



MORGAN COUNTY SCHOOLS  
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## Morgan County Schools COVID-19 Operations Plan

### Background

The Kentucky General Assembly passed Senate Bill 1 on September 9, 2021, during a Special Session called by Governor Andy Beshear. Senate Bill 1 requires all public-school districts in the state of Kentucky to develop a COVID-19 Operations Plan. This plan addresses face mask requirements, quarantine procedures, Test to Stay, non-traditional instruction (NTI) days, and remote learning. The goal of the Kentucky General Assembly and the Morgan County School District is to prioritize in-person learning for all students in the safest manner possible during the COVID-19 Pandemic.

### Masking

**Universal masking by all students, staff, and visitors will be required inside school buildings and buses until further notice.** This is to ensure Morgan County Schools provide the greatest opportunity to keep students in-person and keep schools open as much as possible. District and School Leadership will continue to collaborate with the Local Health Department and COVID Center to evaluate Morgan County's COVID-19 rate of incidence to determine if a change in the universal masking requirement may occur.

### Quarantine Protocol

Students who are quarantined from school will participate in remote learning utilizing Google Classroom. These students' absences from school will be excused. Communication with a child's school is vitally important to keeping in-person learning an option during the Pandemic. Any child exhibiting COVID-19 symptoms or living in a household with someone exhibiting symptoms needs to stay home and complete remote learning. Do not send your child to school if you are awaiting COVID-19 test results.

### Quarantine Procedures

Close contacts and/or their parent(s)/guardian(s) determined through contact tracing (within 3 feet of a positive case for at least 15 minutes) will be notified to monitor for COVID-19 symptoms for 14 days. If symptoms develop, the students should inform the school and work with their healthcare provider.

## **Test to Stay Program**

The school district is partnering with Ethos Laboratory to offer a voluntary Test to Stay Program for quarantined students and staff. Under this program, students and staff members who are quarantined will have the option of taking a rapid antigen COVID-19 test each morning to potentially eliminate the need to quarantine. Students and staff members testing negative will be able to attend school/work that day. The testing site will be at the Morgan County Board of Education Central Office Building located at 155 University Drive, West Liberty, Kentucky. The site will be open for testing daily from 6:00 AM until 9:00 AM and available only for school district students and employees. A parent/guardian will be responsible for bringing his/her child to the testing site and then to school for the day if he/she tests negative for the virus. Any student and/or employee testing positive for COVID-19 will be given a PCR test to be sent off to validate or reject the rapid test result. Any student and/or employee will need to go home and await the PCR test result. This process will take place each day of the quarantine period (5 school days). The Test to Stay program is voluntary. Quarantined students and/or staff will still have the option of quarantining at home for the appropriate time.

## **Non-Traditional Instruction (NTI) Days**

The Kentucky General Assembly provides public school districts up to 10 NTI Days, annually. NTI days can only be utilized when the district closes all schools in the district. Morgan County Schools did not have NTI Days Prior to the COVID-19 Pandemic. Districts that traditionally had NTI Days used them for weather related days. NTI Days can be utilized for COVID-19 related reasons if the district needs to close all schools. A decision about NTI will be communicated clearly to all students, parents/guardians, staff, and community members.

## **Remote Learning Days**

The Kentucky General Assembly provided public school districts up to 20 remote learning days to be utilized during for the rest of 2021. These days are used when a district doesn't close all schools but closes certain schools, classrooms, and/or grade levels due to COVID-19. Students will utilize the Google Classroom platform to complete schoolwork and could be asked to participate in Google Meets with teachers and classmates on designated remote learning days.