



CASS Return to School 2021-22

We are excited to welcome students back into our hallways and classrooms! Please read the following information regarding our plans to return safely to campus this fall. As we did last year, we have consulted a variety of resources to guide these decisions including the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC), Indiana Department of Health (IDOH), Kentucky Department of Public Health (DPH), Floyd County Health Department, and Louisville Metro Health Department. Additionally, we examined our internal data and policy/procedures from last year. **Updates are highlighted below.**

Temperature and Health Checks:

- Parents are required to check their child/ren for signs of illness before coming to campus. [COVID 19 Screening for Parents](#)
- Staff and students will need to remain home as soon as **any** illness is suspected. **Do not come to campus sick for school or extracurricular activities.**
- **Do not send your children to school if they are awaiting COVID test results for any reason.**

Masks:

- **CASS strongly recommends the use of masks for all staff and K-12 students in the school building regardless of vaccination status.**
- **In Kentucky Jr. Academies, all adults and children 2 years of age and older are required to wear a mask per a KY Department of Public Health emergency regulation (8/24/2021).**
- **Masks are required for non-vaccinated adults who are less than three feet from a **JA-12th** grade student for more than 15 consecutive minutes.**
- Masks are required when riding the bus (per the CDC/State).

Quarantine:

- Vaccinated staff and students will not be required to quarantine if identified as a close contact of a COVID-19 positive individual as long as they are asymptomatic and can provide proof of vaccination.
- Non-vaccinated staff and students will be required to quarantine if identified as a close contact of a COVID-19 positive individual.
 - **Contact tracing is 6 feet for any non-masked, non-vaccinated student or staff.**
 - **Contact tracing is 3 feet if both the positive student and the close contact are masked.**
- Quarantine procedures will be communicated by the school when an individual is identified as a close contact.

Reporting:

- CASS is required to report positive cases and close contacts (names and contact information) to local health departments.

Continued Health and Safety Practices:

- Visitors scheduled when on campus
- Cohorting of students and assigned seating for determining close contacts
- Maintaining cleaning and sanitation schedules
- Encouraged use of personal water bottles
- Promotion of hand hygiene
- Designated isolation area for sick students
- Ultraviolet air filtration system (IN and ES)

We will continue to monitor infection rates in our schools and in the community and will adjust guidelines as needed.