



# COMMON GROUND HIGH SCHOOL

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## **Covid-19 Safety Protocols Fall 2021**

Please review the Covid-19 Protocols on this document with your child and both sign below that you have read and understood these safety rules and responsibilities. **These safety measures apply to all individuals on our campus regardless of vaccination status.**

Common Ground High School follows the Covid-19 Prevention Protocols provided by the Connecticut State Department of Education and Department of Health. We receive regular weekly updates and will share any important changes with you via our website and email.

### **COVID Screening:**

Please stay home and contact the school if you are experiencing any of the following symptoms:

- Fever greater than 100.4
  - Chills
  - Absence of taste and/or smell
  - Persistent Dry Cough
  - Shortness of Breath
  - Fatigue
  - Muscle and/or Body Aches
  - Headache
  - Sore Throat
  - Nausea or Vomiting
  - Diarrhea
- If students or staff display any of the symptoms listed above, they will be asked to visit the school nurse for assessment.
  - Students may be placed in an isolation room until families are contacted to arrange dismissal.
  - Students may return when symptoms subside and a negative test is presented to the school.

### **Mask Usage:**

- Students and staff will be expected to wear a mask that fully covers nose and mouth while indoors.
- Masks will be provided if needed.
- Failure to keep masks on indoors will result in removal from the classroom, family contact, and further action if behavior continues
- Students are not required to wear a mask when outside of buildings

**Social Distancing:**

- Students and staff must pay close attention to social distance as a mitigation strategy and strive to maintain at least three feet distance from others both outdoors and indoors.
- We will provide expanded indoor and outdoor eating spaces with posted capacity limits. Students should make strategic use of available space to maintain distance while eating.

**Vaccination & Testing:**

- Regular testing will allow Common Ground to swiftly identify and respond to any cases of COVID-19 within our community before it spreads. Common Ground High School will participate in the routine Covid testing program recommended by the State Department of Education and The Department of Public Health. Details will be shared as soon as they are available to us.
- Students and staff who suspect they have come in close contact with someone with Covid or who are experiencing any Covid-like symptoms should contact our School Nurse to determine a testing strategy that will support early and accurate identification of Covid cases
- Vaccinations have proven to be the most effective way to reduce Covid symptoms and severe illness. Please consider vaccinating your child and provide us with vaccination information through [SchoolDocs](#). Vaccination clinics are available throughout the community and will also be offered at Common Ground periodically.

These mitigation strategies are critical to keeping our students safe and our school open. They will be especially important as more students will be attending school this year and the Delta Variant of Covid-19 has proven to be very contagious.

By signing your name below, you confirm that you have read this document with your child.

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Parent Name

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Parent Signature

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Student Name

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Student Signature

Please return this form to the school nurse or main office. If you need clarification on any of the above points, please contact the school nurse at [keith.riley@commongroundct.org](mailto:keith.riley@commongroundct.org).