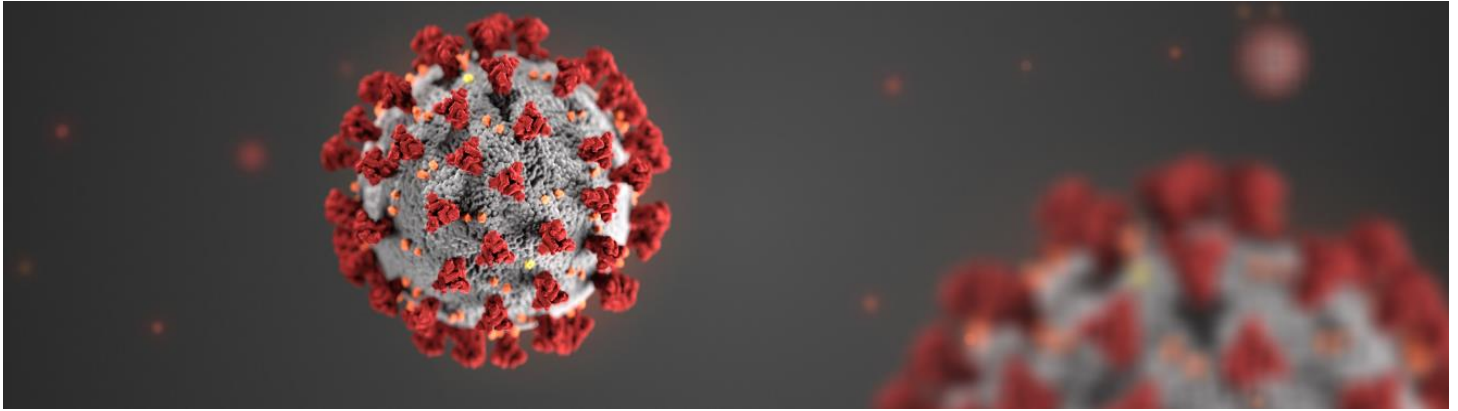


Harlan County Public Schools

Safe Return to In-Person Instruction & Continuity Plan

Thursday, February 6, 2025



Center for Disease Control Photo

The administration, faculty and staff continue to work to keep our students safe and healthy.

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.

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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. The mask should cover your nose and mouth.

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.

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

Positive COVID-19 tests must be reported to the school.

The Harlan County Public Schools advise people who test positive to:

- Stay home and isolate from others in your home until you are fever free for 24 hours (without fever reducing medication) and your symptoms are improving.
- Seek medical attention if symptoms continue or are worsening.

When you are around others inside your home or in public wear a **well-fitting mask** for 4 days after being fever free for 24 hours with no fever reducing medication to reduce the spread and keep our students and staff as healthy as possible. Do not go to places where you are unable to wear a mask.

Vaccines

If you are interested in learning more about Covid vaccines, consult your medical provider or the Harlan County Health Department.

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 fever-free without fever reducing medication for at least 24 hours.