

Re-Opening of School Updated Guidance September 14,2020

The Russell Independent School District has incorporated the Guidance on Safety Expectations and Best Practices for Kentucky Schools in our reopening plan. The District plans to resume Face to Face Instruction on September 28, 2020.

The following changes have been made to the Reopening Plan:

Phased-In Reopening of School Buildings for Face to Face Instruction

September 28th

Kindergarten, 3rd Grade, 6th Grade and 9th Grade Students will attend for Face to Face Instruction

September 29th

K & 1st grade; 3rd and 4th grade; 6th and 7th grade, 9th and 10th grade Students will attend for Face to Face Instruction

September 30th and October 1st

All students will attend Face to Face Instruction

October 2nd and 5th Fall Break

October 6th All students will return to school for Face to Face Instruction

Virtual Instruction

- Virtual Instruction will be offered throughout the 2020-2021 School Year. Those students/families who choose this option must contact the building principal prior to September 28th.
- Students will be given the opportunity to move from Face to Face to Virtual Instruction until October 9, 2020. After that date students will remain in the Instruction Model that he/she chose until the end of the 9-week term.
- Virtual Instruction Lessons will be one day behind Face-to Face Lessons to give our teaching staff the opportunity to upload to Google Classroom.
- Teachers will respond to email questions from students until 5:00 p.m. each evening. After that time the student may submit a question and the teacher will answer the next day.
- There will be a teacher in each building available for ESS each week. Each school will set their own schedule.

Cloth Face Coverings

- All students (Preschool-12th grade) and staff will wear a cloth facial covering at all times while on buses and inside buildings. Parents should send their children to school with a mask, the District will provide one single layer mask to each student and staff member. Staff and students are welcome to wear a mask of their choice as long as it meets dress code policies.
- The only time a student or staff member will remove the facial covering will be when eating or drinking.

- If a student or staff member has a medical exemption and cannot wear a cloth facial covering a face shield must be worn. Nurse Bates must have a copy of the medical exemption from the Physician.

Bus Transportation

- Students must wear masks at all times while on the bus.
- Students must use hand sanitizer as they enter the bus.
- Parents should take their child's temperature before they leave their home. If the student has a temperature above 100.4 the parent/guardian should not put the student on the bus.
- Students will have temperatures taken before entering the school building. If a student has a temperature above 100.4, the student will be placed in the isolation room and the parent/guardian will be contacted for pick up.

Parent Drop Off

- Students will have temperatures taken as they exit the vehicle. If a student has a temperature above 100.4, the student will not be admitted into school.

District Covid-19 Data

- The District will have a Spreadsheet of reported Covid-19 Cases that have been confirmed by the local Health Department. The District will also list the number of staff and students in each school building that are in quarantine. The Spreadsheet will be updated as cases are confirmed.

School Cancellations

The District will work closely with the Greenup County Health Department to monitor Covid-19 cases in our staff and students. For the 2020-2021 School Year the district may close a particular school to Face to Face Instruction and move to Virtual only instruction for a time period. This will be dictated by positivity rates and at the recommendation of the Health Department. The District will also follow the Covid-19 Current Incidence Rate in Kentucky Map; if the County of Greenup is coded Red, the District will move to Virtual Instruction and all extracurricular activities will cease until the County is coded Yellow, as requested by the Kentucky Department of Health. Announcements of a move to Virtual Instruction and/or closure of a particular school building will be made via Remind, Local Media and Social Media outlets.