

COVID Guidance 2022-2023

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<p>Safety Practices BEFORE students or staff arrive for the day</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Do a daily self-check - If a student or staff member has any of the following, please do not come to school and determine if you should see a health care provider. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Fever ○ Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing ○ New loss of taste or smell ○ Headache or congestion ● If you suspect you or your child has COVID-19, please contact your healthcare provider regarding the need for COVID testing before returning to work. ● Be fever-free for 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medications.
<p>Transportation</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Buses will be sanitized after each route and at the end of the day.
<p>Masks</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Masks are optional and all school-affiliated sites will be Mask Friendly - meaning your decision to mask or not will be respected. We will continue to monitor throughout the school year.
<p>COVID Positive</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● A student or staff member who tests positive, should isolate at home for 5 days after onset of symptoms and return to school/work location if fever-free and symptoms have improved on day 6 and wear a mask on days 6-10.
<p>Direct Contact</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The recommendation is to monitor yourself for any symptoms, follow CDC guidelines and contact your healthcare provider for guidance as needed.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● If testing, I recommend doing so on Day 5.
Cafeteria/Food	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Breakfast and lunch are available free of charge at all schools for enrolled HCS students. ● Tables are to be sanitized after each group leaves.
Gym/Media Center/Art	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Hand sanitizer should be available. ● Shared Equipment will be sanitized at the end of day.
Lifetime/Wellness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Students are encouraged to use hand sanitizers before entering or exiting the playground area.
Assemblies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Indoor assemblies are acceptable at this time.
Music Choir/Singing/ Instruments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Return to activities using general precautions. (Sanitize hands, do not share instruments, etc.)
Classroom Expectations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Have hand sanitizer available for students. ● Sanitize the desk at the end of each day. ● Special needs accommodations: gloves should be worn when changing briefs and feeding students.
Water Fountains	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Each school has a water fill station to utilize. Students are encouraged to bring clear, plastic, water bottles to fill. ● Water fountains are available. ● Water fountains will be cleaned and sanitized frequently throughout the school day.
Field Trips	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Field trips are acceptable at this time.
Cleaning, Sanitation, and Ventilation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● High-touch areas and frequently used spaces, including restrooms, will be closely monitored and cleaned more frequently by custodial staff. ● Frequent hand washing and hand sanitation will be taught and encouraged. ● HVAC units will operate for longer time periods to improve ventilation and filtration. ● HVAC filters will be monitored more frequently. ● All buildings will be disinfected/misted on a regular basis.

Health Rooms:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students with routine health needs should be separated/distanced from individuals presenting with fever, etc.
Restrooms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Restrooms will have scheduled cleaning and disinfecting. • Students should be reminded to wash their hands (20 seconds or more) after using the restroom.
Handwashing/ Respiratory Etiquette	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students should be reminded to wash their hands (20 seconds or more) or use alcohol-based hand sanitizer after using the restroom, before eating, before and after outdoor play. • Students will be reminded to cough/sneeze into their elbow to reduce the spread of respiratory droplets. • Face masks will be available at each school for any student or staff member who requests one.
Sports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We will adhere to KHSAA guidance.
Student Attendance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Kentucky Department of Education is returning to pre-pandemic attendance policies regarding student attendance. There is no longer a state approved excused absence for students relating to COVID-19. As with any other illness, COVID-19 related absences will require a medical or parent note. GOOD ATTENDANCE IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT
Employee Sick Leave	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • COVID-19 related absences will be treated as any other illness requiring the use of accumulated paid sick leave. See 702 KAR 1:191 – effective on May 3, 2022 – which provides for additional paid leave for school district employees who have either exhausted or are ineligible to use accumulated sick leave.
COVID 19 Tests	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At home tests can be ordered for FREE at https://special.usps.com/testkits • HCS will not be participating in the optional “Test to Stay” program for staff or students at this time.

Where to get PPE

Mask/Gloves/Hand Sanitizer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PPE materials have been sent to schools. If additional materials are needed, these requests can be made through your school’s office manager who will then reach out to the Central Office (J Annis).
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