



August 31, 2021

Eaglet Express

Chapin Elementary School

Committed to Excellence
for *all* Students

Dates to Remember:

Wed, Sep 1:

MAP Reading Test 1st & 2nd grades

Thu, Sep 2:

MAP Math Test 3rd & 4th grades

Fri, Sept 3:

MAP Math Test 1st & 2nd grades

Mon, Sep 6:

Labor Day – No Students

Tue, Sep 7:

12pm Virtual PTO Meeting

Tue, Sep 21:

Vision and Hearing Screening

Thu, Sep 23:

11:40 am Early Dismissal

Tue, Sep 28:

Picture Day – SMILE!

HELPFUL LINKS:

Link to CES Web Site

<https://www.lexrich5.org/ces>

Link to the District Web Site:

<https://www.lexrich5.org/>

Follow The Chapin Eaglets on Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/ceseaglets/>

CES PTO Facebook page:

<http://www.facebook.com/ChapinElementarySchoolPTO>

CES PTO Instagram:

http://www.instagram.com/chapinelementary_pto

CES PTO Email address:

chapinelementaryPTO@gmail.com

School Counselor & Mentoring

Coordinator, Mrs. Hardage

<https://www.smores.com/gkxny>

FREE LUNCH AND BREAKFAST

Throughout the 2021-2022 School Year, **all Students** will receive free breakfast & lunch according to USDA. You may wish to apply for meal benefits anyway. *TO APPLY FOR MEAL BENEFITS, PLEASE [CLICK HERE!](#)

Hello CES Families!

Well, we are a few weeks into the school year and are seeing lots of learning, new friendships being formed, and old friendships being strengthened. We are so happy to have our Eaglets on campus!

I want to touch base with you all regarding our current [D5 Mitigation](#) status of Orange. We do have a high number of students and staff on quarantine at this time. I'd like to share our current mitigating protocols that are in place. There is no perfect plan, but as a school, we are doing our best to navigate the situation that we find ourselves in in our community, state, country, and world. As we see a decrease in quarantines, and a shift to yellow, green, or blue, we will revisit these protocols.

- Protocols listed on the D5 Mitigation chart under Level Orange
- Students report directly to class upon arrival. Staff are being asked to report to work earlier than normal to accommodate this protocol.
- Student movement around the building is highly limited.
- Our librarian is reporting to classes with books on the Library Cart for students to check out.
- Dividers are installed in all classrooms.
- Related Arts classes are pushing into homeroom classes.
- Homeroom classes attend recess each day, but do not intermingle with other classes.
- Masks are worn by students who choose to do so.
- Many staff members are wearing masks by choice
- The SCDE has reinstated a mask requirement on school buses, as of Monday, Aug 30, 2021.
- Frequent hand sanitizing throughout the day and before and after events such as recess and lunch.
- Classroom cleaning practices.
- Air scrubbers are being used daily and being moved around the building routinely.
- Distancing as much as is possible in an elementary school of our size and with full classes.
- Lunch - A shift is being made to create more space between younger students. Assigned seating will continue. Grades 3 and 4 will shift to eating in their classrooms at this time.

While we cannot create a scenario that completely eliminates the chance for exposure, these are notable protocols that we have in place while school is in session. I appreciate the support and encouragement that we have received from so many of our CES families. As a school, we are trying so hard to get our amazing school back to a lower level of mitigation, and more importantly, our Awesome Eaglets back in the building! Have a great week, Eaglet Family

Jesse Hutchinson

Principal

[Chapin Elementary School](#)

CES Curriculum Night 21-22

On Thursday, August 31, we will send a CES Curriculum Night Video link to all of our Eaglet families. Please be on the lookout for this important information!



Levels of Mitigation

COVID-19 Operations Guidance for District Schools

Using guidance from DHEC received on July 29, 2021, District Five of Lexington & Richland Counties has created Five Levels of Mitigation Guidance for the operations of schools. Each level is intended to help schools communicate, prepare and implement mitigation strategies to reduce transmission of COVID-19.

