

# Returning to School

2020-2021



Christian County Public Schools is in the process of preparing for the opening of the 2020-2021 school year. We look forward to welcoming our students back into our buildings. We operate under the belief that the best and most effective learning takes place in our classrooms with face-to-face instruction, but we are also developing robust virtual instruction alternatives to meet the needs of all of our families.

The Covid-19 Task Force was formed on May 13, 2020. To date, the Task Force has met on five separate occasions. The task force is made up of district leadership, principals, teachers, parents, a local physician, health department representation and community members.

After receiving information and input from medical and public health professionals, as well as school level administrators, employees, and other community stakeholders, the Task Force is continuing to work diligently to consider the concerns and questions from a broad range of stakeholders. Parent participation on the Task Force and via community surveys has been vital to the planning conversations. Input from certified and classified employees has also been received through virtual informational forums. As the beginning of the school year approaches, the task force is planning community forums to share plans and answer questions as well.

District and school administrators and other qualified staff are establishing plans to ensure that our schools are a safe and healthy place for all students to learn. These plans will follow the guidance and safety expectations developed by Kentucky Public Health and Kentucky Department of Education to create a "Healthy at School" environment. Information is subject to change as we continue to receive updated information from the Health Department, Kentucky Department of Education, Kentucky Governor's Office and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

The "Healthy at School" guidelines for our buildings include:

- Symptom screening for all staff and students will include daily temperature checks
- Students with symptoms will be isolated under adult supervision and parents will be contacted
- Masks will be required to be worn by faculty, staff, and students (1st-12th grades) when distancing of 6 feet cannot be maintained
- Social distancing in common areas with markings on floors will be located in key locations to show distancing requirements
- Classrooms will be arranged to promote social distancing
- Recess and meal times will be staggered to promote distancing
- Increased cleaning protocols will occur in all areas in schools
- High-touch surfaces such as desks and tables will be disinfected between each class
- Increased frequency of handwashing
- Hand sanitizer stations will be placed at entry ways, restrooms, cafeterias and on buses

The "Healthy at School" guidelines for our buses include:

- Masks on buses where social distancing cannot be accommodated for will be required (1st-12th grades)
- Buses will be loaded from back to front and unloaded from front to back
- Staggered seating will be implemented when possible
- Household members will be encouraged to sit together

The district team, including the Covid-19 Task Force, has identified four models for returning to school. Varying combinations of these models may be utilized at different times during the school year based on requirements and guidance as related to “Healthy at School.”

### **Traditional Model**

Students enrolled in CCPS traditional school will return to campus and classrooms on a regular schedule with in-person teachers. Health and safety procedures will be enhanced and meet Kentucky's “Healthy at School Guidelines.”

### **Hybrid Model**

Hybrid Learning could include many options of combining both NTI learning and traditional school using a rotating schedule. There are several models of alternate learning that could be used with the Hybrid Model.

### **NTI Model**

The Non-Traditional Instruction Program (NTI) is a program that encourages the continuation of academic instruction by the teacher on days when in-person instruction can not occur. The goal is to provide every student in the district with teacher interaction on NTI days with the ultimate goal of continuing instruction. The district expects NTI to be more robust and rigorous than the NTI provided at the initial outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic because of the diligent work that has occurred and is continuing to occur this summer to prepare for NTI.

---

### **Virtual Learning Academy Model**

This school is designed for families who do not feel it is in the best interest of their child’s health to return to the school building. To ensure CCPS Virtual Learning Academy is aligned with traditional learning, the level of expectation and accountability will resemble that of the traditional

classroom through a virtual platform. The goal is to provide equitable, robust instruction to all students in all of the proposed learning models.

The Virtual Learning Academy Model should not be confused with the Non-Traditional Instruction (NTI) provided during the emergency school closures during the spring 2020. Paper packets will not be a part of the Virtual Learning Academy.

Every decision made will be in accordance with requirements from federal, state, and local health authorities including the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Kentucky Governor's Office, Kentucky Department for Public Health, and the Christian County Health Department.