



Elizabethtown Independent Schools

Healthy at School Operations Plan

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Face Coverings

- Face covering protocols will be determined based on the Hardin County COVID Incidence Rate posted each Thursday evening. The Thursday rate will inform for the following week, Monday - Friday. A one call will be sent out each Thursday to inform students, staff and families of the protocol status.

REQUIRED Face Covering Protocol

- Face coverings will be **REQUIRED** in all schools when the posted incidence rate on Thursday evening for Hardin County is **50 or above**. This means all persons must cover their nose and mouth with a face covering when indoors at school facilities, regardless of vaccination status.
- The following are exemptions:
 - Children under the age 2
 - Any person who is sleeping or unconscious
 - Any person with a disability, or a physical or mental impairment, that prevents them from safely wearing a face covering.
 - Any person who is deaf or hard of hearing and is actively communicating, or any person who is actively communicating with someone who is deaf or hard of hearing
 - Any person who is seated and actively consuming food or beverage.
 - Any person who is obtaining a service that requires temporary removal of the face covering in order to perform the service.
 - Any person who is required to temporarily remove their face covering to confirm their identify or for security or screening purposes
 - Any person who is giving a speech or broadcast to any audience and is able to maintain a safe distance of at least six feet from all individuals who are not members of the person's household
 - Any person who is in a swimming pool or other body of water indoors
 - Any person who is actively engaged in exercise while indoors

OPTIONAL Face Covering Protocol

- Face coverings will be **OPTIONAL** in all schools when the posted incidence rate on Thursday evening for Hardin County is **below 50**.

Daily posted incidence rates may be found at the [KDPH COVID - 19 Dashboard](#)



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Contact Tracing

- EIS will work diligently to identify persons who may have been exposed in the event of a positive COVID case in the school.
- Parents of students identified as an exposure will be contacted as soon as possible.

Illness

- Any student or staff member will be asked to stay home if exhibiting any COVID symptoms. (See list of symptoms below)
- If a student becomes ill at school, he/she will be isolated in the school's health room and wear a mask while waiting for parents to pick them up.

Test to Stay

- Test to Stay is an optional path for unvaccinated, asymptomatic students and staff when determined to be a school day exposure.
- Participation is voluntary and FDA rapid testing is free. The test will be performed each day for 5 subsequent days.
- If the test result is negative, the student or staff member may participate in inperson school that day.
- While participating in the Test to Stay program, the individual must wear a mask when in school.
- If the test is positive, the individual must immediately go into quarantine.
- Students may not ride the bus to school in the morning but may ride home in the afternoon with a negative test that day.
- When not at school, the test to stay participant must quarantine and refrain from any and all extracurricular activities to include sports and other activities in the community.

Quarantine

- Any unvaccinated student or staff member will be asked to quarantine if determined to be an exposure to someone who is diagnosed positive.
- Exposure is defined as being within 3 feet of the positive person for 15 minutes within a 24 hour period **when the exposed individual was not properly wearing a mask.**
- If an **unvaccinated asymptomatic** person or **fully vaccinated** person was properly wearing a mask when exposed, no quarantine is needed unless he/she begins having symptoms
- Quarantined persons have 3 options:
 - 10 days
 - 7 days if no symptoms and test negative on or after day 5 of quarantine
 - Test to Stay



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Quarantine Scenarios

Household Positive Case

- Quarantine 10 days from exposure and may return when symptom free
- Quarantine 5 days from exposure and may return on day 8 with a negative test on day 5, 6, or 7
- Participate in the school district's Test to Stay program.

School Bus Positive Case

If mask was worn:

- Monitor symptoms and no quarantine is required

If mask was not worn (unvaccinated only):

- Quarantine 10 days from exposure and may return when symptom free
- Quarantine 5 days from exposure and may return on day 8 with a negative test on day 5, 6, or 7
- Participate in the school district's Test to Stay program.

Lunchroom Positive Case

If mask was worn:

- Monitor symptoms and no quarantine is required

If mask was not worn (unvaccinated only):

- Quarantine 10 days from exposure and may return when symptom free
- Quarantine 5 days from exposure and may return on day 8 with a negative test on day 5, 6, or 7
- Participate in the school district's Test to Stay program.

