

Adair County Schools Safe Return to In-Person Instruction Plan

2021-2022

Adair County Schools and Adair County Board of Education are dedicated to providing a safe setting that best meets the instructional needs of all students. We are dedicated to meeting the needs of each student in an in-person instructional setting while following best practices from CDC as well as state and local health officials' guidance.

Universal Masking Procedures

Adair County Schools will support parent choice and masks will be optional UNLESS WE ARE IN THE COVID RISK LEVEL CATEGORY OF RED BASED ON CURRENT HEALTH DEPARTMENT COVID19 CASE NUMBERS FOR ADAIR COUNTY SUGGESTING HIGH COMMUNITY TRANSMISSION. WE WILL NOT REQUIRE MASKS OUTDOORS. INFORMATION DETERMINING THE CURRENT RISK LEVEL WILL BE EVALUATED BY THE BOARD ON AN AS NEEDED BASIS BUT AT LEAST EACH MONTH TO DETERMINE WHETHER ANY CHANGES SHOULD BE MADE.

Physical distancing

Adair County Schools will be social distancing to the best of our ability.

Handwashing and respiratory etiquette

Handwashing practices and reminders of good handwashing practices will be in place. Reinforcing hand washing for 20 seconds will be monitored by staff.

Hand sanitizer will also be available.

Students and staff will be taught to and encouraged to cover their mouths when they cough or sneeze.

Cleaning and maintaining healthy facilities

Adair County Schools will continue to utilize precaution and proactive measures to ensure that we are providing the safest environment possible for all students and staff. We will continue following U. S. Environmental Protection Agency Covid- 19 list of disinfectants to remove any remaining germs to further reduce and risk of spreading the infection.

We will be disinfecting, cleaning, and fogging daily in high traffic areas. We will also continue focusing our disinfecting efforts in high traffic areas such as restrooms, cafeterias, gymnasiums, hallways, classrooms, etc...

If a school has had a sick person or someone who tested positive for COVID- 19 within the last 24 hours, we will clean and disinfect the area or space.

Hand sanitizer will be available for all staff and students to use during school activities.

Students and staff will continue to be encouraged to practice hand washing and good hygiene.

Improving ventilation

Bi polar ionization devices have been placed in all schools and district facilities.

All air units have been checked and are running to ensure fresh air is getting into the schools.

Contact tracing with isolation and quarantining

Communication of positive cases within the school staff or student body will be sent to Superintendent and those names will be forwarded to principals.

A bus seat will be designated for students that may show Covid symptoms.

Each school will have a designated location for any student that may show Covid symptoms.

Quarantine-per Kentucky Public Health

Unvaccinated students, teachers, or staff who are identified as close contacts should be instructed to self-quarantine regardless of whether the exposure occurred within or outside of the school setting. Quarantine may be discontinued when the local public health department determines the individual is safe to be around others or:

- After day 7 if the individual is symptom-free and receives a negative COVID-19 test 5 days or later after the last date of exposure to the case.
- After day 10 without testing if the individual is symptom-free.

Fully-vaccinated persons do not need to quarantine following an exposure to a person diagnosed with COVID-19 if he/she is not experiencing symptoms, but are recommended to be tested 3-5 days after an exposure.

Diagnostic screening

Unless we have an increase in cases temperature screenings will only occur when students or staff show Covid symptoms.

Vaccination efforts

Adair Co. Schools and Healthy Kids Clinic offered all staff vaccines in January/February 2021.

Adair Co. Schools and Healthy Kids Clinic offered vaccines for students 12 years of age and up and staff on July 30, 2021.

Appropriate accommodations for children with disabilities

Adair County Schools will provide a free appropriate public education to each child with a disability consistent with standards established by law and school district policies and procedures regardless of severity, whose age is 3 to 21 years and lives within the geographical region of Adair County. Adair County Schools will follow the Individual Education Program (IEP) and follow the accommodations for administration of state assessments and assessments in the classroom within the IEP.

The district provides a variety of services for students with disabilities. These services include co-teaching, collaboration, resource, and special class services as determined by an Admissions and Release Committee.

Adair County Schools Continuity of Services (academics, student and staff social, emotional and mental needs, health and food services)

All Adair County schools will have ESS programs utilizing a daytime waiver and before and/or after school services. Certified teachers will provide instruction. Student assessments will be administered regularly using either MAP or CERT to determine learning loss. Response to Intervention teachers will work with students in small groups and class sizes will be smaller at the early primary levels.

Social and emotional programs will be in place at all schools with guidance and mental health counselors providing services and dedicated programs to both students and faculty.

Food Service operations will resume as normal with all cafeterias being open and all sanitation measures in place. Breakfast and lunch will be served on the line with options available for ala carte. We will also be prepared for grab n go, if the need shall arise.

With a collaboration between Adair Co. Schools and Healthy Kids Clinic our students and staff have access to school nurses and a nurse practitioner each day. These medical staff address medical concerns and provide education information as needed to our students, our families and our staff.

Bus Transportation procedures

Adair County Schools will be following all mandated guidelines for School Bus Transportation. All students, drivers, and staff will be required to wear a mask while being transported on an Adair County School Bus, unless exempt. Bus drivers will wear a mask or a face shield while students are on the bus. We will continue to have hand sanitizer available for all students and will continue to disinfectant and clean buses daily. The seat behind the driver will be left open for potential sick or symptomatic students.

Review of plan

This plan will be reviewed and revised as needed but no longer than every nine weeks. Statistics within the school district will dictate the need to review and revise this plan and the actions within.

The district is also relying on input from the “District Facility Planning Committee.” This committee is comprised of parents, teachers, administrators, and Community members. This committee has met (and will continue to meet) to discuss their thoughts and views on what is best for Adair County Schools.

