



## Harrison County School District Safe Return to In-Person Instruction & Continuity of Services Plan 2021-2022

### Welcome to the 2021-2022 School Year

The Harrison County School District is excited to start the 2021-2022 school year. Guidance documents from KPH, CDC, and KDE as well as input from the WEDCO District Health Department have been used to create our KDE-required Safe Return to In-Person Instruction Plan. Local Public Health Officials and Board Counsel have been consulted. This plan could change or be updated at any time depending on the community transmission rate, Governor's orders, or updated information related to Covid-19.

- In-person instruction for all students is prioritized in this plan.
- Sick students and staff are expected to stay home.
- School officials will work closely with Public Health to monitor the community transmission rate
- We will utilize local data including number of cases, number of hospitalizations and school spread to make data driven decisions

### Guidelines for Students, Staff, & Visitors

- **Masking:**
  - Masks are required in one's possession for all staff and students on school grounds..
  - It is recommended that all persons wear a mask while indoors.
  - Some classes or activities may require all students and staff to temporarily wear a mask (e.g. Singing, Shouting, Blowing Instruments, etc...)
  - In the case of high Covid-19 community transmission rates, students and staff may be required to wear masks temporarily until the transmission rate decreases
  - Students/Staff that hold a valid exemption from masking will not be required to mask at any time.
  - Masking stages will be implemented as necessary depending on local conditions. Updates will be provided each Thursday evening for the upcoming week.
- **Vaccination:**
  - KPH and the CDC encourage anyone over the age of 12 to get the Covid-19 vaccination.
  - Vaccination clinics will be offered as needed by the school and health department.
    - School Clinic 1 - August 4 at HCHS from 5 - 7
  - Students, staff, and school visitors are not required to have received a Covid-19 vaccination but those that are eligible are strongly encouraged to discuss this option with their family doctor.
  - Vaccinated individuals are not required to quarantine if exposed unless symptomatic.
- **Physical Distancing:**
  - Students and staff are asked to attempt to remain at least three (3) feet apart when at all possible.
  - Classrooms will be organized to have students facing the same direction with 3 feet of distance between students when possible.
  - Masks may be required in settings where students are in prolonged physical proximity of less than 3 feet.
- **Ventilation**
  - The district has implemented a fresh air exchange plan to ensure the air that is circulating throughout our buildings is replaced on a regular basis.
  - Windows will be open where available and when possible for clean air circulation.
  - Classes/lunch will utilize outside areas when feasible.
- **Handwashing and Respiratory Etiquette:**
  - All persons on school grounds are expected to wash hands and/or use hand sanitizer frequently.
  - Hand sanitizer will be widely available.
  - Students and Staff are encouraged to bring personal water bottles to school.
  - Students and Staff are encouraged to have a personal mask on their person while in the school building. Disposable masks will be available upon request.
- **Cleaning and Disinfecting:**
  - KPH indicates daily general cleaning is sufficient to remove viruses on surfaces
  - Daily cleaning will continue and high touch shared surfaces will be cleaned more frequently



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- **Isolation, quarantine, and contact tracing**

- We continue to work with the WEDCO District Health Department to facilitate case investigation and contact tracing to identify individuals who have had close contact with a person diagnosed with COVID-19. Quarantining and isolation will comply with WEDCO guidelines.
- A close contact is someone who was within 3 feet of an infected person for a cumulative total of 30 minutes while the person was considered contagious.
- Unvaccinated students, teachers, or staff who are identified as close contacts should be instructed to self-quarantine regardless of whether the exposure occurred within or outside of the school setting. Quarantine may be discontinued when the local public health department determines the individual is safe to be around others.
- Fully-vaccinated\* persons do not need to quarantine following an exposure to a person diagnosed with COVID-19 if he/she is not experiencing symptoms, but are recommended to be tested 3-5 days after an exposure.

