

# Health and Safety for All

## **Will the school district be purchasing masks for each student?**

Yes. Each student will receive at least one cloth mask provided by the district.

## **If I provide the masks for my child(ren) to wear at school, are there any specifications?**

Masks should either be made of cloth or you can use disposable fabric face masks. Masks should cover the nose and mouth in order to effectively prevent the spread of respiratory droplets. Masks can be any color or fabric as long as they do not include any text/graphics that would violate your school's dress code guidelines.

## **My child has respiratory issues, will they be required to wear a mask while at school?**

Masks will be required of all students 1st-12th grade unless exempt with a doctor's statement.

## **If my child comes to school in a Traditional manner, will they have to wear a mask all day?**

Yes. Per the Healthy at School Guidelines provided by the Department of Public Health, students who are enrolled in first grade and above as well as all staff will be required to wear a cloth face covering, unless medical reasons exist to prevent wearing a mask. Masks can be lowered during class time if all students and staff are seated 6 feet apart and no one is walking around inside the classroom.

## **Are students allowed to wear face shields instead of face masks?**

No. The guidance from the Department of Public Health states that the risk of passing respiratory particles from one person to another is not adequately reduced while wearing a face shield.

**Will my child's temperature be screened daily at school?** Yes, all students and staff will have daily temperature screenings utilizing touchless thermometers. We also ask that parents please check your child's temperature DAILY before your child boards the bus, walks to school, or is dropped off at the school.

**What happens if my child comes to school with a FEVER greater than 100.4?** Per the Healthy at Schools guidance document, schools will have a designated area for isolation of sick students with an ability to maintain adult supervision until the child is picked up by parent, guardian or designee. Once separated, temperature will be taken a second time for verification. If temperature remains 100.4 or greater, a guardian will be contacted to pick up the child. Students in isolation should wear a face covering while waiting for transport if there is no medical reason to prevent this.

**If one classroom has a positive case of COVID-19, would only that classroom be moved to NTI? What procedures would be in place for reporting cases to families/staff?** These decisions will be made in consultation with our Department of Public Health agent which is our local Health Department. Currently, communication procedures for reporting cases to families/ staff is handled by our local Health Department and their contagious disease staff. These same guidelines would also apply to extracurricular groups (sports teams, band, clubs, etc).

**As a working parent, will I need to prepare for possible intermittent school closures?**

Yes. Based on guidance from the Kentucky Department of Education, families should prepare for intermittent school closures or periods of NTI throughout the school year. Please plan accordingly to have childcare arrangements for your child should these closures occur.

**Will students be permitted to play outside for wellness time? Will playground equipment be sanitized?** Schools will develop schedules to provide wellness time for students to be outdoors but playground equipment will not be used. Outdoor time will be scheduled for individual class/groups in order to minimize contacts. Hand washing will occur immediately before and after going outside.

**How will breakfast and lunch be served?**

Students will be served food on disposable trays or to go boxes by staff wearing PPE. Self service stations will not be available. Lunch will be served with all required components.

**Where will students be eating lunch?** Students will be eating lunch in locations where social distancing guidelines can be followed. Each school's plan for lunch can be found in the school specific re-entry plans.

**Will students enrolled in the Virtual Learning Academy be provided lunch?** Food service pick-up will be available upon request for students enrolled in the Virtual Learning Academy. A Google Form will be provided for sign up and instructions on meal pick-up procedures will be provided after the form is completed.

**What safety measures will be in place in common areas of the schools (offices, hallways, restrooms, library, cafeteria, etc)?** Stickers or tape on the floors in non-instructional areas such as hallways (near bathrooms, water bottle filling stations, lunchroom, library checkout, etc.) will mark 6-foot spacing for social distancing. Plexi-glass partitions will be installed in the main office area. Hand sanitizer stations are available throughout the school including common areas like the office, library, gym, etc. Signage in restrooms will provide instruction on proper hand-washing techniques. Restroom breaks will be staggered throughout the day limiting the number of students in the restrooms at any given time. Guidelines for safety from the Healthy at Schools guidance document will be followed.

