

A MESSAGE FROM THE HENDRICKS COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS' SUPERINTENDENTS

Hendricks County Families,

The Hendricks County public school corporations appreciate the patience and understanding of our families and communities during the last few months. Per Governor Holcomb's order, schools are allowed to resume normal schedules on July 1. The Indiana Department of Education, in conjunction with the Indiana Department of Health and the Indiana Family and Social Services Agency, released guidance for the reopening of Indiana schools. Hendricks County public schools have come together to share important information as we prepare to welcome your children back to our classrooms.

The partnership between families and schools is always a key to student success. School staff will be receiving professional development on screening student health situations and parents are encouraged to be aware of the health of their students and only send them to school if they are well.

All Hendricks County schools will be starting on their scheduled date. We will also:

- Require staff and students to have a mask with them at all times. There will be certain situations, including on a bus and some in-school settings, when wearing a mask will be required for both students and staff.
- Require students and staff to be fever free for 72 hours without the use of fever reducing medication before returning to school.
- Maximize instructional space and scheduling flexibility.
- Employ enhanced cleaning procedures with additional hand sanitizer stations.
- Open playgrounds with separate zones for sanitization purposes.
- Allow the use of water fountains for bottle or cup refills only.
- Adjust lunches to maximize available open space and utilize alternate scheduling to adhere to safety guidelines.
- Identify and separate space in school clinics to treat symptomatic students.
- Restrict visitors and guests in our school buildings.
- Discontinue perfect attendance incentives.

In conjunction with the Hendricks County Health Department, Hendricks County public schools will have a common response to confirmed cases of COVID-19 and ongoing consultation will inform the decisions to keep schools open.

Thank you again for supporting your Hendricks County public schools as we look forward to a safe reopening for the 2020-2021 school year.

