



Dear Wildcat Family,

I know many of you are anxious about our students' return to school, on Wednesday, August 26th, during these unprecedented times. Let me assure you that as Trigg County Schools prepares for the opening of school, our number one priority is the health and safety of our students, staff, and community; which is why our Return to School Plan was created using guidance provided from the Kentucky Department of Education, Kentucky Department of Public Health, our local health department, and the Center for Disease Control. Please understand that our plans may and probably will modify as more is learned about the COVID-19 virus and the ever-changing guidelines we receive are updated from governmental agencies to keep our school community safe.

During this new normal, parents will be asked to choose between two (2) instructional models: a traditional in-person model or an at-home virtual model.

Traditional Model



In-person Instruction



Face masks required (Grades 1-12)



Social Distancing when possible



Temperature Checks and Health Screenings

Virtual Model



At home learning through digital platform



Must have reliable internet service

Traditional Model

Students enrolled in the Traditional Model will return to campus and classrooms on a regular schedule with in-person instruction. In our collective efforts to create a "Healthy at School" environment for the students who elect this model, the following guidelines will be implemented:

TRANSPORTATION



Drivers and monitors will perform temperature and COVID-19 symptom screenings

before they begin their routes



COVID-19 Symptom screenings will be performed by parents/guardians at home before students enter the bus



Buses will be sanitized before and after morning routes and again before and after evening routes



Students will be in assigned seats by family households for both AM/PM routes



Students (1st-12th) will be required to wear masks while riding the bus, unless medically waived by their Primary Care Provider



Drivers and monitors will wear masks or shields unless medically waived by their Primary Care Provider



Additional information about car drop off will be provided by each individual school

SCHOOL BUILDINGS



Students will have temperature checks prior to entering the building



Students will be required to wear masks (1st-12th) upon entering buildings



Students (1st-12th) will be required to wear masks during ALL transitions or movement in buildings



Classrooms will be setup to maximize social distancing; however, students and staff must wear masks



Students will sit in assigned seats in all settings and daily attendance recorded



All high touch surfaces (desks, tables, doorknobs, faucets etc) will be cleaned and sanitized regularly throughout the day



Electrostatic cleaning method will be used to sanitize facilities



Emphasis will be placed on handwashing, social distancing, and mask wearing



Hand sanitizer will be available throughout the building



There will be alternatives to large group gatherings



The cafeteria will be limited to 50% capacity (parents may not eat lunch with their students or drop off a lunch to the school)



Student lockers will not be used; students may carry **clear or mesh** backpacks throughout the day

SOCIAL DISTANCING



School space will be utilized to create social distancing when possible



Transitions will be minimized, students and staff will keep to the right while in hallways



Common areas will be marked for social distancing



Upon entry to the building, students will report directly to their classroom

FACE MASKS



Face masks must be worn by staff and students such as when changing classes or riding the bus



All students, 1st through 12th grade, that attend the traditional school setting will be required to wear a mask



Face masks should be cleaned regularly



Face masks will be required unless student is exempted by a Primary Care Provider



If you do not want your student to wear a mask then there will be a virtual school option

TEMPERATURE CHECKS AND HEALTH SCREENINGS



Parents are asked to check their children for COVID symptoms before leaving for school each day. If the child shows any symptoms, do not send the child to school



When staff and students arrive at school, a temperature check will be completed with touchless thermometers. Any staff or students with a temperature above 100.4 will be sent home and not allowed to participate in face-to-face instruction

CONTACT TRACING



When possible, students will remain in a self-contained setting to limit the number of contacts made throughout the day. There will be assigned seating in all locations



Volunteers, parents, and visitors **WILL NOT** be allowed to enter the schools beyond the office



Parents and guardians should arrange in-person appointments with school personnel, will be required to participate in COVID-screening including temperature checks, and must wear a mask while meeting with school personnel



Schools will cooperate with the Trigg County Health Department to identify anyone with exposure to possible cases of COVID-19

Virtual Model

Parents may choose for their child(ren) to attend school virtually, this option is reserved for families that feel in-person instruction is not in the best interest of their child(ren). While virtual instruction may look different for each student, students must adhere to the following guidelines:

Online/Virtual Expectations



The student's household should have access to high quality internet. The student will need to be able to stream videos and be expected to participate each day. (It will be difficult for cell phones to do all that is needed)



Students will need a device to complete online virtual learning such as a Chromebook, laptop, or a desktop computer. The district will work with families (K-5) who may need a device. Once again cell phones will not work



Daily participation and attendance in completing work and communicating to teachers will be required



Students participating in the virtual online learning **WILL** be allowed to participate in school activities (extra-curricular activities such as sports, Band, etc)



Communications between students, parents, and staff must be ongoing to ensure the student is successful



If a student is enrolled in virtual learning and decides they want to return to school they must do so at the end of semester.



Students that get more than two weeks behind will be placed on a corrective action plan and will be expected to be caught up in a reasonable timeframe. Those that choose not to follow the expectations will be removed from the program and will be required to enter the traditional setting or homeschool on their own.

Parents are asked to make a commitment to the virtual or traditional setting on or before Friday, July 24. Parents who will be choosing the virtual setting for their student(s) are asked to make a commitment to the virtual setting by filling out the form that is on the district website (www.trigg.kyschools.us). Thank you for your patience and cooperation during these uncertain times as we strive to create a safe and supportive learning environment for the children of Trigg County.

Sincerely,

Bill Thorpe
Superintendent
Trigg County Schools