

May 14, 2021

Dear CTECS parents/guardians and students,

We are truly excited about opening our schools full time for in-person learning this coming Monday, May 17. Thank you for your patience and partnership over the last several months as we navigated the many challenges brought forth by the COVID-19 pandemic. I'm writing to share a few reminders with you about our reopening on Monday:

1. If you did not complete the return to in-person learning vs. distance learning commitment survey, and you have not notified your school of your choice for your student, please contact your school as soon as possible. For planning purposes, it is critical that your school knows if your student is returning to in-person learning or distancing learning for the remainder of the school year.
2. If you do not indicate if your student will be attending in-person or distance learning before Monday, May 17, the school will code your student based on how they attend on Monday. For example, if your student shows up in person on Monday, they will be coded as an in-person learner for the rest of the school year and expected to attend in person.
3. There is no option to switch back and forth between in person and distance learning. Students will either attend trade and academic classes in person, or trade and academic classes virtually.
4. If a student switches between in person and distance learning, the student's attendance will be recorded as an absence. For example, a student that is supposed to attend in person but decides to attend virtually will be marked absent. The only exception to this is if CTECS has put the student on quarantine. In that case they can distance learn without being marked absent. In all other cases there is no switching back and forth between in person and distance learning.
5. Students and staff will continue to wear masks through the end of the school year regardless of recent changes to the State's rules regarding mask wearing. The majority of students are still unvaccinated and must continue to wear masks for that reason.

Have a restful weekend and we will see you on Monday.

Jeff Wihbey, Superintendent of Schools