

Casey County Schools

2023-2024 Covid-19 School Operations Plan

[This plan can be modified at the discretion of the Superintendent](#)

UPDATE: Effective 8/10/23

Masking: Masks will be optional (family choice) for students, staff, and visitors. Masks for students, staff, and visitors are not required, for individuals regardless of vaccination status while indoors.

Casey County Schools will continue to monitor recommendations from the Department of Public Health, Kentucky Dept. of Education, and the Center for Disease Control regarding best practices for preventing the spread of COVID-19. We will continue to monitor incidence rates of the spread of COVID-19 in our community. We will use this information, in addition to the level of spread within the schools, to determine when we need to implement additional processes or strategies to avoid and prevent spread of COVID-19.

Casey County Schools will communicate changes in intervention levels with all stakeholders as those decisions are made.

COVID-19 Community Level and K-12 Schools

LOW	MEDIUM	HIGH
Baseline prevention strategies	Localized and targeted mitigation	Most layered prevention strategies
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stay up to date with vaccinations. Stay home when sick. 5-day isolation + 5-day masking for individuals with COVID-19. Targeted mask use following at-school exposures. Promote testing for sick or exposed persons. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stay up to date with vaccinations. Stay home when sick. 5-day isolation + 5-day masking for individuals with COVID-19. Targeted mask use following at-school exposures. Consider universal masking for all students and staff. Promote testing for sick or exposed persons. Cohort classrooms and limit mixing between students, where possible. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stay up to date with vaccinations. Stay home when sick. 5-day isolation + 5-day masking for individuals with COVID-19. Universal masking for all students and staff indoors and on buses. Promote testing for sick or exposed persons. Cohort classrooms, limit mixing between students, where possible. Limit large gatherings and activities Consider physical distancing of >3ft.

Casey 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.

Isolation

Advise sick students, teachers or staff stay home if they have fever and/or symptoms of COVID-19, including:

- o Fever ($>100.4^{\circ}\text{F}$) or feeling feverish (e.g., chills, sweating)
- o New cough
- o Difficulty breathing
- o Sore throat
- o Muscle aches or body aches
- o Vomiting or diarrhea
- o New loss of taste or smell

Instruct parents/guardian, teachers and staff to report positive COVID-19 test results to the school or school district. Results can be self-reported.

Advise persons who test positive for COVID-19 self-isolate away from school for:

- At least 5 full days from the day that their symptoms started if they are experiencing symptoms of COVID-19. The first day of symptoms is considered day 0. The individual may return to school after 5 days when their symptoms are fully resolved or after 10 days even if they have lingering symptoms. It is recommended the individual wear a well-fitting mask for 10 full days when around others indoors.
- 5 full days from the date of testing if they have never developed symptoms. The day of testing is considered day 0. It is recommended the individual wear a well-fitting mask for 10 full days when around others indoors. If the individual develops symptoms of COVID-19, they should follow the above isolation guidance for someone with symptoms.

Direct sick persons to isolate at home away from school. Sick students, teachers or staff who are not tested for COVID-19 may return when their symptoms resolve.

Exposures and Quarintees

- Contact tracing following school exposures to COVID-19 is not expected. Where feasible, schools should notify families and staff when a known exposure to COVID-19 occurs in the classroom or in school settings.
- Everyone who is known to have had close contact to a person with COVID-19 is recommended to be tested 5 days or more after the exposure.
- Quarantine is not routinely recommended following exposures to COVID-19 for people without symptoms.
- Targeted use of well-fitting masks for 5 days should be encouraged when COVID-19 clusters or outbreaks occur in classroom or school settings.

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

Overview

The Casey County Board of Education is committed to the health, safety, and well-being of all students, staff, and families. This plan was developed in coordination with local health officials and guidance from the Kentucky Department of Education, Center for Disease Control, Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services, and American Association of Pediatricians.

Learning Options

Casey County School is currently operating with In-Person learning.

Current NTI Class Schedules and Virtual Report times are as follows:

Casey County High School and Casey County Middle School

1st period	9:00 am-9:40 am
2nd period	9:40 am- 10:20 am
3rd period	10:20 am- 11:00 am
4th period	11:00 am- 11:40 am
BREAK	11:40 am- 12:40 pm
5th period	12:40 pm- 1:20 pm
6th period	1:20 pm- 2:00 pm
7th period	2:00 pm-2:40 pm

Jones Park Elementary—Liberty Elementary—Walnut Hill Elementary

Kindergarten	9:00 - 10:00	10:00 - 11:00	11:00 - 12:00	12:00 - 1:15	1:15 - 2:00	
	All students Google Classroom		Break	Small Groups of students by teacher request		
1st grade	9:00 - 10:00	10:00 - 11:00	11:00 - 12:00	12:00 - 1:15	1:15 - 2:00	
	All students Google Classroom		Break	Small Groups of students by teacher request		
2nd grade	9:00 - 10:00	10:00 - 11:00	11:00 - 12:00	12:00 - 1:15	1:15 - 2:00	2:00 - 2:30
	All students Google Classroom		Break	All students Google Classroom	Small Groups of students by teacher request	
3rd grade	9:00 - 10:00	10:00 - 11:00	11:00 - 12:00	12:00 - 1:15	1:15 - 2:00	2:00 - 2:30
	All students Google Classroom		Break	All students Google Classroom	All students Google Classroom	Small Groups of students by teacher request
4th grade	9:00 - 10:00	10:00 - 11:00	11:00 - 12:00	12:00 - 1:15	1:15 - 2:00	2:00 - 2:30
	All students Google Classroom		Break	All students Google Classroom	All students Google Classroom	Small Groups of students by teacher request
5th grade	9:00 - 10:00	10:00 - 11:00	11:00 - 12:00	12:00 - 1:15	1:15 - 2:00	2:00 - 2:30
	All students Google Classroom		Break	All students Google Classroom	All students Google Classroom	Small Groups of students by teacher request

Extra-Curricular and Athletic Participation

All activities will be monitored on an individual group basis by reviewing current data in order to evaluate and make decisions with consideration to current incidence rates. Student participation is contingent on local decision making.