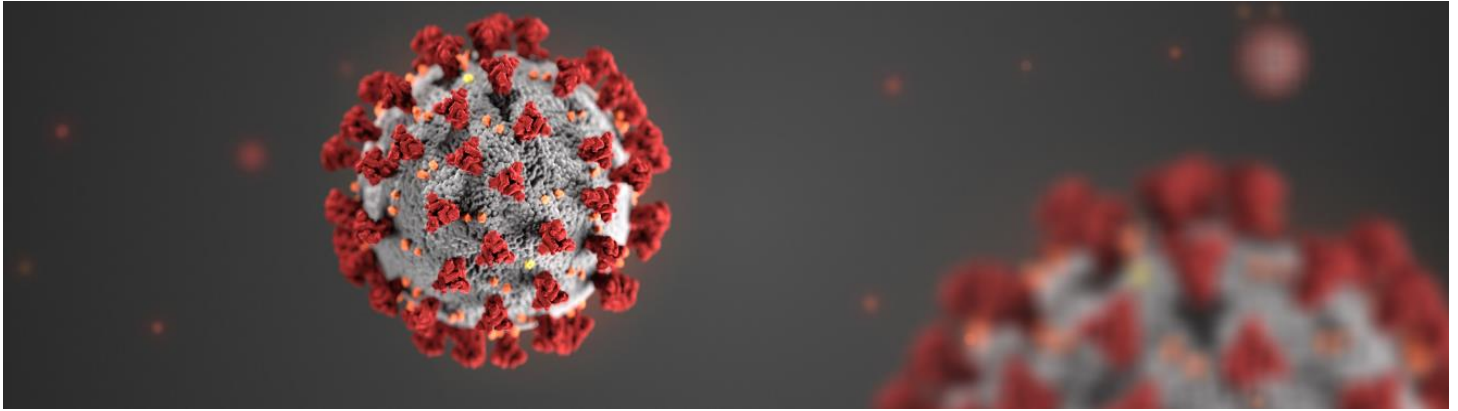


# **Harlan County Public Schools**

## **Safe Return to In-Person Instruction & Continuity Plan**

*Wednesday, November 9, 2022*



Center for Disease Control Photo

The administration, faculty and staff continue to work to prepare for the arrival of students for the 2022-2023 School Year.

Information contained in this document is compiled from recommendations and guidance issued by the Kentucky Department of Public Health and the Center for Disease Control

This document is presented with the most current recommendations from these agencies. It will be updated as new guidance is issued from these agencies.

We encourage you to contact administrators at your child's school if you have specific questions or concerns. You may also call our administrative team at the Central Administrative Office at 606-573-4330. Our receptionist will connect you with the team member who may best be able to answer your specific question.

**Brent D. Roark, *Superintendent***  
**Harlan County Public Schools**  
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**Harlan, KY 40831**

# Mask

Harlan County Public Schools has a “mask optional” policy in all district facilities and on school buses. We encourage every family to weigh their personal circumstances before making a decision that meets their needs.

When our community is in red, medical experts advise the proper use of face masks while indoors and/or in crowds. The mask should cover your nose and mouth.

Harlan County Public Schools strongly recommend that everyone wear a face mask while indoors whenever community levels are in the red.

We want all of our families to know that we support your decision to make the choices that are best for you and your loved ones. Either way is OK.

# COVID-19 TESTING

To help reduce the risk, our employees, students, and families are encouraged to test for COVID-19 as soon as symptoms appear.

If a student and/or employee exhibits symptoms of COVID-19 while at school, school nurses are present and trained to administer a rapid COVID-19 test. A parent or guardian must give the Family Health Care nurse permission to administer the test.

# Positive COVID-19 test

All Positive COVID-19 test must be reported to the school.

The U.S. Centers of Disease Control and Prevention advises people who test positive to:

- Stay home for at least five days and isolate from others in your home.
- End isolation after 5 full days if you are fever free for 24 hours (without the use of fever reducing medication) **and** your symptoms are improving.

- Seek medical attention if symptoms continue or are worsening.

Wear a **well-fitting mask** for 5 days after isolation ends. When you are around others inside your home or in public. Do not go to places where you are unable to wear a mask.

## **Vaccines**

Medical experts advise that vaccines are the best defense against serious illness or hospitalization from COVID-19.

### **Children & youth**

Vaccines for children aged 6 months through 17 years are available free. For Covid-19, vaccines visit your local physician, the Harlan County Health Department or your local pharmacy.

## **Our Commitment**

The health and well-being of our Harlan County Public Schools students, employees and families have been and will continue to be the top priorities in every decision. We will continue to focus on cleaning and hand washing, and we ask anyone who is experiencing symptoms of COVID-19 to stay home until they resolve without symptom-reducing medication.