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Reopening Adair County Schools 2020-2021

The Kentucky Department of Public Health, in collaboration with the Kentucky Department of Education and CDC, has issued guidance for schools on how to safely reopen for the upcoming school year amid the ongoing COVID-19 global pandemic. The complete document can be accessed from the Kentucky Department of Education website: https://education.ky.gov/comm/Documents/Safety%20Expectations_FINAL%20DOC.PDF.

As Adair County Schools plan for the return to school for the 2020-2021 school year, we need input from our parents/guardians to help in our decision making. We realize circumstances may change between now and our first student day scheduled for August 24, 2020; however, information we get from you will help us as we continue to refine our plan.

In summation, the main points of the guidelines are as follows:

- Student must wear a mask on buses.
- Students and staff (including all substitutes, student teachers, etc.) must have a temperature check daily.
- Students should adhere to the social distancing rules as much as possible.
- Students (1st grade and above) must wear a mask when moving through the building or when unable to adhere to social distancing.
- Considerations regarding masks will be made for students and staff with medical waivers.
- Cloth masks are preferred so that they may be laundered and machine dried.

All decisions regarding the reopening of Adair County Schools will be made in conjunction with local public health officials. While face-to-face instruction is the preferred delivery method, we realize that some families might prefer a different option for the 20-21 school year.

Given the recommendations above, we would like your thoughts on how you plan for your student to attend Adair County Schools when we reopen on August 24. On **Sunday, July 12 at 7:30 pm**, you will be contacted via an automated call to get your feedback. We value your opinion and your feedback is extremely important.

Please consider the following information as you respond. Your options for returning to school will include:

1. In person classes: A student attending 5 days a week in person.
2. Distance learning: A student participating in distance learning by logging into a device daily and/or completing assignments sent from an instructor. This work will follow the in-person curriculum and will NOT be like the NTI work done at the end of the 2019-2020 school year. In order to participate in distance learning, your student will need access to reliable Internet. Students may only transition from distance learning to in person classes at the end of a nine-week grading period. The distance learning option is not homeschool, but a variation on in-person classes.