



HOPKINS COUNTY SCHOOLS 2021-2022 RETURN TO SCHOOL PLAN

The Hopkins County School System will continue to adhere to guidance as presented to us during this Covid Pandemic. As the CDC, Kentucky Department for Public Health, Hopkins County Health Department, and the Governor's office present further guidance, we will re-evaluate our plan.

The following is Hopkins County Schools' plan to return to in-person learning for the 2021-2022 school year. The school day will follow a schedule that includes all the core classes and other subject areas. This plan represents a return to the traditional school environment with modifications and changes to include enhanced health and safety precautions.

Our goal is to create an environment that offers an opportunity for students to return to the traditional school experience, while providing effective safeguards to protect the health and safety of students and staff to the greatest extent possible.

General Precautions

- Masks are required inside all Hopkins County Schools' facilities.
- Safe social distancing of 3 feet will be practiced to the greatest extent possible.
- Hand washing and hygiene practices will be strongly encouraged.
- Hand sanitizer will be available throughout the buildings.
- Cleaning protocols will be increased throughout each campus, including continued use of R-Zero ARC units (UV-C light sanitizing systems) in all Hopkins County Schools buildings, and cleaning high touch areas multiple times throughout the day.
- Handwashing breaks will be scheduled.
- Group gatherings will be limited.
- School nurses will be accessible for symptom screening.
- Staff or students who exhibit the symptoms below will not be at school or in the workplace to maintain the safety and well-being of our students and staff.
 - 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

Social Distancing

- Classroom furniture should be spaced to the maximum extent possible, to support social distancing.
- Seating charts will be maintained in all classrooms, all cafeterias, and on all school buses.

- Sharing materials will be minimized
- Signage will be posted to explain appropriate social distancing, directional flow of traffic (when necessary), and other COVID related messaging deemed necessary.
- Non-essential visitors and volunteers will be limited.

School Bus Safety

- Individuals are required to wear a mask on school buses.
- 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
- Assigned seating will be required for all students being transported by a board owned vehicle.
- Buses will be cleaned and sanitized at the end of each route utilizing the appropriate cleaning measures as directed by the Director of Transportation, CDC, and Hopkins County Health Department.

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 in order 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.
 - Schools will be sanitized nightly utilizing CDC recommended practices.
 - Classrooms will be sanitized in between classes by the teachers/assistants/custodians with a CDC approved sanitizing spray as needed.

Athletics

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