



MARTIN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Martin County Parents and Guardians,

Yesterday, Kentucky Public Health and Kentucky Department of Education released a framework of how local school districts will determine the mode of instruction (in person, virtual, or hybrid) in Kentucky schools during the COVID-19 pandemic. The framework allows local leadership to make decisions based upon current community COVID-19 incidence rates at the county level.

Every Thursday evening at 8:00 pm, the COVID-19 Current Incidence Rate in Kentucky map (<https://govstatus.egov.com/kycovid19>) will be updated to a specific color. At that time, local administration will determine how instruction will be provided the following week.

The following colors will be used:

Green: Counties in this status may have in person or remote learning.

Yellow: Counties in this status may have in person learning with heightened mitigation factors or remote learning.

Orange: Counties in this status must take additional mitigation steps and prepare for possible remote learning only as determined by school administrators in consultation with local public health officials.

Red: No in person learning can occur. In the event a district reaches red status, they should immediately suspend in person learning for the following week.

As of today, Martin County plans to begin in person instruction for students on **September 28, 2020**. **However, this could change based upon the color of our county next Thursday, September 24, 2020.** As before, your child still has the option of returning to school in person or participate virtually. Your child’s school will be contacting you to determine how your child will return to school.

Per Kentucky Department of Education guidance, any student who chooses in person learning will have to comply with the following guidelines:

- The use of cloth face coverings (masks) are required by all students in grades 1-12 and staff at all times while in the building or on the bus, unless medically waived. Students and staff should only lower their masks while actively eating or drinking.
- Daily temperature checks.
- Students should stay home if they exhibit one or more of the following symptoms:
 - Temperature greater than 100.4
 - Cough
 - GI (vomiting/diarrhea)
 - New rash
 - Exposure to COVID-19 case during a 48-hour period before onset of symptoms until meeting criteria for discontinuing home isolation.

In accordance with **KRS 158.160**, any parent/legal guardian or agency responsible for a student shall notify the student’s school within 24 hours, if the student has tested positive for COVID-19.

For additional guidance, please visit the following website:

<https://chfs.ky.gov/agencies/dph/covid19/cv19ModeofInstructionMetricsforK-12Education.pdf>

Together, Martin County will get through this. Once again, I truly appreciate your flexibility during this difficult time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Larry James". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Larry James

Martin County Schools Superintendent