



**Healthy at School Plan
Safety Expectations
2020-2021**

School Opening Date: August 24, 2020

Beginning a new school year is such an important part of each child's life. We are currently making plans to help the students prepare for this. Strong academic support and mental health support are important to help each child be successful. We are very anxious to get started and reconnect with our students; however, the school year will be different to protect students and staff and keep everyone healthy. We are taking steps to prepare for "Healthy at School".

As every aspect of the world has changed due to the pandemic, so have the expectations at school. Based on the survey we conducted, many parents do not feel comfortable sending their children to in person classes. Parents may choose for the child(ren) to attend school in person or continue with NTI (Learning from Home). Some of the guidelines for both are listed below. These will change as needed to better serve our students and keep them healthy.

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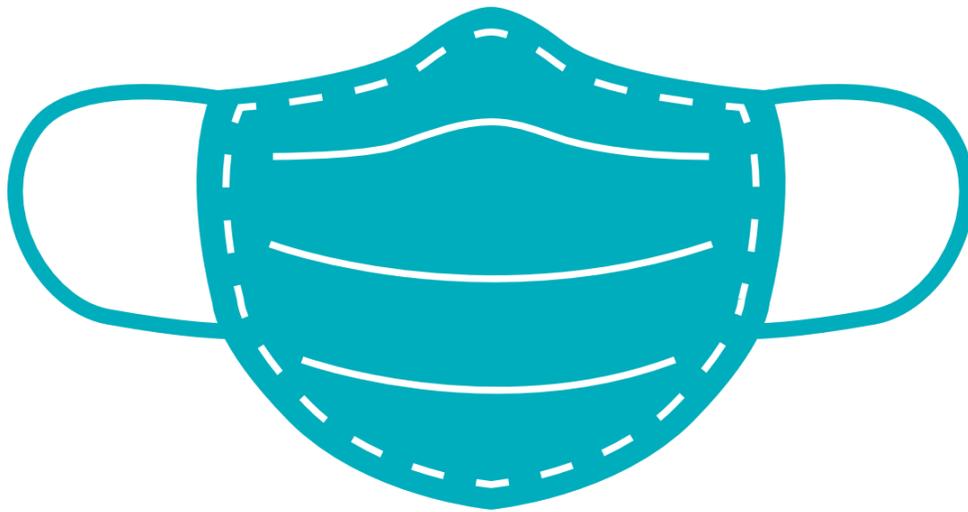
Social Distancing

Safety Expectations

****Must be implemented as determined by the Kentucky Department for Public Health.****

- Once students arrive and enter the school, they will go straight to their classrooms to avoid congregating.
- There will be increased space between students in the classroom by rearranging seating to maximize space to be 3 feet or greater whenever possible.
- All desks will be arranged so students' seats face the same direction to reduce germ transfer.
- Markings will be placed on the wall as a reminder to keep 6 feet apart.
- Students will maintain a social distance of 6 feet in hallways and other common areas during arrival/dismissal as well as any transitions that take place during the day.
- Classroom sizes will be reduced if possible, allowing for smaller groups of students and decreasing the potential need for contact tracing.
- Activities that require close contact will be modified to allow for social distancing such as group work.
- Students in 4th and 5th grade will remain with the same group of students throughout the day and teachers will rotate from room to room. Sixth thru eighth grade will rotate classes and rooms will be sanitized in between.
- Field trips, assemblies and other large group activities will be avoided to reduce mixing of students in large common areas.
- If social distancing is not possible in the cafeteria, students will have meals served to the classroom.

- The following bus expectations will be implemented:
 - The first bus seat behind the driver will remain empty to distance from the driver.
 - Students will be required to wear a mask while on the bus.
 - Students will load from back to front of the bus.
 - Students will offload from front to back of the bus.
 - Seating will be staggered if not at full capacity.
 - Passengers will be seated from the same household together.
 - Assigned seating for all passengers to help with contact tracing.
 - Hand sanitizer will be provided as students enter the bus.



Cloth Face Coverings

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- Each student should bring their own cloth face covering/mask each day to school. These should be washed on a regular basis. Cloth face covering/masks that display inappropriate messages, wording, images will not be permitted. *****Face Shields cannot be a substitute for the mask*** (This is based on the advice of health professional)**
- Students enrolled in first grade and above are required to wear a cloth face covering/mask at all times except for eating, drink or approved physical activity. This includes riding on the bus, in the classroom and other areas of the school. The face covering/mask should cover both nose and mouth.
- When students are outside and 6 feet away from each other, masks are not required.

Screening and Exclusion Criteria

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- Temperature checks with touchless thermometers will be performed on all students and staff before entering the building. Temperature checks will also be performed for each rider as the student boards the bus. (No longer required as of March 22nd.) Temperatures of 100.4 degrees and greater will require that the student or staff member return home until cleared by your medical health professional.
- In order for a student to return to school, they must follow the local health department recommendations and they should be fever free for 24 hours without medication. Please visit the following link on Guidance for the new CDE COVID-19 Quarantine Options: <https://dnks20yxl1c2u.cloudfront.net/381d0fbb43b611527a8f1c329301ef51fd555fcf/New%20CDC%20Quarantine%20Guidelines%20in%20Plain%20Language.pdf>
- If a student is signed up to attend school in person and has one of the following symptoms that prevent them from attending class, he/she will be permitted to participate in NTI for that time period. If they participate in the NTI (learning from home), they will be counted present at school and will not fall behind.
- Stay home if you have any of the following symptoms:



****Uncontrolled cough that causes difficulty breathing.**

Best Practices

- Lockers will not be used to reduce gathering in common areas
- Back packs will be permitted. However, please only keep necessary items in them and no metal so they can easily pass through the metal detectors. This will help reduce the spread of the virus through surfaces if back packs do not have to be emptied.
- No larger trapper keepers or binders are permitted. A small 3-ring binder is acceptable.
- Each child will need their own set of headphones for use in the classroom.
- Playground equipment will be used on a limited basis and following healthy recommendations.
- Good hygiene will be practiced (hand washing, sanitizer, no sharing of school items, etc.)
- The school will participate in contact tracing should a case be diagnosed.
- Deep cleaning protocols will be followed by school personnel to help reduce the spread of the virus.

Guidelines for NTI:

- Students will connect to Google Classroom by accessing the teacher's classroom page on the East Bernstadt School website.
- Students will complete work and submit it daily/weekly based on the expectations for the assignment.
- Students will utilize technology to connect to the teachers and staff (teacher's classroom website, Google Classroom, ClassDojo, Remind and email). Please make sure you have setup access to Infinite Campus Parent Portal in order to monitor student grades.
- Any student who does not have a device at home may checkout a Chromebook to use. The agreement must be signed by the parent/guardian.
- Daily participation in class work is required and will be monitored by the teacher.
- Students may choose to return to in person classes at the end of the interim or the end of the 9 weeks. You will need to contact the school and notify administration so arrangements can be made. Individual circumstances will be considered to re-enter school at any other time.
- Students will be expected to come to school for MAP testing during the Fall, