



COVID-19 OPERATIONS PLAN

FOR HANCOCK COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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INTRODUCTION

The Kentucky General Assembly passed Senate Bill 1 on 9/10/21. Senate Bill 1 requires all public school districts in the state of Kentucky to develop a COVID-19 Operations Plan. This plan addresses face mask requirements, quarantine procedures, Test to Stay, non-traditional instruction (NTI) days, and remote learning. The goal of the Kentucky General Assembly and the Hancock County School District is to prioritize in-person learning for all students in the safest manner possible during the Pandemic.

FACE MASKS INSIDE SCHOOL BUILDINGS

The use of face masks by all students and staff inside school buildings and buses will be required through Friday, October 22, 2021. The purpose of this requirement is to provide the most protection from COVID-19 while it is so prevalent in our community. Fall Break is October 4-8, 2021, and masking inside school buildings and buses for at least 2 weeks afterwards is necessary. School district officials will evaluate the local conditions surrounding COVID-19 and finalize plans for the use of face masks inside schools and buses after October 22, 2021, and communicate those plans by October 21, 2021.

QUARANTINE

Our schools will work individually with quarantined students to provide the best instruction possible, which could be remote learning utilizing Google Classroom. These students' absences from school will be excused. Communication with a child's school is vitally important to keeping in-person learning an option. Any child exhibiting COVID-19 symptoms or living in a household with someone exhibiting symptoms needs to stay home and complete remote learning.

PROCEDURES

When a face covering requirement is in effect, any close contact (within 3 feet of a positive case for more than 15 minutes) will be notified and asked to monitor for symptoms for 6 days. If symptoms develop, for a close contact he/she will need to quarantine and work with his/her healthcare provider whether fully vaccinated or not.

If face coverings are optional, any close contact (within 3 feet of a positive case for more than 15 minutes) will be required to quarantine for 10 days from the last date of exposure (no test needed as long as symptom free) OR quarantine 5 days from the date of exposure (may return on day 7 with a negative PCR test result and being symptom free), or participate in the school district's Test to Stay Program.



POSSIBLE SCENARIOS

HOUSEHOLD POSITIVE CASE CONTACT

- Quarantine 10 days from exposure and may return symptom free.
- Quarantine 5 days from exposure and may return with a negative PCR test on 7th day.
- Participate in the school district's Test to Stay Program.
- If Vaccinated–Monitor for symptoms/ No quarantine necessary.

SCHOOL BUS POSITIVE CASE CONTACT

IF MASKS ARE WORN or IF VACCINATED:

- Monitor for symptoms and no quarantine required.

IF MASKS ARE NOT WORN:

- Quarantine 10 days from exposure and may return symptom free.
- Quarantine 5 days from exposure and may return with a negative PCR test on 7th day.
- Participate in the school district's Test to Stay Program.

LUNCHROOM POSITIVE CASE CONTACT

If CLOSE CONTACT IS < 15 MIN.:

- Monitor for symptoms and no quarantine required.

IF CLOSE CONTACT IS 15 MIN. OR >:

- Quarantine 10 days from exposure and may return symptom free.
- Quarantine 5 days from exposure and may return with a negative PCR test on 7th day.
- Participate in the school district's Test to Stay Program.
- If Vaccinated–Monitor for symptoms/ No quarantine necessary.

CLASSROOM POSITIVE CASE CONTACT

IF MASKS ARE WORN or IF VACCINATED:

- Monitor for symptoms and no quarantine required.

IF MASKS ARE NOT WORN:

- Quarantine 10 days from exposure and may return symptom free.
- Quarantine 5 days from exposure and may return with a negative PCR test on 7th day.
- Participate in the school district's Test to Stay Program.

EXTRACURRICULAR POSITIVE CASE CONTACT

These exposures will be assessed based on the conditions (outdoor vs indoor, team bus, etc.....) , but generally we will follow:

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- Monitor for symptoms and no quarantine required.

IF MASKS ARE NOT WORN:

- Quarantine 10 days from exposure and may return symptom free.
- Quarantine 5 days from exposure and may return with a negative PCR test on 7th day.
- Participate in the school district's Test to Stay Program.
- If Vaccinated–Monitor for symptoms/ No quarantine necessary.



TEST TO STAY PROGRAM

There is a voluntary Test to Stay Program for quarantined students and staff. Under this program, students and staff members who are quarantined will have the option of taking a rapid antigen COVID-19 test each morning to potentially eliminate the need to quarantine. Students and staff members testing negative will be able to attend school/work that day. The testing site will be at the Family Health Care Clinic located at 8070 US-60, Lewisport, Kentucky. The site will be open for testing daily. A parent/guardian will be responsible for bringing his/her child to the testing site and then to school for the day if he/she tested negative for the virus. Any student and/or employee testing positive for COVID-19 will need to go home and consult with his/her healthcare provider. This process will take place each day of the quarantine period (EACH school day for 6 days after exposure). The Test to Stay program is voluntary. Quarantined students and/or staff will still have the option of quarantining at home for a period of time.

NON-TRADITIONAL INSTRUCTION (NTI) DAYS

The Kentucky General Assembly provides public school districts up to 10 NTI Days annually. NTI days can only be utilized when the district closes all schools in the district. Prior to the Pandemic, these days were reserved for weather related days. NTI Days can be utilized for COVID-19 related reasons if the district needs to close all schools. A decision about NTI will be communicated clearly to all students, parents/guardians, staff, and community members.

REMOTE LEARNING DAYS

The Kentucky General Assembly is providing public school districts up to 20 remote learning days to be utilized during the 2021-22 school year. These are days where a district doesn't close all schools in the district. These days can be used when certain schools, classrooms, and/or grade levels are closed due to COVID-19. Students will utilize the Google Classroom platform to complete school work and could be asked to participate in Google Meets with teachers and classmates on designated remote learning days.

