

Cherokee Immersion Charter School

Return to In-Person Learning Plan

Osiyo Immersion School Family,

Cherokee Immersion Charter School will once again return in-person learning on August 11, 2022. 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 3:30pm (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 8:30 a.m.
- COVID-19 rapid testing is not mandatory at this time. However, tests are available upon request.
- School-wide COVID-19 rapid testing may be reinstated by Cherokee Nation Public Health if the positivity rate in our area warrants such actions.

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.

Classroom Management

- A seating chart will be created for each class to allow the school staff to conduct proper contact tracing if necessary.

- 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 the Sequoyah High School Cafeteria.
- Afternoon snacks will be served in the students' respective classrooms.

Recess/PE/Common areas

- Any equipment or materials commonly shared by students will be sanitized after each use.
- Students will drink from individually designated water bottles.

After School Program

- After-school programming will be available beginning August 11, 2022.
- 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 will resume as regularly scheduled.

Transportation

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

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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