



## ***COVID-19 School Operations Plan***

**Update:** The COVID-19 operations plan was amended by the Wayne County Board of Education on February 17, 2021. Changes to the masking policy are effective immediately.

**Masking:** Masks for students, staff, and visitors are optional. Parents may choose to ask their child to wear a mask.

**Contact tracing and quarantines:** The district will continue contact tracing of close contacts at school, and parents will be notified. School close contacts will no longer be required to quarantine, so long as they are not showing any symptoms. Parents will be offered the option to have their child tested at school or may choose to quarantine their child for 10 days. Close contacts who participate in athletics or extracurricular activities will be allowed to participate in those activities if they do the “test to stay” protocol.

**Wayne County Schools will continue enhanced cleaning practices and encourage all students and staff to follow these important guidelines:**

- Wash your hands frequently.
- Refrain from touching your face, eyes, nose, and mouth.
- Cover your cough.
- Practice social distancing when possible.
- Stay home if you have any symptoms of COVID-19

***PLEASE NOTE: This plan is subject to revision as the COVID situation in our community changes.***

## **Safe Return to In-Person Learning 2020-2021 School Year**

During the 2020 - 2021 school year, all Wayne County students will have the choice of attending school in-person or virtually. When community spread of COVID reaches critical levels, (as determined by the Kentucky Department of Public Health) all students may learn virtually for a period of time.

The following safety protocols will be in place for students who attend school in-person:

1. Parents should complete a quick health assessment including temperature check before sending their child to school. Any child with symptoms of COVID-19 should stay at home. Signs and symptoms of COVID-19 include:
  - Temperature of 100.4 or greater
  - Unexplained rash
  - Dry cough
  - Diarrhea
  - Shortness of breath
  - Fatigue
  - Loss/change in sense of smell or taste
  - Nausea or Vomiting
  - Unexplained muscle aches or pains
  - Sore throat
  - Headache – mild to severe
2. All employees should complete a health assessment including temperature check before reporting to work. Any employees with symptoms of COVID-19 should stay home.
3. All employees will be expected to wear a mask any time they are within six feet of others.
4. Students will be required to wear a mask when boarding and riding the bus.
5. Students will sit in an assigned seat on the bus. Students who have a waiver from wearing a mask issued by a medical professional will be assigned a seat in the front of the bus.
6. Students and staff who have a medical waiver from wearing a mask are required to wear a face shield in situations where social distancing isn't possible.
7. Buses will be sanitized after each route.
8. All staff and students will have a temperature check performed upon arrival at school. Any child with a temperature of 100.4 or greater will be placed in an isolation room until the parent can arrive to pick them up. Staff members with a temperature of 100.4 or greater will be sent home.

9. Students will be required to wear masks anytime they are on their feet, moving around the classroom or building.
10. Hallway traffic will be directional.
11. Students will report directly to class upon arrival at school.
12. Students will eat breakfast and lunch in the classroom. Schools may develop a rotating schedule for eating in the cafeteria that allows for social distancing. If the cafeteria is used, all students will sit facing the same direction.
13. No self-service in the cafeteria.
14. Students will have assigned seats in the classroom and all student desks will face the same direction.
15. High contact surfaces will be sanitized frequently throughout the day.
16. Hand sanitizer stations will be placed throughout the school.
17. Students and staff will wash their hands or use sanitizer on a regular basis.
18. K-8 students will remain with the same group all day to limit the possibility of exposure.
19. Playgrounds will be divided into zones to limit mixing of students.
20. School nurses will have procedures in place to deal with students that exhibit COVID-19 symptoms in a separate area away from the nurse's office.