



FAQ FOR HARRISON COUNTY SCHOOLS PLAN TO IMPLEMENT HEALTH AND SAFETY GUIDELINES

WHAT ARE THE PLANS FOR SANITATION IN THE SCHOOLS?

- Hydrostatic sprayers in each of our schools to deep clean several times a week.
- Cleaning of high traffic areas frequently throughout the school day.
- Each classroom will have a bottle of 1:10 bleach solution to clean desks.
- Hand sanitizer stations at the entrances to each school, in every classroom and on every school bus. Students will use hand sanitizer upon boarding the bus, entering buildings and entering classrooms.
- Frequent handwashing will also be encouraged among students and staff.

WILL MASKS BE REQUIRED?

- We expect all staff and students, grades 3 through 12, to wear a face covering per the Governor's order.
- Students PreK through 2nd will be strongly encouraged to wear a mask when not with their core group and when in hallways.
- We will provide reusable cloth masks for students and staff.
- Students are not required to wear the mask provided by the county. Parents/guardians are welcome to send a face mask with their student to school.
- We encourage parents/guardians to begin working with your student now to wear a mask.
- Masks will be required in areas where social distancing measures are difficult to maintain.
- As we plan for the school year, we know we will have settings where social distancing will be a challenge—buses, hallways, lunch rooms, and most classrooms, but we can assure you that the safety and well-being of our students and staff remain our priority.

CAN I WEAR A FACE SHIELD INSTEAD OF A MASK?

- Face shields will be provided for staff that work with Pre-K, Kindergarten, 1st grade, 2nd grade, Title I, and special education students.
- Face shields have been ordered for students and staff that participate in speech therapy and who are hearing impaired.
- Students with care plans in place that cannot wear a face mask due to a medical diagnosis will be provided a face shield.
- Parents of students without a care plan can purchase their own face shield if they would rather have their student wear that instead of a mask.

WHAT IS THE PLAN FOR SOCIAL DISTANCING DURING THE SCHOOL DAY?

- Staggered start dates where one grade level reports per school per day from September 8 – 21 will provide smaller groups of students on buses and in classes.
- Social distancing will be observed to the extent possible, including the spacing of desks, limiting shared items, and remaining in core groups.
- During transition times (arrival and dismissal, recess, lunch times, restroom breaks, class changes) schools will work to ensure social distancing to the extent possible and encourage use of face masks.



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- Each school will develop a plan to social distance as much as possible during all transitions.
- We will also be ensuring groups of students are small enough in the cafeteria or other large spaces to ensure proper social distancing of 6 feet at lunch.
- We will be operating all schools on a 1 hour delay and 30 minute early dismissal in order to eliminate the use of bus rooms.
- All students will eat a grab and go breakfast in their classrooms.

HOW MUCH SIGNAGE WILL BE PROVIDED TO PROMOTE/ENCOURAGE PROPER HYGIENE AND SAFETY HABITS?

- Directional signs and other health and safety signage will be posted throughout the schools regarding social distancing.
- Information on the use of and proper removal of face-covering, as recommended by the CDC and WVDE, will be provided to students and posted.

WILL VISITORS BE ALLOWED INTO THE SCHOOLS?

- Schools will be limited to essential visitors only.
- We recommend all 504s, IEPs and meetings be held virtually when possible.
- We will be doing a screening questionnaire and temperature check on substitutes, itinerant personnel, and any visitors in our building.

WHAT HAPPENS IF MY STUDENT GETS SICK DURING THE SCHOOL DAY?

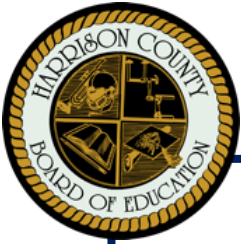
- We are asking all parents to monitor their students by utilizing screening checklists prior to school each day to try to avoid students coming to school who are already ill.
- If a student does become sick during the school day, he/she will be asked to wear a mask and go to a designated isolation area and remain there under staff supervision until a parent/guardian can pick them up.

WHAT HAPPENS IF A STUDENT OR EMPLOYEE IS DIAGNOSED WITH COVID-19?

- Please notify the school immediately upon learning of a positive COVID-19 test result.
- The school administration will notify the Coordinator of Health Services, who will work with the local health department to do contact tracing and notify any other students/staff they may need to be quarantined.

IF I TEST POSITIVE FOR COVID-19 WHEN CAN I RETURN TO SCHOOL?

- If a student or employee has been diagnosed with COVID-19 but does not have symptoms, he/she must remain out of school until 10 calendar days have passed since the date of the first positive diagnostic test, assuming he/she has not subsequently developed symptoms since his/her positive test.
- The student or employee must provide a physician slip to school when they return so the days can be coded appropriately.



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WHAT HAPPENS IF A STUDENT OR EMPLOYEE HAS BEEN EXPOSED TO COVID-19?

- If a student or employee has been determined to have been in close contact with someone diagnosed with COVID-19, he/she must remain out of school for 14 calendar days since the last date of exposure unless he/she tests positive, in which case, the exclusion criteria above would apply.
- He/she must complete the full 14 days of quarantine, even if he/she tests negative (unless deemed essential by the superintendent).

WILL STAFF BE TESTED FOR COVID-19 PRIOR TO SCHOOL STARTING?

- The school nurses will be doing voluntary COVID-19 testing at all schools on August 25th and 26th. A schedule will be sent to the principals once the health department confirms availability of test kits.

WHY ARE WE ALTERING THE TIME OF THE SCHOOL DAY?

- The 1 hour delay and 30 minute early dismissal daily are scheduled to allow Harrison County Schools to minimize the use of bus rooms and lessen the large number of students gathered in one spot during a typical school day at the beginning and end of the day. It also permits the release of students in waves instead of in large groups. These delays and dismissals also allow for heightened cleaning to occur in each building as well at these times.