**Will visitors/volunteers be allowed in the school buildings?** Until further notice, parents, visitors and volunteers will not be allowed in the school building, unless a meeting has been scheduled by a school administrator. This meeting will be held in the front office.

**What steps will be taken to limit exposure on school buses?** Students in grades 1-12 will be required to wear masks while on the bus, unless medical reasons exist to prevent wearing a mask. Drivers and monitors will be required to wear approved face coverings. Seating charts will be implemented. Buses will be loaded back to front and unloaded front to back. When possible, students will be spaced out on the bus and asked to sit with members of their own household. Buses will be disinfected between runs.

**Will Logan County Schools implement staggered start/end times for schools with large numbers of students?** No, staggered starting and ending times are not being considered at this time. Please check the district website for accurate start times at each school so you will know when your child needs to arrive (for those providing their own transportation).

**Will Logan County Schools implement alternating day schedules (A/B schedule)?** No, an A/B schedule is not being considered at this time. Students will attend school five days a week.

**Will my child be required to use hand sanitizer upon entering the bus?** All students will be required to apply hand sanitizer when entering a Logan County School bus each morning and afternoon. The hand sanitizer will include at least 60% alcohol and be provided by the district.

**Students who are enrolled at the Logan County CTC travel between their home high school and the CTC daily. Will transportation continue for these students?** Yes, transportation will still be provided. Students will follow the expectations for wearing a mask while on the bus. Students will be assigned seats for contact tracing purposes.

# Maintaining Quality Teaching and Learning

**Will a parent have a choice of online instruction instead of traditional in-person instruction for their child(ren)?** Yes, parents do have the option; however, we want to reinforce that students have the greatest success when instruction is delivered in person. Please note that if your child was not successful during NTI in the spring, the Virtual Learning Academy may not be the best option for your child.

**If my child enrolls in the Virtual Learning Academy, how long must they stay enrolled?** If this option is chosen, it is recommended that students stay enrolled until the end of the nine weeks.

**How much time must a student spend engaged in the Virtual Learning Academy?** This amount will vary for each school. Families will need to refer to school specific re-entry plans for those time recommendations.

**If a student is enrolled in the Virtual Learning Academy, will they have access to a teacher?** Yes. A Logan County Schools teacher will be available to assist students during school hours.

**Will there be a hybrid option allowing for both in person and online learning?** At this time, there will only be a Traditional and a Virtual option provided. If it is determined that we do not have the spacing to accommodate all of the students, 6 feet apart, that choose a Traditional Track, then an alternating schedule may be utilized.

**Will there be support for parents to learn more about the Online/Virtual Learning Platform?** Each family that enrolls in the Virtual Learning Academy will be personally contacted by a Logan County Schools staff member. A training will be provided to outline expectations and to help parents and students understand the program.

**Will my child receive the same quality of education if they are enrolled in the Virtual Learning Academy as they would if they attend school in a traditional manner?** The Virtual Learning Academy is aligned to the Kentucky Academic Standards and is user-friendly, but there is no replacement for a caring, classroom teacher who builds a relationship with your child. This is an option that we are providing due to the health and safety concerns surrounding COVID-19.

**Can my child participate in school sports/extra-curricular activities if they are enrolled in the Virtual Learning Academy?**

Students who are enrolled in the virtual/online platform WILL BE permitted to participate in extra-curricular activities/sports. Student participants must adhere to the rules of each activity/sport as if they were attending school in-person.

**Will the virtual learning platform offer both core and elective courses?**

Our virtual learning platform offers a variety of both core and elective classes for students.

**If we select in-person instruction, will my child attend regular school hours Monday-Friday?**

Yes, as long as we have adequate space for social distancing. If it is determined that we do not have the spacing to accommodate all of the students, 6 feet apart, then an alternating schedule may be utilized.

**Can households with multiple children choose multiple options?**

Yes. Families should choose an option for each child based on their individual learning needs.

