

PULASKI COUNTY SCHOOLS  
COVID Operations Plan  
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Parents and Guardians,

It is our plan to keep school open as close to normal as possible. If we see that the virus is leading to a high infection rate, we will change some of our procedures. Below is the framework that will guide our school opening plan. The optional masking guidelines do not apply to the Pulaski County Area Technology Center. The ATC must continue to follow state guidelines.

**Masking**

Student and staff masking will be based on the Average daily cases per 100,000 population based on the previous seven days. A determination will be made on Friday for the next school week and posted on social media for notification of mask status for the current week. These decisions will be based on data from KDPH covid-19 dashboard. Please see matrix below.

<b>Green</b>	<b>Yellow</b>	<b>Orange</b>	<b>Red</b>
<b>Minimal Community Transmission</b> Less than 1 case /100,000	<b>Increased Community Transmission</b> 1-10 cases /100,000	<b>Heightened Community Transmission</b> 10-25 Cases /100,000	<b>Substantial Community Transmission</b> Greater than 25/100,000
Mask Optional	Masks Optional	Mask Optional	Mask Required

**When masking is optional the following will apply.**

**Testing**

There will be a COVID testing center establish where students, staff, and their family members may get daily COVID tests.

**Transportation**

- Symptom screenings will be performed by parents and guardians at home before students enter the bus.
- No students with symptoms will be sent on a bus or brought to school.
- Drivers and monitors will check their own temperatures and screen for symptoms before they begin their routes.
- High touch surfaces will be disinfected regularly.
- Students will sit in assigned seats.
- Students must mask while riding the bus due to a federal mandate.
- Drivers and monitors may choose to wear masks while riding the bus.

### **School Building**

- Students' temperatures will be checked upon entering the school building.
- Students may choose to wear masks upon entering the building.
- Students may choose to wear masks during all transitions or movement in the building.
- Students will sit in assigned seats and daily attendance logs will be recorded.
- Staff and students will continually monitor for signs and symptoms of COVID-19.
- Staff and students will report to the nurse immediately if feeling symptomatic.
- All high-touch surfaces will be disinfected regularly throughout the day.
- Staff and students will sanitize or wash their hands frequently.
- Hand sanitizer will be available in all common areas, hallways, and classrooms.
- Classrooms and common areas will be ventilated with additional outdoor air when possible, using windows and doors.
- Non-essential visitors will not be permitted on campuses.

### **Instruction**

- Instruction will be in-person. Full-time virtual instruction will not be available to all students, unless school closures are required.
- Due to the possibility of intermittent closures, students may be required to participate in virtual instruction.

### **Cafeteria**

- Lunch will be prepared and served by lunchroom staff (no self-serve).
- If a school chooses not to use a cafeteria, students will eat in their classrooms.
- Staff will disinfect all eating areas after students are finished eating.

### **Recess**

- Students will practice social distancing when at recess.

### **Restrooms**

- Restrooms will be disinfected regularly.
- Restrooms will be monitored to avoid overcrowding.

### **Employees**

- Employees' temperatures will be checked upon entering the school building.

Please understand that these plans could change due to government mandates or if local school officials deem necessary. Our school administration and teachers are working diligently to meet the needs of our students. I ask for your patience as we continue to strive to keep schools open.