



## Campbell County Schools COVID School Operations Plan

Schools are an essential part of community infrastructure and the maintenance of in-person instruction for K-12 students is a priority. The purpose of this document is to provide information on prevention strategies that help protect students, teachers, and staff and slow the spread of COVID-19 in K-12 schools based on recommendations from the CDC and the Kentucky Department for Public Health (KDPH).

The plan for the 2023-2024 Campbell County School District school year is subject to change due to current local health conditions and information provided by local, state, and federal agencies.

### Prevention strategies

SARS-CoV-2 transmission in K-12 schools is largely influenced by disease incidence in the community and evidence from the 2020-2021 school year suggests K-12 schools can safely open for in-person instruction when layered prevention strategies are implemented. Factors that influence decisions include:

- Level of community COVID-19 transmission and occurrence of outbreaks in the school and/or the community.
- COVID-19 vaccination coverage in the community and among students, teachers, and staff.
- Ages of children served by the schools and associated social and behavioral factors that may affect the risk of transmission and feasibility of different prevention strategies.

Full implementation of all layers of protection will be followed when sustained incidence of COVID-19 in the county is accelerated or critical (orange or red). If any of the prevention strategies are removed or added, they will be implemented one at a time and clearly communicated to our school community.

### Vaccination

We encourage a COVID vaccine for anyone eligible to safely receive the vaccination. We respect and understand individual/family choice on this topic. We must make note of the current quarantine flexibility available to fully vaccinated people who are not symptomatic. This flexibility greatly improves the district's ability to provide high quality in-person learning, while avoiding quarantines.

### Health Assessment at Home

Parents should continue to complete a quick health assessment on their child before sending their child to school. If no symptoms are observed, the student should proceed to school as normal regardless of transportation mode.

Employees should complete a quick health assessment before reporting to work. Ill/ symptomatic employees should stay home and report absence to the CCS Human Resource Department.

Anyone who is ill or symptomatic, should contact their health care provider. Current COVID-19 testing and quarantine protocols shall be followed as applicable.

### Health Assessment at School

Each CCS school has a school nurse available to see ill students and employees. If a person shows at least one symptom of illness they will be isolated immediately. Parents will be required to pick up the child. Individuals are encouraged to notify their health care provider for further guidance and possible testing for COVID-19. Current return to school/ work and quarantine protocol shall be followed when applicable.

### K-12 COVID School Testing

The Kentucky Department for Public Health (KDPH) is excited to provide COVID-19 antigen tests free of charge to Kentucky's K-12 schools in the 2023-2024 school year. This program is possible through a partnership with the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to promote safe in-person learning. The program relies upon federal support, and it is not yet clear if support will be sufficient to maintain the program for the entire academic year.

Eligibility for testing:

- Any child 5-18 years old enrolled in K-12 school;
- Household family members of any child 5-18 years old enrolled in K-12 school;
- Any employee, volunteer or associate service providers of Kentucky K-12 school systems; and
- Pre-K and preschool students/staff are included in a K-12 school.

### Hand Hygiene

Students shall be taught proper hand hygiene practices. Signs and reminders shall be posted throughout buildings. Regular hand-washing and use of hand sanitizer shall be planned into the school day.

### Face Coverings

Campbell County Schools recommends that all students and staff wear a facemask over the nose and mouth while inside of a school facility during, and after, the academic school day. Anyone choosing to forego the wearing of a facemask in school facilities does so at their own risk.

Masking requirements are subject to change based on COVID trend data and recommendations from the Kentucky Department for Public Health in order to prevent the transmission of illness/ disease.

### Social Distancing

Campbell County Schools encourages social distancing measures in order to prevent illness/ disease transmission. However, social distancing measures in classrooms, common areas or cafeterias are not always feasible and cannot be implemented. While masking is still recommended, spacing accommodations will be provided for those students who have health conditions that prevent their ability to eat lunch within a 6-foot radius of others. To receive this accommodation, a student must present a doctor's order indicating the health condition of student or a medically fragile family member currently residing within the same household, requesting the accommodation.

### Cleaning and Sanitization

Campbell County School shall follow the current CDC guidance for cleaning and sanitizing facilities.

### Quarantine

Campbell County Schools will not conduct independent contact tracing. CDC and KDPH guidelines for quarantine and isolation will continue to be followed.

### Bus Transportation

Campbell County Schools **recommends** that all students and staff wear a facemask over the nose and mouth while riding a school bus. Anyone choosing to forego the wearing of a facemask on the school bus does so at their own risk.

Additional school bus protocol:

- When possible, air flow will be increased on all buses.
- Each rider may have an assigned seat and seating shall be staggered if not at full capacity.
- No bus passes will be permitted.
- To the extent possible, leave first seat behind the driver empty and load back to front and unload front to back.

### Food Service Meals

Campbell County Schools has a plan to focus on food service operations within each school. The specific food service plan for each individual school will be unique given the number of students enrolled, age of students, and layout of the school building. The building layout includes the kitchen, cafeteria, and service lines. Each school will provide an accommodation for students with documented medical issues requiring additional space to limit COVID exposure.

Breakfast and lunch meals will be provided on school days to all enrolled students per the current USDA guidelines. Free/ Reduced Meal Applications are still necessary and should be completed on the benefit application.

### Attendance

Daily school attendance is mandatory for students and is the responsibility of the parent/ guardian. All Kentucky Revised Statutes and Kentucky Administrative Regulations related to student attendance shall be observed and enforced by Campbell County Schools.

Parents/ guardians must submit a signed parent or doctor note to the school with a valid reason anytime a child is absent or tardy. If a valid excuse is not presented in a reasonable time, the absence will be unexcused.

### Teaching and Learning Model

Students in grades K-12 will attend school in-person 5 days per week.

Preschool students will attend school in-person following the normal 4-day, Monday through Thursday, schedule.

When a K-12 student is unable to attend school due to a physical or mental health issue or disability and meets the home/hospital criteria, the student may be provided instructional services through the school district's Home/Hospital Instructional Program. A home/ hospital instructional session may be delivered in person or electronically.

### Athletics/Extra-Curricular Activities

All guidance in this document is applicable to athletics/extra-curricular activities. Athletics governed by Kentucky High School Athletic Association (KHSAA) must follow their requirements.