

2021-22 School Reopening Plan

- Revised by VCSC Administration on February 16, 2022
- Built with cooperation from local healthcare leaders and COVID-19 Advisory Group



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 Students and staff must have a mask with them at all times. Masks are required indoors for students and staff in grades PreK-12. Masks are required on buses. **Masks will become optional when Vigo County achieves "orange" status or better.** See next page for more on masking.

COVID Positive Students Individuals or households with positive COVID results will be isolated 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 and masks are required indoors.

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, Quarantines, Contact Tracing

Masking Policy

All students and staff members must have a mask with them at all times. Masks will be required indoors in all grades for staff and students. The mask policy will be revisited at a board meeting after the governor's executive order expires or when the COVID-19 Advisory Group brings forth a new recommendation.

PreK-Grade 12 Staff/Students

Indoors	Masks required until Vigo County achieves "orange" status or better
Buses	Masks required (federal mandate)
Outdoors	Masks not required

Quarantines and Contact Tracing

The Vigo County School Corporation works to provide the Vigo County Health Department with information as they determine who should be quarantined as a result of close contact. The Vigo County Health Department takes into account a person's vaccination status, mask wearing, and physical proximity when determining quarantines. At this time, fully vaccinated people who were in close contact with a positive case but are asymptomatic do not need to quarantine but should get tested 3-5 days after exposure. Mask wearing can limit--but not rule out--a person's need to be quarantined or isolated. By following the Governor's Executive Order 21-24, quarantines should not occur from a fully-masked classroom.

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