Classroom Positive Case

If mask was worn:

- Monitor symptoms and no quarantine is required

If mask was not worn (unvaccinated only):

- Quarantine 10 days from exposure and may return when symptom free
- Quarantine 5 days from exposure and may return on day 8 with a negative test on day 5, 6, or 7
- Participate in the school district's Test to Stay program.

Extracurricular Positive Case

These exposures will be assessed based on the conditions (outdoor vs. indoor, team bus, etc.). If the exposure is purely extracurricular activity based, the individual will have the same options as outlined in other categories on this page.



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Test to Stay

EIS is partnering with Cumberland Family Medical to offer this voluntary option for unvaccinated quarantined students and staff. This program gives students and staff the option to take a rapid antigen COVID-19 test each morning to potentially eliminate the need to quarantine. Students and staff members testing negative will be able to attend school/work that day and must wear a mask. The testing will take place at each school and will be open for testing from

7:30 a.m. to 8:15 a.m. each morning at Valley View Education Center. A parent/guardian will be responsible for bringing her/his child to the testing site and then to school for the day if/he/she tests negative for the virus. Any student/employee testing positive will need to go home and consult with their healthcare provider. This process will take place each day for 5 consecutive days. The program is voluntary. Quarantine students and staff will still have the option to quarantine at home instead.

Social Distancing

- Physical distancing of 3 feet between students will be met when possible.
- However, there will often be times in the course of the day when 3 feet distancing will not be possible - eating meals, cooperative learning activities, arrival, dismissal, etc.

Vaccinations

- The COVID vaccine is currently available for all individuals age 12 and older.
- Vaccinations will be offered on site at each school for any eligible students and staff in cooperation with Cumberland Family Medical Center.
- If a student receives the vaccine, a flexible attendance policy will be in place for 2 days following, in case the student experiences side effects.

Hand Washing

Hand sanitizers will be readily available for students at all times.

- Staff will teach and reinforce frequent and proper handwashing with soap and water for 20 seconds.
- Staff will teach and reinforce coughing and sneezing etiquette.



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Ventilation

- When weather allows, windows will be open in classrooms to circulate fresh outdoor air.
- Fans will be used to increase flow of outdoor air.

Transportation

- Federal mandates state that all persons using public transportation must wear a mask regardless of vaccination status.
- School bus transportation is considered public transportation so all individuals will be required to wear a mask when on a bus.

Teaching and Learning Options

The district's priorities for the 21/22 school year include maintaining in-person instruction 5 days per week. This, while providing high quality teaching/learning experiences in addition to implementing effective safeguards to protect the health and safety of students and staff to the greatest extent possible.

As the year progresses, in the midst of the COVID pandemic, student and/or staffing absences due to COVID positivity and quarantine requirements may necessitate adjustments to in person instruction and/or the school calendar.

The following are three different options that are currently available for the Superintendent to implement as it is determined to be needed.

In person Learning

- All students who choose to do so attend in person classes 5 day a week.
- Utilized as usual for as many days possible

Remote Learning (Targeted)

- May be utilized for a COVID related need for a specific school, grade level, classroom, etc.
- The targeted group participates in remote learning for the number of days needed to solve the COVID problem. All others not in the targeted group continue to participate in Inperson learning.
- May use up to **20 days** until December 31, 2021.



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Non-traditional Learning (District Wide)

- May be utilized for weather related conditions OR when there is a COVID related need for an entire district wide closure.
- All schools in the district participate in remote learning for the number of days needed to resolve the weather event or COVID related issue.
- May use up to **10 days** throughout the 21/22 school year.

Make Up Days

- District wide non-traditional learning days will be used sparingly since the priority is to provide as many in person instructional days as possible for the 20/21 year.
- Any full closure days announced will require make-up days to be put in place.
- The following days are currently release/make up days in the 21/22 calendar and may be utilized for district make up days.

1. Friday, May 6, 2022
2. Friday, May 27, 2022
3. Tuesday, May 31, 2022
4. Wednesday, June 1, 2022
5. Thursday, June 2, 2022
6. Friday, June 3, 2022
7. Monday, June 7, 2022
8. Tuesday, June 8, 2022
9. Wednesday, June 9, 2022

* Monday, Feb. 21, 2022 and Friday, March 18th, 2022 may also be used as make-up days if the need exists at that time in the school year.

** Additional days may be added as needed.