



**Spencer County Public Schools**

**COVID-19 Operations Plan**

The following operations plan will apply to the 2022-23 school year for all Spencer County Public School campuses. The plan is subject to change by Gubernatorial or Presidential Executive Order, Legislative action, CDC and/or Health Department regulations, and/or KDE mandated changes. If any of these become applicable, the plan will be modified accordingly.

Our goal is to create an environment that provides an opportunity for students to return to the traditional school experience, while providing effective safeguards to protect the health and safety of students and staff to the greatest extent possible. Spencer County Schools will continue to work collaboratively with state and local health and education officials to make informed decisions regarding the health and safety of our students, staff, families, and community. Incidence rates, recommendations from health professionals, and ongoing data analysis will determine the steps taken.

Steps taken will range from prevention and mitigation strategies discussed below, remote learning or non-traditional instruction models, and other strategies as needed upon the guidance of local, regional, and state education and health officials.

**General Precautions**

<b>Vaccination Efforts</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Spencer County Schools will work closely with local health officials to provide collaborative opportunities for COVID-19 vaccines.</li> <li>• Vaccination is now available for all students and staff in our system. Vaccination options should be discussed and made in consultation with your physician.</li> </ul>
<b>Masking</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Universal masking is not required while on campus. The decision to wear a mask will be made by parents and guardians based upon the health needs of their student.</li> <li>• Masks are available at each campus.</li> <li>• Students presenting symptoms of COVID-19 will be asked to wear a mask and remain in a designated area to await parent pick-up.</li> <li>• To increase safety masking is recommended by the KDPH for ten (10) days after your last exposure.</li> </ul>
<b>Health Personnel</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Each campus has access to nursing staff to help identify symptoms of COVID 19.</li> </ul>

<b>Physical Distancing</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Students presenting symptoms of COVID-19 will be asked to wear a mask and remain in a designated area to await parent pick-up.</li> </ul>
<b>Quarantine Protocols</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Students who are diagnosed with by a physician or home test who are exhibiting symptoms are required to quarantine away from their school for a minimum of five (5) days.</li> <li>• Families are asked to monitor symptoms for ten (10) days following your last day of exposure.</li> <li>• Students do not need to quarantine if they do not have symptoms.</li> </ul>
<b>Quarantine Days and Student Attendance</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• KDE has made no special allowance for COVID related student absences for the 2022-2023 school year.</li> <li>• Spencer County Schools requires either a doctor's excuse or documentation of a positive home test (picture) to be provided to the school attendance clerk within five (5) days of return for an absence to be excused due to COVID symptoms within five (5) days of return.</li> </ul>
<b>Cleaning / Sanitation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Custodial and Maintenance staff used industry standard processes and solutions to provide clean learning environments for all students.</li> </ul>
<b>Handwashing / Respiratory Etiquette</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Frequent hand-washing will be practiced and encouraged</li> <li>• Hand sanitizer will be available in the schools.</li> <li>• Classrooms and common areas are equipped with HVAC systems that provide proper ventilation.</li> <li>• Sharing materials among students will be minimized.</li> </ul>
<b>Field Trips</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Field Trips will resume as necessary and maintain an instructional focus.</li> <li>• Competition trips will resume as necessitated by scheduling/season.</li> </ul>
<b>Building Access</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SCPS values active community participation in learning and social development.</li> <li>• Parents, families, vendors and service providers who are exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19 or who have been exposed in the last two (2) weeks will not be permitted.</li> </ul>
<b>Diagnostic Screening</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To minimize spread, parents are requested to screen students before allowing them to leave for school and/or get on a bus. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Students with a temperature 100.4 should remain home and parents should contact their school regarding the symptoms.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Students should be fever and symptom free for 24 hours without fever-reducing medication before being allowed to return to school.</li> </ul> <p><i>COVID SYMPTOMS:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Fever or feeling feverish (chills, sweating)</li> <li>○ Headache</li> <li>○ New cough</li> <li>○ Difficulty breathing</li> <li>○ Sore throat</li> <li>○ Muscle aches or body aches</li> <li>○ Vomiting/Diarrhea</li> <li>○ New loss of taste or smell</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parents should report to the school, if their student tests positive for COVID or is a close contact of a positive individual and showing symptoms within 24-hours.</li> <li>• Spencer County Schools will encourage students, staff members, and other community members who are exhibiting symptoms to speak with their healthcare provider if they exhibit any COVID-19 symptoms.</li> <li>• Appropriate signage will be prevalent in all buildings reminding students, staff, and visitors that if they exhibit any symptoms or believe they have been exposed to anyone with COVID-19 that they speak with their healthcare provider before returning to the building.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Social, Emotional, Mental Health Needs</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Spencer County Schools has counseling staff in each building as well as at the district level to address these needs. Additionally, the district has grant funding and staffing to address mental health and social emotional learning.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Disclaimer</b> - This plan is subject to change based on guidance, recommendation, or requirement from the Kentucky Department of Education, Kentucky Department of Public Health or North Central District Health Department.</p>	