



**RUSSELL COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
2023 – 2024
SAFE RETURN TO IN-PERSON INSTRUCTION
AND CONTINUITY OF SERVICES PLAN
(COVID-19 OPERATIONS PLAN)**

INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND:

The Kentucky General Assembly passed Senate Bill 1 on September 9, 2021 during a Special Session called by Governor Andy Beshear. Senate Bill 1 requires all public school districts in the state of Kentucky to develop a COVID-19 Operations Plan. The goal of the Kentucky General Assembly and the Russell County School District is to prioritize in-person learning for all students in the safest manner possible.

MAINTAINING HEALTH AND SAFETY

STRATEGIES for EVERYDAY OPERATIONS

Schools and ECE programs take a variety of actions every day to prevent the spread of infectious diseases, including the virus that causes COVID-19. The following set of strategies for everyday operations is in place at all COVID-19 hospital admission levels, including low levels.

A. Ventilation

- Air purifiers are available in locations with no air exchange to the outdoors.
- The usage of air handlers optimize outdoor air exchange.

B. Handwashing and Respiratory Etiquette

- Promote handwashing with soap and water or use of hand sanitizer. Ensure adequate supplies and opportunities for hand hygiene.
- Teach and reinforce covering coughs and sneezes to help keep individuals from getting and spreading infectious diseases, including COVID-19.

C. Cleaning and Maintaining Healthy Facilities

- Frequently, high-touched surfaces are routinely cleaned using CDC approved disinfectant.
- The district will ensure adequate supplies to support cleaning and disinfection practices, i.e. “fog” machine.

D. Masks

- Anyone who chooses to wear a mask will be supported in their decision to do so at any COVID-19 hospital admission level, including low.



E. Management of Cases and Exposures

- Students, teachers or staff with symptoms of respiratory or gastrointestinal infections, such as cough, fever, sore throat, vomiting, or diarrhea, should stay home until symptoms resolve.
- Advise parents/guardian, teachers and staff to report positive COVID-19 test results to the school or school district. Results can be self-reported.
- Advise persons who test positive for COVID-19 to self-isolate away from school for:
 - At least 5 full days from the day that their symptoms started if they are experiencing symptoms of COVID-19. The first day of symptoms is considered day 0. The individual may return to school after 5 days when their symptoms are fully resolved or after 10 days even if they have lingering symptoms. It is recommended the individual wear a well-fitting mask for 10 full days when around others indoors.
 - 5 full days from the date of testing if they have never developed symptoms. The day of testing is considered day 0. It is recommended the individual wear a well-fitting mask for 10 full days when around others indoors. If the individual develops symptoms of COVID-19, they should follow the above isolation guidance for someone with symptoms.

Operational Guidance for K-12 Schools and Early Care and Educational Programs to Support Safe In-Person Learning

NOTE: This plan is fluid and may be revised depending on national, state and regional guidelines, as well as, recommendations from public health experts. The plan will be reviewed at a minimum of every six months.

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