



A NEW WAY FORWARD

Update Regarding the 2021-22 School Year

Jefferson County Board of Education
March 8, 2022

Guiding Principles



HEALTH AND SAFETY

We commit to doing everything possible to ensure the health, safety, and well-being of our students, staff, and community. Every decision we make will be in accordance with the Kentucky Department of Education (KDE), Kentucky Department for Public Health, Louisville Metro Department of Public Health and Wellness (LMDPHW), and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidelines for reopening schools.



HIGH-QUALITY INSTRUCTION

We commit to providing our students with high-quality instruction across all platforms in order to ensure that every student has the opportunity to learn and grow.



FLEXIBILITY

We commit to remaining flexible in these highly uncertain times. We will be ready to adapt to new public health circumstances in accordance with expert guidance in order to safeguard our students, staff, and community.

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EQUITY

We commit to fostering an environment that supports the physical, emotional and social health of our students, with a focus on removing barriers and building a system that equips all students with the tools to be successful.



ACCURATE AND TIMELY COMMUNICATION

We commit to ensuring that students, employees, and families have the information they need to remain safe, and we will keep all stakeholders up to date with important information throughout the school year.



COMMUNITY TRUST

We commit to building community trust through our actions. Every decision will be made with all stakeholders in mind and will be guided by students, employees, families, and experts.

Diagnostic Screening Testing: Students

Week	# Positive Tests	Total # of Tests
1/2	1,784	21,005
1/9	1,642	10,101
1/16	1,081	7,838
1/23	946	24,924
1/30	553	17,064
2/6	400	24,351
2/13	220	23,116
2/20	163	21,202
2/27	73	22,002

This includes Test to Stay, Test to Play and any student who went through the drive through.

Diagnostic Screening Testing: Staff

Week	# Positive Tests	Total # of Tests
1/2	512	6,301
1/9	534	7,914
1/16	361	6,408
1/23	263	6,566
1/30	142	4,238
2/6	175	5,507
2/13	83	5,096
2/20	108	4,877
2/27	25	4,482

This includes testing at the work site and the drive through.

Vaccine Clinics And Nurse Visits

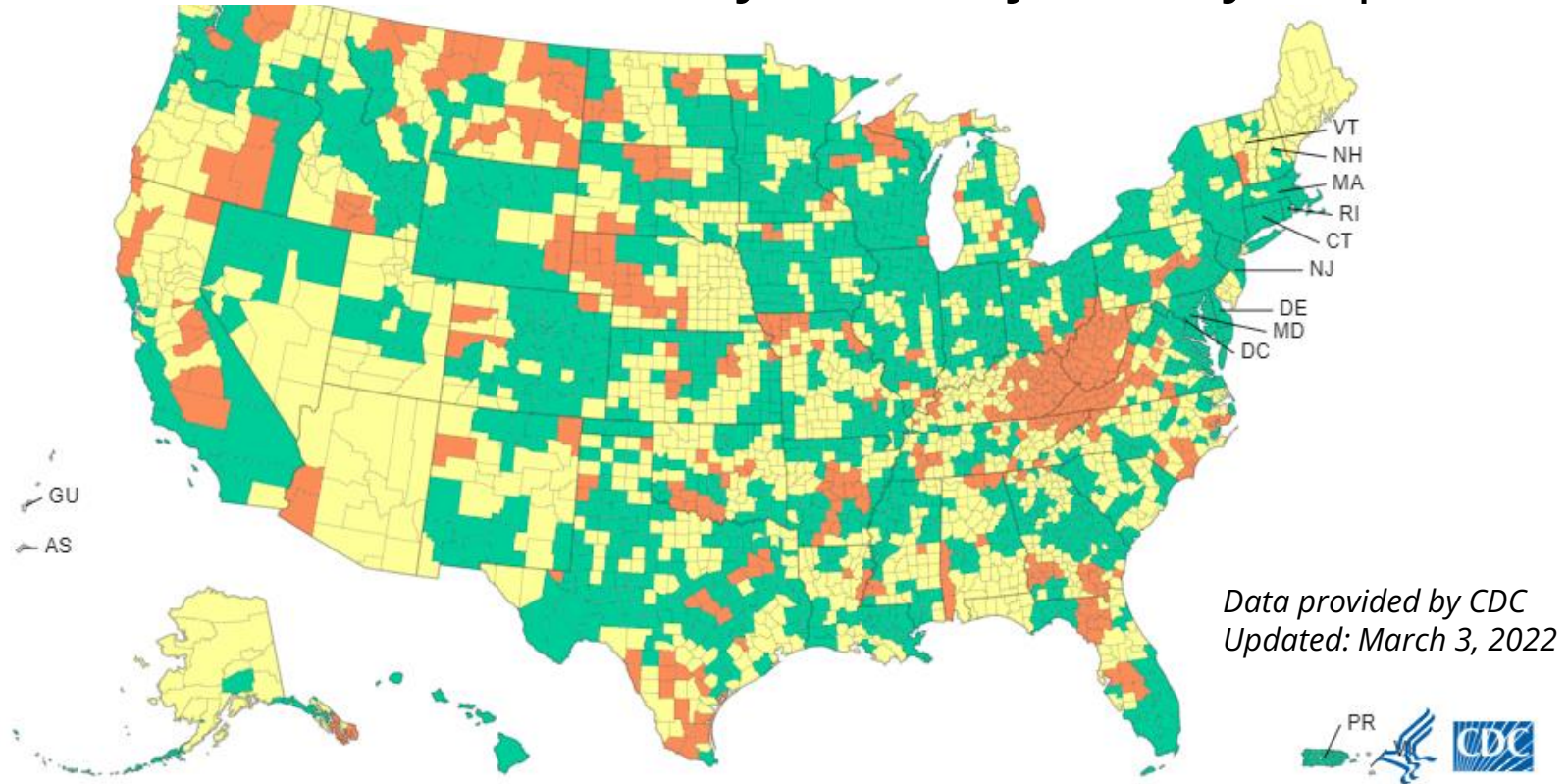
Clinics

- Over 8900 vaccines given to students/families since November
- School clinics beginning in March

Nurses

- 71,812 assessments related to contact tracing
- 17,812 Screening visits for COVID-19
- Over 14,000 symptomatic tests have been completed

U.S. COVID-19 Community Levels by County Map



Follow CDC/KDH Guidance including:

1. **When community levels are classified as high**, schools should continue to implement all layers of prevention strategies including:
 - Universal masking for all students and staff indoors and on buses.
 - Cohorting classrooms and limit mixing between students when indoors, where possible

When community levels are medium or low, schools do not need to implement indoor universal masking in school settings or on buses; however, targeted mask use is recommended during outbreaks or following exposures.

1. At all levels of community spread, **quarantine is no longer recommended following at-school exposures for asymptomatic people**. Schools should continue to maintain the following baseline prevention strategies:
 - Encourage students and staff to remain up to date with COVID-19 vaccinations.
 - **Ensure 5-day isolation and 5-day masking for individuals with COVID-19.**
 - Instruct sick individuals to stay home.
 - Promote on-site testing programs for sick or exposed persons.
 - Recommend 10 days of masking and testing for asymptomatic persons exposed to COVID-19 at school.
 - Allow Test to Stay modified quarantine for persons exposed to COVID-19 outside of school.

From
Commissioner's
Email, 2/28/22

FEEDBACK & QUESTIONS