

Boone County Schools

Boone County School District
2021-2022 Return To School Plan



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Guiding Principles

- Continuation of in-person instruction for K-12 students is our priority
- Honor and safeguard the health and safety of students and staff
- Maintain fidelity of instruction ensuring standards are taught and mastered by all students
- Ensuring equity and access for all students
- Support the social-emotional learning and teaching needs of students and educators
- Adhere to guidelines from the state and local health officials at all times to mitigate unhealthy behaviors, reduce the spread of infection and protect the wellness of all individuals
- Respect choices for personal health and preferences when possible for mode of instructions, while asking such commitments be made for no less than a designated period of time to assist with staffing and other decisions, with exceptions allowed for unexpected health concerns
- Recognize unprecedented circumstances may arise that will need to be accommodated
- Communicating effectively with all stakeholders
- Ensuring flexibility to meet the needs of all students, while maintaining fiscal solvency

Vaccination

We recommend that all of our staff, eligible students and our extended family receive the COVID vaccination and booster (we understand and respect that this is an individual/family choice but it is important to note that students/staff who are vaccinated do not have to quarantine unless they become symptomatic). Vaccination events will continue to be offered.

Masking And Handwashing

Masking is recommend for students, staff, and visitors while in our buildings or while on school district transportation.

We recommend handwashing with soap and water for at least 20 seconds or use of hand sanitizer containing at least 60% alcohol.

Social-Distancing

Social distancing of 3 feet or more is recommended for students in school to the greatest extent practicable. Social distancing of at least 6 feet is recommended between students and teachers/staff to the greatest extent practicable. We are limiting non-essential visitors to our schools and buildings.

Testing

The Boone County Schools, in collaboration with Wild Health, Inc is implementing a **voluntary** test to stay program allowing unvaccinated students and staff exposed to a COVID-19 positive person in the school setting to continue in-person learning with repeated negative COVID-19 testing. In-person instruction includes riding the bus or carpooling to/from school.

Stay Home When Sick

Ensure sick students, teachers or staff stay home if they are having fever and/or symptoms of COVID-19, including:

- Fever
- New cough
- Difficulty breathing
- Sore throat
- Muscle aches or body aches
- Vomiting or diarrhea
- New loss of taste or smell

Sick students, teachers or staff who do not test positive for COVID may return when their symptoms resolve. If you have tested positive for COVID-19 or have symptoms, regardless of vaccination status:

- Stay home for at least 5 days Stay home for 5 days and isolate from others in your home. Wear a well fitted mask if you must be around others in your home. Wear a mask for 5 additional days after returning to school. End isolation after 5 full days if you are fever-free for 24 hours (without the use of fever-reducing medication) and your symptoms are improving. End isolation after at least 5 full days after your positive test. If you were severely ill with COVID-19, you should isolate for at least 10 days. Consult your doctor before ending isolation.

Teaching and Learning

Students in grades K-12 will attend school in-person 5 days per week. Preschool students will attend school in-person following the normal 4-day, Monday through Thursday, schedule.

When a student, grades K-12, is unable to attend school due to a physical or emotional medical issue or disability and meets the home/hospital criteria, the student can be provided instructional services through the school district's Home/Hospital Instructional Program. An instructional session may be delivered in person or electronically. Parents who are interested in pursuing the Home/Hospital Program option can contact Mark Raleigh, Assistant Director of Pupil Personnel, at 859-283-3217.

Boone County Schools is now offering a virtual option for 6th – 12th grade students through the Accel Academy. If accepted, students will have a primary enrollment at the Accel Academy and will no longer be enrolled at their district school. Parents should contact their school counselor or administration for more information and to set up an enrollment meeting. Parents can also contact Tracy Schaefer, School Choice and Transitional Programs Coordinator for more information as well at tracy.schaefer@boone.kyschools.us or 859-283-3232.

Our re-entry plan is a living document and is subject to change throughout the school year. We will update the document with any new information given to us from the local, state or federal agencies.