

McLean County Public Schools

Introduction

The Kentucky General Assembly passed Senate Bill 1 on 9/9/2021 during a Special Session called by Governor Andy Beshear. Senate Bill 1 requires all public school districts in the state of Kentucky to develop a COVID-19 Operations Plan. This plan addresses face mask requirements, quarantine procedures, Test to Stay, non-traditional instruction (NTI) days, and remote learning. The goal of the Kentucky General Assembly and the McLean County Public School District is to prioritize in-person learning for all students in the safest manner possible during the Pandemic.

Face Masks Inside School Buildings

The use of face masks by all students and staff inside school buildings will be required through Friday, October 22, 2021. The purpose of this requirement is to provide the most protection from COVID-19 while it is so prevalent in the McLean County community. Fall Break is October 4-8, 2021, and masking inside school buildings for at least 2 weeks afterward is necessary. School district officials will evaluate the local conditions surrounding COVID-19 and finalize plans for the use of face masks inside schools after October 22, 2021, and communicate those plans by October 21, 2021.

Quarantine

Students who are quarantined from school will participate in remote learning utilizing Google Classroom. These students' absences from school will be excused. Communication with a child's school is vitally important to keeping in-person learning an option during the Pandemic. Any child exhibiting COVID-19 symptoms or living in a household with someone exhibiting symptoms needs to stay home and complete remote learning.

Procedures

- When a face-covering requirement is in effect, any close contact will be notified and asked to monitor for symptoms for 14 days. If symptoms develop, for a close contact he/she will need to quarantine and work with his/her healthcare provider whether fully vaccinated or not.

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- If face coverings are optional, any close contact (within 3 feet of a positive case) will be required to quarantine for 10 days from the last date of exposure (no test needed as long as symptom-free) or quarantine 5 days from the date of exposure (may take a COVID test on days 5-7 and return on day 8 with a negative result and being symptom-free).

Possible Scenarios

- **Household Positive Case Contact**
 - Quarantine 10 days from exposure and may return when symptom-free
 - Quarantine 5 days from exposure (may take a COVID test on days 5-7 and return on day 8 with a negative result and being symptom-free).
- **School Bus Positive Case Contact**
 - **Masks are to be worn:**
 - Monitor for symptoms and no quarantine required if no symptoms
 - Masks on the bus is a federal regulation and masks will always be required until they lift the regulation
 - **If a child takes off mask:**
 - Quarantine 10 day- from exposure and may return when symptom free
 - Quarantine 5 days from exposure (may take a COVID test on days 5-7 and return on day 8 with a negative result and being symptom-free).
- **Lunchroom Positive Case Contact**
 - Quarantine 10 days from exposure and may return when symptom-free
 - Quarantine 5 days from exposure (may take a COVID test on days 5-7 and return on day 8 with a negative result and being symptom-free).

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- **Classroom Positive Case Contact**
 - **If Masks are worn:**
 - Monitor for symptoms and no quarantine required as long no symptoms
 - **If Masks are not worn:**
 - Quarantine 10 days from exposure and may return when symptom-free
 - Quarantine 5 days from exposure and may return with a negative COVID test on day 8

- **Extracurricular Positive Case Contact**
 - 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 following options:
 - Quarantine 10 days from exposure and may return when symptom-free to school
 - Quarantine 5 days from exposure and may return with a negative COVID test on day 8
 - Masking and social distancing protocols should be followed as much as possible during extracurricular activities.

Non-Traditional Instruction (NTI) Days

The Kentucky General Assembly provides public school districts up to 10 NTI Days annually. NTI days can only be utilized when the district closes all schools in the district. Prior to the Pandemic, these days were reserved for weather-related days. NTI Days can be utilized for COVID-19 related reasons if the district needs to close all schools. A decision about NTI will be communicated clearly to all students, parents/guardians, staff, and community members.

Virtual Days

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The Kentucky General Assembly is providing public school districts up to 20 virtual days to be utilized during the 2021-22 school year. Virtual Days are different than NTI. These are days where a district doesn't close all schools in the district. These days can be used when certain schools, classrooms, and/or grade levels are closed due to COVID-19. Districts may not use these days to close every school in the district. Students will utilize the Google Classroom platform to complete school work and could be asked to participate in Google Meets with teachers and classmates on designated remote virtual days.

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