Cherokee Immersion Charter School
Return to In-Person Learning Plan

Osiyo Immersion School Family,

Cherokee Immersion Charter School will return to full-time in-person learning on August 12, 2021. Through a collaborative effort with Cherokee Nation Tribal Administration, Cherokee Nation Health, the Cherokee Nation Education Department and the Department of Cherokee Language we have developed a plan that follows the Center for Disease Control and the Oklahoma State Department of Education guidelines for in-person learning. Below is a list of guidelines and safety measures that addresses every phase of your student’s daily schedule while they are on the Immersion School and Sequoyah High School Campuses. At the end of this document you will find additional resources and school contact information.

In Person Attendance and Participation

Students will follow the existing daily schedule as outlined in the Student Handbook:

- Students may arrive at the Immersion School as early as 7:30 am.
- Classes begin at 8:30 am (8:10 am for 7th and 8th grades).
- The school day ends at 3:30 pm (3:15 pm for 7th and 8th grades).
- Attendance will be monitored, including tardiness.
- Each class will follow their existing virtual schedule during the four days they are not on campus.

Daily Schedule with Safety Protocols in Place

Arrival:

- Students will arrive at the Cherokee Immersion School campus between 7:30 a.m. and 8:10 a.m.
- Parents/Guardians/Caretakers should follow the guided drive-through route to the main entrance.
- Upon arrival, students will undergo a screening process and temperature check. A Covid-19 Rapid test will be administered by school staff while students remain in their vehicles in the drive-through line.
- After testing, students will be parked and will remain in their vehicles for 15 minutes while awaiting test results.
- In the event of a positive test result, students will be required to immediately leave campus with their parents. They will be encouraged to seek a subsequent, or second test, and will need to follow the proper quarantine protocol.
- Students receiving a negative test result will be allowed to exit their vehicle and report to their classroom. Students will be required to wear a face mask once they exit their vehicle, and will be required to wear it throughout the school day.
Entering School Buildings and Classrooms

- Hand-sanitizing stations will be available at the main entrance of the school and in each classroom.
- Students and staff will not loiter in hallways or commons areas.
- Once students enter their classrooms they will remain with their grade-level cohort for the remainder of the school day. They will not mix with another class. This will allow the school staff to conduct accurate contact tracing if necessary.

Classroom Management

- **Face masks will be worn at all times.**
- Seating arrangements will provide adequate social distancing (6 feet).
- A seating chart will be created for each class to allow the school staff to conduct proper contact tracing if necessary.
- Each student desk will be equipped with a clear plastic barrier, or partition, for student safety.
- Each classroom has a functioning central heating and air conditioning unit with an adequate air return system for proper ventilation and air circulation.
- Break times will be coordinated among the teaching staff in order to maintain grade-level cohorts.

Meals and Snacks

- Breakfast, lunch and snacks will be served to students in their classrooms.
- Weather permitting, classes will be allowed to eat meals outdoors.
- On the days students are on campus for in-person learning, they will receive breakfast and lunch meals to take home for the remainder of the week.

Recess/PE/Common areas

- Any equipment or materials commonly shared by students will be sanitized after each use.
- Scheduling of the playground and other commons areas will be strictly monitored to maintain grade-level cohorts.

After School Program

- After-school programming will be available when students are on campus for in-person learning.
- The After School Program will operate between 3:30 pm and 5:30 pm.
- Students must be picked up by 5:30 pm.
- The After School program will follow the same safety measures and guidelines as the regular school day.

Extra-curricular/Off-campus Activities

- Extra-curricular activities and off-campus trips will resume at the beginning of the 2021-2022 school year.
As the circumstances surrounding our local Covid-19 response continue to hopefully improve, extra-curricular activities and trips will continue to operate as regularly scheduled and at full capacity.

As with any public safety response, schedules and our level of participation in all extra-curricular activities are subject to change as the state of our pandemic response dictates.

**Transportation**

- If students do have to be transported on a school bus, a seating chart will be created for contact tracing purposes.
- Social distancing protocols will be in place.

**Covid-19 Exposure**

**What defines exposure?**

- 15 minutes or longer in close contact (less than 6 feet) with Covid-19 positive person or person exhibiting symptoms.
- Not wearing a mask while being in contact with a Covid-19 positive person.

**Student household: Student quarantines**

- If a member of your household tests positive and your student has been exposed to that family member, then your student must stay home from in-person school.

**When Students display Covid-19 symptoms while at school**

- The student will immediately be quarantined in the school office and parents/guardians will be notified to pick up the student.
- The student will be advised to test for Covid-19 and enter quarantine protocol
- If your student does test positive please notify the school.

**Sanitation/disinfection practices**

- Regular handwashing throughout the school day
- Hand sanitizing stations at all entrances and classrooms
- Wear masks at all times.
- Sanitizing of student desks, equipment and materials throughout the school day
- Clorox 360 sanitation device at the end of the school day

**Additional Resources:**

[Cherokee Nation Health Services](#)
[School Settings | COVID-19 | CDC](#)
[School Year 2020-21 Resources Amid Coronavirus/COVID-19 | Oklahoma State Department of Education](#)

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