

Henry County Plan for Reopening

Henry County's goal is to have 100% of their students attending school face to face on each day. We will take the following precautions to ensure the safety of the students, staff, and the community:

Henry County will

- 1) socially distance when feasible.
- 2) strongly encourage face coverings for students and staff. Encourage parents to check their child's temperature at home every morning. Students with a temperature of 100.4 or greater should not come to school and should consider visiting the doctor for a diagnosis or COVID test.
- 3) encourage parents to monitor symptoms of COVID-19 (cough, congestion, shortness of breath, gastrointestinal symptoms) every morning. Any positive symptoms should prompt the parent to keep the student home from school.
- 4) conduct daily health checks (can include: temperature, symptoms) on students during the school day in accordance with public health guidelines. Conduct daily health checks with all staff members during the school day.
- 5) educate students and staff on best hygiene practices (hand washing/covering coughs/limiting touching face). Teach and reinforce handwashing with soap and water for at least 20 seconds or use hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol. Encourage staff and students to cough and sneeze into their elbows or cover with a tissue. Hand sanitation stations will be placed in high traffic areas and entrances to the school. Soap dispensers will be checked throughout the day to make sure it is available.
- 6) educate staff on best cleaning practices for classrooms and schools. Campuses will undergo cleaning on a daily basis. Students will remain at the same desk when possible. When not possible, desks will be wiped clean when the student leaves the classroom for another classroom.
- 7) actively require employees and students who are sick or who live with someone that has tested positive to stay home and abide by the public health guidelines for quarantine time. Staff and families should self-report to the school if they or their student have symptoms of COVID-19, a positive test for COVID-19, or were exposed to someone with COVID-19.
- 8) place children who fall ill at school in a designated area of quarantine within the school and parents will be called to pick the child up from school. Strongly encourage students in the quarantine area to wear a mask for their safety and others.
- 9) require students sent home from school to be kept home until they have completely recovered according to ADPH guidelines.
- 10) limit the sharing of class supplies. Each child should have their own supplies that only they use.
- 11) designate a staff person to be responsible for responding to COVID-19 concerns. This will be published for all stakeholders. Concerns will be emailed to covidconcerns@henrycountyboe.org

- 12) limit parent/visitor access and health screen visitors when they come on campus.
Require visitors to wear a face mask.
- 13) close all water fountains. Students will be allowed to bring water from home.
- 14) stagger elementary break times to allow for social distancing.
- 15) not allow field trips during the first semester of school unless they are virtual field trips.
This will be re evaluated in January 2022.
- 16) not allow students to be dropped off at campus prior to 7:20. Doors will remain closed until that time. Staff will not be available for supervision prior to 7:20.

Special Education/504 Guidelines:

- Provide a FAPE consistent with the need to protect the health and safety of students with disabilities and those individuals providing education, specialized instruction, and related services to students.
- Provide special education and related services through traditional instruction (provided virtually, online, telephonically, or a combination)
- IEP meetings can take place face to face or virtually.

Bus Guidelines:

- Face masks/shields will be required for students and bus drivers.
- Bus drivers will be educated on the proper method and cleaning and sanitation will take place after each route.
- Bus drivers will be given a clear plan on what to do if a child is sick or becomes sick enroute.
- It is imperative that someone be present mornings (at pick up) and afternoon (at drop off) if your child is using bus transportation.
- Do not put your child on the bus in the morning if they have a fever or show signs of sickness.
- School bus drop off times should occur once teachers are in place to supervise on each campus. This will not occur prior to 7:20.

Breakfast and Lunch Procedures:

- Breakfast will be grab and go. Students will eat breakfast in their homeroom/1st period/block or the lunchroom once they arrive on campus.
- Lunch will be back to normal and take place in the lunchroom as it has in previous years.

Athletic Guidelines:

- Athletes that test positive for COVID will follow the recommended 10 day quarantine (per ADPH or AHSAA) prior to being able to return to practice/competitions.
- Guidance and guidelines will be followed from the CDC and AHSAA.