BLUE - LEVEL ONE (Open - No Mitigation)

- Operate according to normal policies and procedures

GREEN - LEVEL TWO (Open - Low Mitigation)

Low community transmission & low positive case rate on District COVID-19 Dashboard (Less than 5%)

- Encourage mask wearing
- Encourage social distancing to the extent possible
- Encourage hand washing and respiratory etiquette
- COVID health room protocols remain in place
- Symptomatic students and staff will be required to wear a mask while in the health room/athletic trainer's office.
- Students and staff self assess daily per the [self screening checklist](#)
- Visitors with clear educational or medical purpose allowed and strongly encouraged to wear a mask
- Volunteers with clear educational or medical purpose allowed and strongly encouraged to wear a mask
- COVID cleaning and disinfecting procedure in place for building and buses
- Field trips limited to day trips and close geographic area with consideration of community transmission. Masks required on buses.
- Quarantine students at 3 feet or closer proximity (if a cluster occurs, stricter quarantine may be required).

YELLOW - LEVEL THREE (Open - Moderate Mitigation)

Moderate community transmission & moderate positive case rate on District COVID-19 Dashboard (5%-9.99%)

- Level Two protocols in place, with the following additions/changes:
- Utilize a consistent seating arrangement in the cafeteria or other common indoor area
 - Visitors limited to front office areas
 - Field trips suspended. Special consideration to be given to athletic events, as well as high school students that need to attend internships and complete class assignments off campus.
 - Quarantine students at 3 feet or closer proximity (if a cluster occurs, stricter quarantine may be required).

ORANGE - LEVEL FOUR (Open - High Mitigation)

High community transmission & high positive case rate on District COVID-19 Dashboard (10%-15%)

- Level Three protocols in place, with the following additions/changes:
- Increase COVID Exclusion criteria for students and staff
 - Visitors not allowed
 - Volunteers not allowed
 - Avoid students congregating in common use areas
 - Quarantine students at 3 feet or closer proximity (if a cluster occurs, stricter quarantine may be required). 14 day quarantine in effect.
 - Consider putting high risk sports and extracurricular activities on hold
 - Consider abbreviated school day and/or weekly schedule to allow for more intense sanitation
 - Consider use of optional screening testing program

RED - LEVEL FIVE (Buildings Closed, Distance Learning)

- Students will receive distance learning and buildings will be closed by Governor mandate or Superintendent

ADDITIONAL DISTRICT GUIDELINES AND PROTOCOLS

- Daily reporting of District [COVID-19 Dashboard](#) to continue. The Nursing Supervisor will alert the Superintendent of increasing trends as needed.
- Athletics will follow guidelines put forth by the [S.C. High School League](#).
- Mitigation Guidance based on the S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC): [COVID-19 Interim Guidance for K-12 School Operations](#).

These COVID-19 prevention strategies remain critical to protect people, including students, parents and guardians, teachers, and staff, who are not fully vaccinated, especially in areas of moderate-to-high community transmission levels:

1. Vaccination
2. Mask use
3. Physical distancing
4. Contact tracing, in combination with isolation and quarantine
5. Staying home when sick and getting tested
6. Screening testing to promptly identify cases, clusters, and outbreaks
7. Ventilation
8. Handwashing and respiratory etiquette
9. Cleaning and disinfection

QUARANTINE UPDATE

Fully vaccinated people and people verified (positive PCR or antigen test) to have been infected with COVID-19 in the previous 90 days, who were in close contact with someone who has COVID-19 but do not have COVID-19 symptoms, do not need to quarantine unless they develop symptoms. Individuals may voluntarily choose to provide documentation of their full vaccination status to eliminate the need for quarantine. Fully vaccinated people are recommended to get tested 3-5 days after exposure, even if they do not have symptoms, and it is important for them to wear a mask at school until 14 days after exposure or they receive a negative test result. *Per DHEC [COVID-19 Interim Guidance for K-12 School Operations](#)

DISTRICT COVID-19 RESOURCES: WWW.LEXRICH5.ORG/COVID19