



# **Henderson County Schools**

# **Healthy at School**

# **Plan**

## **2021-2022**

COVID-19 School Operations Initial Plan

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## **UPDATED 9/16/2021**

On September 9, 2021 the Kentucky General Assembly passed Senate Bill 1 during a special called session. Senate Bill 1 brings significant changes to school operations this academic year. Click here for more information about [Senate Bill 1](#)

The safety of our students and staff is our number one priority. We value in-person instruction over any other mode of instruction and our goal is to provide an extraordinary education for our students while maintaining a healthy and safe learning environment.

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### **Face Masks**

**Require masks for all persons** inside all HCS schools and buildings.

The purpose of this requirement is to provide the most protection from Covid-19 while our community incident rate is at a high level. This decision will be re-evaluated after Fall Break and will be communicated by Friday, October 22nd.

**Require masks** on school buses for all students (preschool through 12th grade) and for drivers/monitors.

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### **Quarantine**

Henderson County Schools will not quarantine **masked students or staff members** if they are determined to be a *close contact* to an individual at school who has tested positive for COVID-19.

However, if a student/staff member is determined to be a close contact, the family or staff member will be notified and asked to monitor symptoms. If symptoms develop, students and staff will need to quarantine, whether fully vaccinated or not.

*Note: Does not apply to high-risk activities such as lunch, band or extracurricular activities.*

**See chart 1A for more information**

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**Students or staff should stay home if any of the following occur:**

Symptoms are defined as:

- a fever (temperature is greater than 100.4) or feeling feverish (e.g. chills or sweating);
- a new cough (defined as “new uncontrolled cough that causes difficulty breathing.” For those with chronic allergic/asthmatic cough, a change in their cough from baseline.);
- Difficulty breathing;
- Sore throat;
- Headache;
- Muscle or body aches;
- Vomiting or diarrhea; and/or
- New loss of taste or smell

*This list does not include all possible symptoms.*

If your child develops any of the symptoms during the day, we ask that the student be picked up as soon as possible. Contact the local health department for more detailed guidance and consult with your school nurse if exclusion is unclear.

A child’s absence MUST be communicated to the school, in the event contact tracing is required. ***\*Parents/Guardian must notify the school if their child tests positive for COVID-19.***

Students who are quarantined from school will participate in remote learning. The absence will be excused.

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**Test to Stay Option**

***The Test to Stay option is still in process with an anticipated start date in October.***

Henderson County Schools will offer a Test to Stay Option. Students and staff members who receive a negative test will be able to attend school/work that day. This process will take place each day during the quarantine period (5 school days). The Test to Stay is an optional program used for school contact tracing. Testing will be conducted with informed consent from the appropriate person, parent, or guardian.

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## **Non-Traditional Instruction (NTI) & Remote Learning Days**

The Kentucky General Assembly provides school districts up to 10 NTI days per school year. NTI days can only be utilized when the district closes all schools in the district. NTI days can be used for weather related days or due to COVID-19 reasons.

The Kentucky General Assembly is providing 20 Remote Learning Days to be used during the 2021-2022 school year. Remote Learning Days can be used when specific schools, classrooms, and or or grade levels are closed due to COVID-19. Students will use Google Classroom to complete school work.

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## **Additional Information**

### **Vaccination**

While vaccines are not required, being vaccinated is one way to protect yourself and others from COVID-19. Vaccinated staff and students would only need to quarantine if they exhibit symptoms.

### **Dashboard**

Our COVID-19 dashboard can be found on our district website:  
[www.henderson.kyschools.us](http://www.henderson.kyschools.us)

### **Volunteers and Visitors**

Families and visitors are encouraged to conduct business by phone or email. Parents/guardians will have limited access inside the school building and will work with a receptionist through the front secured-entry vestibule area.

Our School Volunteer Program is on a limited basis. Contact the District Community Relations Coordinator for more information at 270-831-5000.

*Essential visitors will be allowed in the schools by appointment only. Essential visitors are those providing individual therapy, vocational rehabilitation services, etc. All essential visitors must have a complete background check and health screening before meeting with students. All essential visitors must provide an updated and signed consent by the student's parent or legal guardian.*

### **Sports/Extracurricular Activities**

Henderson County Schools will utilize recommendations provided by the Kentucky High School Athletics Associations (KHSAA). Tickets for games will be sold using GoFan - <https://gofan.co/app/school/KY16723>

Fine Arts activities will utilize the recommendations provided by the Kentucky Music Educators Association (KMEA).

Clubs and other group activities may be allowed to meet utilizing the health and safety guidelines that are in place for the classroom.

### **How can I provide my feedback/input?**

We have set up an email address in order to receive input from our families and community regarding the reopening of school

[communications@henderson.kyschools.us](mailto:communications@henderson.kyschools.us) or contact the Board of Education office at 270-831-5000.

### **Family Notifications**

We work to keep our parents well informed utilizing the Parentlink phone notification system that uses phone calls, text, and/or emails to contact our families.

[Click Here to Sign up for ParentLink Notifications.](#)

Follow your School on Social Media for updates and information.

***\*The information in this document is subject to change.  
We appreciate your patience and flexibility this school year.***

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## COVID-19 School Quarantine Information

### Exposure to Positive Case

(Positive Case Isolates)

**Everyone MASKED**

**Close contacts within 3 ft of positive case notified to monitor for symptoms for 10 days**

**If symptoms develop, quarantine and get tested, whether fully vaccinated or not.**

**Anyone UNMASKED**

**Close contacts within 3 ft of positive case must quarantine\* with 1 of the 2 options below:**

- 1. Quarantine 10 days.  
(no test needed)**
- 2. Quarantine for 7 days.  
Return day 8 with negative test on day 5, 6, or 7.**
- 3. Test to Stay Option**

*\*unless fully vaccinated or have been ill with COVID-19 within the previous 3 months & recovered without any symptoms.*



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## COVID-19 Screening

Every morning before you send your child to school, please check for signs of illness:

FEVER 100.4 degrees  
or CHILLS

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SORE THROAT

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New Cough  
Difficulty Breathing

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DIARRHEA  
OR VOMITTING,

☐


NEW LOSS OF TASTE  
OR SMELL

☐


Muscle Aches or  
Body Aches

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- 1 Does your child have any sign of illness above?  
This is not a comprehensive list of all possible symptoms of COVID-19.
  - 2 Were you in close contact (within 3 feet for more than 15 minutes) with anyone confirmed with COVID-19?
  - 3 If the answer is **YES** to any of the questions, **DO NOT** send your student to school. Instead, begin isolation of your child and contact your healthcare provider. Have you been tested for COVID-19? Only a positive test or provider diagnosis can confirm if someone has a current infection.
  - 4 Please keep your student home until they have received clearance to return to school.
- ➔ If you have trouble breathing, chest pain, new confusion, inability to wake or stay awake, bluish lips/face, or any other emergency **CALL 911**



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# Wash YOUR HANDS!



Hands that look clean can still have icky germs!

[www.cdc.gov/handwashing](http://www.cdc.gov/handwashing)

