



Reopening Plan 2021 – 22

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We are excited to RECONNECT with our students, families and staff as we prepare to begin the 2021-22 school year.

Our goal is to provide a safe, full-week, in-person learning environment for all students and staff. Many of the health and safety protocols from last year's daily schedule will be carried into the new school year. A virtual learning option will remain available.

******All guidance is and will continue to be subject to change based on new information, public health considerations, and/or Executive or Public Health Order.******

Masks (*REV August 10, 2021*):

- In order to comply with Gov. Beshear's Executive Order, all students and staff will be required to wear a mask at school while indoors, regardless of vaccination status. This is effective Wednesday, August 11 and applies to anyone age two and over unless medically or otherwise exempt. Masks are also required on school buses by CDC Public Health Order.

[Link to Executive Order \(rescinded Aug. 23\)](#)

[Link to KY Board of Education Emergency Regulation \(issued August 12\)](#)

The KBE issued an emergency regulation regarding masks in public schools based on separate and independent statutory authority of the KBE. It is ***currently not impacted*** by the repeal of the Governor's Executive Order regarding masks.

Social Distancing:

- Students and staff throughout the district will continue to observe recommended social distancing of at least 3 feet to the greatest extent possible and feasible.
- Each school will develop contact tracing protocols for breakfast/lunch and any other unstructured time outside of the classroom.
- Assigned seating and/or “pods” may be utilized to minimize opportunities for transmission as well as for more efficient contact tracing. Classroom furniture may be adjusted to rows, spaced apart as reasonably possible, and facing in the same direction as much as possible.
- Larger group gatherings may remain limited.
- Sharing of materials will be minimized.

Hygiene and Cleaning:

- Heightened hygiene practices, including frequent hand washing, will be followed during the school day.
- Hand sanitizer will be readily available in classrooms and throughout buildings.
- Maximized facility cleaning to the greatest extent possible. High traffic areas, including stairwells, bathrooms, common areas, and cafeterias, will be cleaned as needed throughout the day. Classrooms will be sanitized in between classes, and buildings will be sanitized nightly following CDC recommended practices.

Symptom Screening and Isolation:

Parents will need to take their child’s temperature **prior to leaving home**, whether traveling by bus, personal vehicle, or other means. If a student has a temperature of more than 100.4, they should remain at home.

All parents/guardians will also be required to sign a letter of commitment at the start of the school year stating that they will not send their child to school if he or she has a fever (> 100.4), is exhibiting symptoms, or if anyone in the household is being tested for COVID-19.

Symptoms include:

- Fever or feeling feverish (e.g., chills, sweating)
- New cough
- Difficulty breathing
- Sore throat
- Muscle aches or body aches
- Vomiting or diarrhea
- New loss of taste or smell

Students with symptoms will be isolated under adult supervision and parents will be contacted.

Individuals who test positive for COVID-19 should self-isolate away from school for 10 days after the start of their illness (or testing date) or otherwise follow the direction of the local public health department about when it is safe for them to be around others.

Contact Tracing and Quarantine *(REV August 23, 2021)*

District health professionals will work with the local health department to facilitate case investigation and contact tracing to identify individuals who have had close contact with a person diagnosed with COVID-19. A close contact is someone who was within 6 feet of an infected person for a cumulative total of 15 minutes while the person was considered contagious. An exception is made by the Kentucky Department of Public Health in the K – 12 indoor classroom setting.

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- At this time, students will be required to quarantine only if they are deemed to have been less than 3 feet from an identified positive for the cumulative 15 minutes in a 24-hour period - **OR** - were unmasked during an exposure of 6 feet or less for the cumulative time of 15 minutes in a 24-hour period.
- Students who have been **3 feet or greater** in distance from an identified positive will not be quarantined **IF** both the positive individual and the student were wearing properly fitting masks.

The health and safety of our students and staff is always our top priority, and this process may be re-evaluated and revised as needed.

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, or:

- **After** day 7 - if the individual is symptom-free and receives a negative COVID-19 test on day 7 after the last date of exposure to the case, they may return on day 8.
- **After** day 10 without testing if the individual is symptom-free.

Fully-vaccinated** persons do not need to quarantine following an exposure to a person diagnosed with COVID-19 if not experiencing symptoms, but are recommended to be tested 3-5 days after an exposure.

***>14 days have passed since receipt of the J&J vaccine or the second dose of Pfizer or Moderna vaccine.*

School Bus Safety:

Parents should screen students before allowing them on the bus. Students with a temperature greater than 100.4 should remain home, and parents should contact their home school regarding the symptoms. Students should be symptom free for 24 hours before being allowed to return to school.

During transport:

- Buses will be loaded back to front
- Assigned seating and family pods will be utilized to the greatest extent possible.
- Seating charts will be maintained for contact tracing.
- Additional shuttle routes will allow for fewer riders on a bus and greater distance between students.
- Window ventilation will be utilized to the extent possible.
- Hand sanitizer will be available to all riders.

- Masks will be available for those students who may want or need one.
- Buses will be cleaned before and after each assigned route.

Food Services/Meals:

Students will have the opportunity to wash their hands with soap and water (preferred) or use hand sanitizer containing at least 60% alcohol before and after meal times.

To the greatest extent practical, students will sit at least 3' apart during indoor meals (whether in the classroom, cafeteria, or another location). When it is not practical to maintain a distance of 3', cohorts or pods will be used to facilitate more efficient contract tracing and minimize opportunities for transmission. Accommodations will be made for students that request greater physical distancing while eating meals.

Cafeteria tables will be cleaned between classes.

Given the very low risk of transmission from surfaces and shared objects (per the CDC):

- Kitchens may provide real trays and utensils for students to consume meals in the cafeteria. Any non-disposable trays and utensils will be washed, rinsed, and sanitized between uses.
- Pin pads may be used to record meals. Pin pads will be cleaned regularly during meal service.
- Students may purchase a la carte items during meal service in the cafeteria. Students are encouraged to preload money on their meal account to minimize money exchange during meal service times.
- Share tables, when implemented, may only include prepackaged items (i.e. fruit cups with lids, milk cartons, wrapped muffins, etc.).

Additional Recommendations:

- Visitor access to buildings may be limited on a school by school basis. Visitors should call ahead and make an appointment, and may be asked to wait if arriving unannounced per state policy for Safe Schools.
- Prevention strategies for school-sponsored sports and extracurricular activities will be implemented and continued from the 2020-21 school year based on guidance from the KHSAA.
- The district will continue to monitor local case levels and work with the local Health Department on strategies to help prevent spread.

This plan is subject to change. Grayson County Schools will continue to adhere to guidance as recommended by state and national agencies including the CDC, Kentucky KY Department of Public Health, Kentucky Department of Education and the Governor's office. The district will continue in partnership with the Grayson County Health Department and reassess practices as necessary. This may include but is not limited to increased wearing of masks, temperature checks, increased social distancing, and other mitigation strategies as directed by the above agencies.

LINKS:

[*CDC Guidance on K12 School Reopening Fall 2021*](#)

[*CDC Public Transportation Health Order*](#)

[*KY Dept of Public Health Guidance \(Updated August 27,2021\)*](#)