

2021-22 School Reopening Plan

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- Built with cooperation from local healthcare leaders and COVID-19 Task Force



Start of School: Monday, August 16

All grade levels will be open for in-person learning five days per week, with a virtual option available.

Masks We will follow the governor's executive orders. July 1, 2021: Masks recommended. Masking on buses will comply with CDC guidelines. Current bus guidelines: Masks federally mandated. See next page for more on masking.

COVID Positive Students Individuals or households with positive COVID results will be quarantined by the local or state health department for a given number of days following state and local health department guidelines before returning to school.

Symptomatic Students Students and families should conduct a self-check each day for COVID symptoms. Students must be fever-free for 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medication and be symptom-free for a given number of days following state and local health dept. guidelines before returning to school.

Communication A proximity letter will be sent home with students if they shared a classroom with a positive case. Students may be quarantined by the local or state health department and will be sent home if they exhibit symptoms.

Enhanced Cleaning Safe and effective cleaning products used daily on all high-touch areas. Increased number of hand sanitizer stations in key locations. Intense cleaning nightly including scheduled deep cleaning. A scheduled handwashing protocol for each building will be established.

Visitors and volunteers: Schools will have traditional activities physically open to parents, guardians, and the community. All visitors should perform a self-check for COVID symptoms prior to entering.

Training: Professional development will be provided for staff on hygiene and sanitizing procedures as well as screening measures.

Clinic: Symptomatic students waiting for pickup will be provided a separate space and must wear a mask until leaving the building.

Cafeteria: No lunch visitors or outside food delivery will be permitted.

Water bottles: Students should bring their own water bottle and filling stations will be available. Water fountains will not be available for traditional use.

Distancing and seating charts: Students will have assigned seats in the classroom, cafeteria, and bus. In the classroom, space will be maximized and students will face the same direction as much as possible.

Family expectations: Families can partner with the VCSC by monitoring their child's health, reinforcing hygiene practices, and providing a mask and hand sanitizer.

Activities and schedules: P.E. will be held outside when possible and outdoor learning is permitted.

Extracurriculars: Distancing between families is encouraged at extracurricular events.

Testing: Tests will be available for symptomatic students at the central nursing office.

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► Masking Policy



The Vigo County School Corporation will follow state and federal mandates.

Currently, that means masks for unvaccinated individuals is recommended.

Masks must be worn on school buses due to a federal mandate.

State and federal mandates may continue to change.

Mask Guidance

According to the CDC, COVID-19 vaccines are effective at "keeping you from getting COVID-19, especially severe illness and death."* Older individuals who are at higher risk have had access to vaccines for several months. We will notify families of younger children when their student is eligible for a vaccine. The Vigo County School Corporation will not tolerate bullying based on an individual's vaccination status or mask-wearing.

| | Vaccinated | Not Vaccinated |
|-----------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|
| Elementary Students | Not yet eligible | Recommended |
| Middle/High Students | Not required | Recommended |
| Staff | Not required | Recommended |
| Visitors | Not required | Recommended |
| Outdoor Areas | Not required | Not required |
| Buses | Required | Required |

The Vigo County School Corporation is legally unable to require proof of vaccination among students and staff members.

*<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/keythingstoknow.html>

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