### Athletics and Extracurricular Activities

All student-athletes, coaches, staff, and volunteers participating in a KHSAA sanctioned sport are expected to follow KHSAA guidelines.

### Instruction, Intervention, & Mental Health Wellness

#### Instruction

- 5 days per week face-to-face.
- School Doors open at regular times. Refer to your school's information for times.
- Core instruction and exploratories/electives/specials taught daily.
- Strategic intervention provided by classroom teachers, DLC Coaches, and instructional assistants.
- Enrichment services provided by classroom teachers, exploratory teachers, Gifted/Talented teacher, and support staff.
- 21st Century after school services provided at each elementary school.

#### Mental Health Wellness - (859) 588-8086

- School counselors at each school provide whole group and small group instruction as well as individual counseling services.
- The district contracts with third party counseling services that are available at each school for support services in mental health.
- Social and Emotional Learning embedded lessons in core curriculum.

### Masking On School Bus

In accordance with the CDC public health order, all persons using public transportation (including school buses) are required to wear a mask.

Pursuant to the CDC's public health order, the following are exempt from wearing a mask while on a school bus:

- A child under the age of 2 years;
- A person with a disability who cannot wear a mask, or cannot safely wear a mask, because of the disability as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act; and
- A person for whom wearing a mask would create a risk to workplace health, safety, or job duty as determined by the relevant workplace safety guidelines or federal regulations.



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\*Students must ride their regularly assigned bus. Individual exceptions due to custody agreements, etc. are at the discretion of the school principal.

*(Note: the CDC's public health order indicates masking on a school bus is not required while communicating with a person who is hearing impaired when the ability to see the mouth is essential for communication)*

**\*\*A driver does not need to wear a mask if he/she is the only person on the bus.**

### Visitors

- It is recommended that all guests wear a mask.
- Visitors and volunteers will only be permitted access when educationally necessary. Visitors and volunteers may be required to mask. Limited access is at the School Principal's discretion and/or as directed by the district when community transmission rates are high or elevated.

### Expectations for Students

- Students should communicate needs and comply with school rules and expectations outlined in the Student Code of Conduct and Safe Return to In-Person Instruction Plan.
- Students should maintain safe social distancing of 3 feet or more at all times.
- Students should be prepared to wear a mask at any time as directed by district wide guidance or temporarily if asked by school personnel.
- Students should be prepared to wear a mask while being transported on a school bus.
- Students should wash hands or use hand sanitizer frequently during the school day.
- Students should stay home when sick.
- Students should eat meals prepared by the cafeteria or bring it to school with them.

### Expectations for Parents/Guardians

- Parents should support the district Code of Conduct and Safe Return to In-Person Instruction Plan.
- Parents should communicate needs to school personnel.
- Parents should keep student(s) home when sick or have a fever.
- Parents/Guardians are required to notify the school district if students receive a positive Covid-19 test and/or are placed into or released from quarantine.
- Parents should drop children at the entrance doors; parents will not be permitted to walk his/her child to class.
- Parents should refrain from delivering food to school during the day to limit unnecessary visits; no outside food deliveries will be accepted.

### Expectations for HC Staff

- Staff should follow the Safe Return to In-Person Instruction Plan
- Staff should maintain safe social distancing of 3 feet or more as possible.
- Staff should communicate concerns to the administration..
- Staff should support students and address student needs.
- Staff should keep student safety as the number one priority.
- Staff should use good judgment when setting and implementing student expectations.
- Staff should stay home when sick.



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**Masking Stages**

**Masking stages below will be determined and announced every Thursday evening on the district website for the upcoming school week.**

**MS1** – Masking is required of all occupants utilizing school bus transportation.

**MS2** – Masking required while moving. This would apply when entering, exiting, or transitioning throughout the inside of a building.

**MS3** – Masking required of all unvaccinated individuals.

**MS4** – Masking is universal for all who enter the building. *(Local COVID conditions are such that universal masking is necessary to limit spread and exposures)*