**For the Virtual Learning Academy, will one laptop/device be enough for multiple students?**

Yes, but it is recommended that each child have their own device. Chromebooks are available for students that do not have their own device.

**What are the expectations for individualizing use of hands-on manipulatives? Will any sharing of materials be allowed? (i.e. Chromebooks, iPads, school supplies)**

Materials (i.e. math manipulatives, science equipment, etc.) can only be shared if they are used individually and then sanitized before being used by another student. Students will not be allowed to share common classroom materials (i.e. scissors, pencils, chromebooks, etc); so, schools will be very specific about the materials that you will need to provide for your student in the student supply list.

**If my family chooses online learning, will we need to have our own reliable device and Internet?** Yes. Families choosing online learning should have a high quality internet connection and the availability of a reliable device such as a Chromebook, laptop or desktop computer for each child participating in the Virtual Learning Academy.

**Will the students in the Virtual Learning Academy follow the same curriculum as in person classes to accommodate for those moving back and forth as much as possible?** Yes, it will be critical for our Virtual Learning Academy students to be exposed to all of the grade level content with rigorous instruction. All Logan County

Schools will follow the district-level curriculum maps and pacing guides to provide smooth transitions between in-person and online learning.

**With both types of instruction taking place (on location/online learning) will students be held to the same expectations/grading?** Yes, virtual learning expectations/grading will align with the same expectations for students receiving traditional instruction. Those expectations include:

- daily participation
- One-on-one video communication or phone calls between teacher and student (or teacher and parent with smaller children or students with special needs);
- Group video communication or phone calls between the teacher and a whole class or between a teacher and smaller groups of students within a class;
- Student time logged into a learning management software system completing assignments; or
- Submission of paper-based assignments for students in a non-digital, non-traditional setting

**If students choose the Virtual Learning Academy, will they be required to take state assessments (K-PREP) or ACT?** Yes, students will not be exempt from these assessments if they choose online learning. At this time, these assessments are scheduled to be given on campus.

**Will school counselors continue to work with students from their own school who have moved to the Virtual Learning Academy?** Yes, counselors at each individual school will be responsible for working with the students that choose online learning.

**Can my child start at the Virtual Learning Academy and then switch to in-person instruction? Will students be able to transition between in-person and the Virtual Learning Academy?** A continuous and consistent learning environment is best for student success. However, we understand that parents and students might have compelling reasons to seek a transition from one option to another, so we will provide opportunities to do so when available. For the sake of continuity, transfers from one learning option to another would be best after the completion of a grading period. Unique circumstances will be handled on a case-by-case basis in partnership with the assigned school.

**Will students take a diagnostic assessment in order to determine their current skill level upon returning to school?** Yes, a diagnostic assessment will be administered at designated grade levels once school starts to help guide instruction for students. Students participating in the Virtual Learning Academy will be asked to schedule a time to come to school and take the assessment.

## Supporting Exceptional Learners

**If my child receives Special Education Services, will they still receive those services if enrolled in the Online/Virtual Learning Platform?**

Yes. The details of how these services will be provided are being developed. Information will be communicated as soon as possible.

**Will students be able to be pulled out for resource services (SPED/EL)? If not, how will it be accommodated?** Special education, English learners, and gifted/talented students can be pulled for resource services as long as the social distance and PPE guidelines can be met.

**When will I know if my child has been accepted to the preschool program?**

Parents will know if children are accepted to preschool once they have completed the preschool screening. Preschool screenings will be held August 12-28, 2020. These meetings will be a phone interview with parent/guardian using the Ages and Stages screening tool. You can enroll your child by completing the online registration or calling your child's school.

**When will preschool start?** Preschool will start August 31st and will follow a Monday-Tuesday and Wednesday-Thursday schedule.

**Will preschool have the option to do online learning?**

Yes. This will be individualized based upon the student's needs in collaboration with the parent/guardian.

**Will schools continue to hold Admissions and Release Committee(ARC) meetings and other parent conferences through online meeting platforms?** Yes, ARC and parent meetings can continue to be held through Google Meet, Skype, Zoom or other electronic meeting forum.