



CMS & Endhaven Elementary

Health and Safety Protocols

2021-2022



At Endhaven, our top priority is the safety of every child and adult in our school community. Please read carefully the following health and safety protocols that we will follow at Endhaven this school year, or until further notice. *Protocol is subject to change throughout the school year. This document is current as of Aug 12, 2021.*

Online Symptom Screener or Temp Checks *not required this year*

Students and staff no longer need to complete the online symptom screener and have temperatures checked upon arrival to campus. Staff, students and families are asked to *self symptom screen* and temperature check daily. If your child is running a temperature over 100.4, is exhibiting symptoms of Covid-19, tests positive for Covid-19, or has been exposed to someone who tested positive, you should keep your child at home. Absences due to taking Covid precautions will be excused, regardless of whether or not you choose to see a medical professional.

Face Coverings Required

All students and staff must wear a mask at all times while indoors. Any mask exemptions require medical documentation from a physician using this form:

- [21-22 Student Face Covering Exemption Form \(English Version\)](#)
- [21-22 Student Face Covering Exemption Form \(Spanish Version\)](#)

Social Distancing

Inside the building, students will be distanced 3 ft apart to the greatest extent possible when masked, and 6 ft apart when not wearing masks (i.e. lunch, snack time). Students will be assigned seats in their classrooms, small groups and cafeteria so that we can maintain accurate seating charts for contact tracing if necessary. Lunchroom capacity will be limited to 50%.

Visitors & Volunteers

Visitors and volunteers are allowed on campus on a limited basis.

- Visitors may come to school to conduct essential school business in the front office, but are not permitted in classrooms at this time.
- Parents/guardians will *not* be permitted to walk students into the building on the first day of school (or any other day of school until further notice).
- Lunchroom visitors are not allowed at this time.
- Volunteers are allowed this year and we are so grateful for that! The first step to becoming an Endhaven volunteer is to register through the CMS Website (<https://www.cms.k12.nc.us/cmsdepartments/cpfe/volunteers/Pages/default.aspx>). Volunteers must re-register each year. Additionally, all volunteers must be approved by an Endhaven administrator (Ms. McKinney or Ms. Conn).
- All visitors and volunteers must wear a face covering and should maintain 6 ft social distancing to the greatest extent possible.
- Volunteers will be required to sign in/out in the main office. Be prepared to show/scan your driver's license or government issued photo ID.

Open House/Meet the Teacher

We will offer both in-person and virtual options for Open House. In-person participants must wear face coverings. Times will be staggered by last name to reduce crowds: [2021-2022 Open House Flyer](#)

Isolation/Care Room

We will maintain an isolation/care room, as we did last year, for students who exhibit 2 or more COVID-like symptoms, or for students who are identified as a “close contact” to a confirmed positive case. This room will be monitored by a staff member whenever a student is present, and parents/guardians will be notified as soon as possible.

Playgrounds and Materials

Students will be permitted to use our playgrounds and share playground equipment. Students are allowed to share classroom materials. We will continue to encourage frequent hand-washing and sanitizing of shared materials.

Water Fountains

Students will not be permitted to drink directly from the water fountains and are encouraged to bring a water bottle to/from school. We have 7 water bottle filling stations, at least one at each set of water fountains, for ease and convenience of filling cups and water bottles.

COVID Positive Protocol

At Endhaven, we will follow state and district guidelines and protocols for contact tracing and quarantining due to testing positive or having exposure to an individual who tested positive for Covid-19. These are subject to change, but as of the opening of schools for the 2021-2022 school year:

- Students who are deemed a “close contact” (i.e. within 6 feet proximity for a duration of 15 minutes or more with an individual who tested positive) in a classroom setting (or bus) will ***not*** need to quarantine *if face coverings are worn consistently* by those exposed and infected.
- If someone is *fully vaccinated* and does not have any symptoms, they would ***not*** need to be quarantined if they are a “close contact,” even if they live with the positive individual. They are encouraged to get tested 3-5 days after exposure.
- Fully vaccinated individuals who *test positive* must quarantine for the standard 10 days from the onset of symptoms, and may return after the 10 day quarantine as long as the individual is fever free and symptoms have improved.
- If a close contact is identified and *face coverings were ***not*** worn consistently*, here are the quarantine guidelines:
 - 14 days for pre-k or students unable to wear face coverings and distance
 - 10 days for anyone able to maintain precautions
 - 7 days if the close contact has no symptoms and gets a negative PCR Covid test after the 5th day.

The health and safety of our students and staff will continue to be a priority at Endhaven. We greatly appreciate your support and partnership this school year. If you have questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to us!

Sincerely,

Julie McKinney, Principal