



Hopkins County Schools 2023-2024 Safe Return to In-Person Instruction/SB1 Plan

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The following is Hopkins County Schools' 2023-2024 Covid-19 Operations Plan as required by the Kentucky General Assembly. Hopkins County Schools recognizes the safety concerns and challenges to operating schools during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Our goal is to maintain an environment that offers an opportunity for students to receive in-person instruction in the traditional school setting, while providing effective safeguards to protect the health and well-being of students and staff to the greatest extent possible.

General Precautions

- Masks will be optional inside all Hopkins County Schools' facilities.
- Hand washing and hygiene practices will be strongly encouraged.
- Hand sanitizer will be available throughout the buildings.
- School nurses will be accessible for symptom screening. Students who are symptomatic may be tested by the school nurse by making an appointment.
- Quarantining is no longer recommended for asymptomatic contacts. (Positive cases must isolate even if asymptomatic.).
- Parents will keep sick children home. Covid symptoms include the following:
 - Fever or feeling feverish (e.g., chills, sweating)
 - New cough
 - Difficulty breathing
 - Sore throat
 - Muscle aches or body aches
 - Vomiting or diarrhea
 - New loss of taste or smell

School Bus Safety

- Hand sanitizer will be available.
- Parents are requested to screen students for the symptoms below before allowing them on the bus. It is essential that parents understand the necessity of screening students for COVID symptoms before allowing them to attend school.
 - Fever or feeling feverish (e.g., chills, sweating)
 - New cough
 - Difficulty breathing
 - Sore throat

- Muscle aches or body aches
- Vomiting or diarrhea
- New loss of taste or smell

Cleaning/Custodial

- High Traffic Areas, including stairwells, bathrooms, common areas, and cafeterias will be cleaned as needed. Appropriate sanitizer will be applied to high-touch areas to ensure the safety of our students. In situations in which an area becomes soiled, that area will be cleaned first, then sanitized utilizing CDC approved practices.
- Each school will create a specific bathroom and transition schedule to maximize custodial resources and not overwhelm the ability to sanitize appropriately.

Athletics

- Athletics programs will follow the mitigation strategies as outlined by the Kentucky High School Athletic Association.