

Lyon County Schools Covid-19 Plan  
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In anticipation of the General Assembly passing emergency legislation that will nullify the state-wide mask mandate, it is important for Lyon County to implement measures that will allow for successful operation of in-person learning, including reduction of the number of students quarantined. Currently, the quarantine rule shifts from 6' to 3' if both students are wearing a mask. Therefore, a mask requirement, especially during times of higher local community case levels, should reduce the number of students quarantined.

Current Incidence Rate Level for Lyon County*	Mitigation Measures
Green	Normal Operations
Yellow	Normal Operations
Orange	Enhanced distancing; assigned seating, non-essential visitors are prohibited; student mask wearing is encouraged; required mask wearing by non-vaccinated staff members.
Red	Universal mask wearing by all students and staff as well as "orange" level measures.

\*Level is reported by the Kentucky Department of Public Health

- Once a higher level of incidence rate is reached, the measures will stay in place until the level is lower for three consecutive school days. As levels are typically reported in the afternoon, school staff and students will maintain a level of preparedness to implement adjustments the following school day.
- As required by Federal Law, all students and drivers on a school bus shall wear a mask.
- Students and staff exhibiting symptoms of Covid-19 are expected to stay home from school. Appropriate COVID-19 testing is encouraged. Staff requesting local Covid leave must utilize the available testing measures.
- Board approved virtual instruction option is available to a student that wishes to avoid the mask requirement.
- Athletics is governed by the Kentucky High School Athletic Association. Lyon County will adhere to the guidelines established by KHSAA.

Approximately 90% of our school population (students and staff) are unvaccinated. Therefore, the measures implemented are based on local data for Lyon County as reported by the Pennyriple District Health Department to the Kentucky Department of Public Health Covid-19

incident rate map (<https://govstatus.egov.com/kycovid19>). Other unique local circumstances could result in additional measures to prevent spread of Covid-19 in our schools and community.

#### Other Covid Response Issues

- Lyon County Board of Education supports a “Test to Stay” program. As soon as practical and cost effective, the superintendent will implement an optional “test to stay” program for students and staff to avoid automatic quarantine due to exposure.
- Lyon County Board of Education recognizes the potential need for remote learning for a specific school, grade, or classroom. The Superintendent shall have the authority to implement such a plan as necessary. Likewise, if Covid cases rise to the level where the district cannot maintain in-person operation, the Superintendent may shift the district to Non-Traditional Instruction (NTI) until a time when personnel is available to resume normal operations.