



Martin County Schools Safe Return to In-person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan 2021-2022

Back to School Options

Martin County School District (MCSD) will begin the 2021-22 school year with face-to-face instruction five days a week. Our academic, social, emotional, and mental health needs of our students remain at the forefront of our response to reopening schools safely.

Masking

- As of 4:30 PM on August 10, 2021, Governor Andy Beshear released a mask mandate for all schools and all age groups. This means that all students and staff members (whether vaccinated or unvaccinated) must wear a mask while inside any of our school buildings, unless otherwise exempted (e.g., cannot wear a mask due to disability).
- It is a federal mandate that all students and staff members wear a mask while on a school bus.

Screening/Exclusionary Criteria

Students and staff members should remain at home and see a health care provider if he/she has any of the following:

- Fever or feeling feverish (e.g., chills, sweating)
- New cough
- Difficulty breathing
- Sore throat
- Muscle aches or body aches
- Vomiting or diarrhea
- New loss of taste or smell

Contact Tracing

The KY Department for Public Health will continue to enforce the contact tracing process through the Martin County Health Department, and the Martin County School System will assist the health department in this process. All students will have seating assignments in all settings to help identify contacts when a person tests positive for COVID-19.

- If student/staff member is in close contact (< 6 feet) with a COVID positive person and BOTH are wearing masks when contact occurs, he/she does NOT quarantine.
- If a student/staff is vaccinated when contact with a COVID-19 positive person, he/she does NOT quarantine.
- If a student/staff member stays 6 feet away from the COVID-19 positive person, he/she does NOT quarantine.
- If a student/staff member is outside when contact with COVID-19 positive person, he/she does NOT quarantine.
- If a student/staff member is placed in quarantine, he/she may test on Day 5; if negative AND symptom free, the quarantine period can end after Day 7. Consult with the Martin County Health Department on "testing out" of quarantine.

Social Distancing

- We will strive for 3 feet of social distancing, when possible.
- Seating charts will be kept on file to assist with contact tracing.

Vaccinations

Currently, only the Pfizer vaccine is offered for children 12 years old and up. Please call the Martin County Health Department 606-298-7752 to schedule an appointment.

Other Mitigation Measures

- Students who are quarantined will continue to receive daily instruction from their classroom teacher via Google Classroom.
- The Martin County Custodial Team will engage in daily, continuous cleaning throughout the day to be followed by complete disinfecting of the building each evening. Hand sanitizing stations are available in each classroom and in all common areas. Air purifiers have been placed in all gymnasiums and cafeterias.

Please note this plan is subject to revision based upon the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and Kentucky Department of Education (KDE) guidance.