

**Whitley County Schools**  
**Guidelines for Remaining In-Person**  
**2022-2023**

It is our goal to remain safely in school with as many students as possible utilizing in-person school settings this year. As we all know, there is no substitute for the attention and engagement that is only possible with in-person learning. We want to assure everyone that we are committed to following the guidelines set forth by the various health agencies and officials to keep our students safe and healthy. Our students' well-being is our first priority. A few things you need to know about in-person instruction:

1. The first day of school is Wednesday, August 10th.
2. In accordance with state and local guidelines masking is optional this school year.
3. Classrooms will be set up with social distancing in mind, to the extent possible.
4. Common areas such as the gymnasium, library or cafeteria will also utilize social distancing to the extent it is possible.
5. Our cafeteria staff will adhere to the CDC and health department regulations concerning sanitation and food safety.
6. Temperature checks will be highly encouraged for all students before leaving home each morning. Any student who has a fever will be checked by the school nurse. Any child who has a fever will be sent home.
7. Any child who exhibits COVID-19 symptoms during the school day will be moved to the specific room designated for medical-related isolation until they can be picked up by a family member.
8. It is recommended that you purchase a reusable water bottle for your child to use at school.
9. Students will be provided extra opportunities during the day to wash their hands as research shows that good hand hygiene is very important. Hand sanitizer will also be available to students for instances when hand washing is not feasible.
10. Periodically, once the buses are empty of passengers, bus drivers will spray their buses down with a chemical that is shown to kill COVID-19.
11. We do have sports as we would any other year for our elementary, middle, and high school teams.
12. The Whitley County School District will continue to monitor the number of Covid cases and other related illnesses through communication with our school nurses and the Whitley County Health Department.

These precautions remain in place for everyone's safety. Families play a critical role in supporting the culture of health and safety that each school has established. Families

can help stop the transmission of COVID-19 and other illnesses in their school communities by keeping them home from school if they are sick.

The Whitley County School District is offering two options for attendance this school year:

1. In-person learning with new safety requirements: This option means that your child(ren) will come to school each day. Teachers will be teaching as usual while adhering to the safety protocols. You would have the option to allow your child(ren) to ride the bus to school or you may provide transportation. We ask that you notify your child's school if you intend to provide transportation.
2. Remote learning through Colonel Academy: This option means that your child(ren) will attend school through an online platform. This option requires that you have internet access and a device such as a Chromebook or PC. The district will provide Chromebooks for students in 7th-12th grades. There is criteria and an application process to be enrolled into the Colonel Academy. (See Patrick Bowlin, DPP).