneeze guards and partitions, in areas where it is difficult for students and staff to remain at least six feet apart.



Provided physical guides, such as tape on floors and signs on walls, to promote **social distancing** and face covering use.



Developed a protocol to monitor and ensure adequate supplies to minimize sharing of objects, or limit use to one group of students at a time, and **clean and disinfect between use**.



Required students, staff and visitors to complete a **daily risk and symptom screener** before arriving at any CPS building and have their temperature checked and hands washed before entering.



CPS has hired dedicated staff to support the intake of cases and provide proper notification. CPS will work in coordination with CDPH to ensure that those identified as close contacts have **rapid contact tracing** and are connected to city resources such as monitoring and testing.



Begun hiring **400 additional** custodians to ensure comprehensive cleaning protocols are completed every day.

Learn more about what CPS is doing to keep everyone safe and healthy at cps.edu/school-reopening-2020.

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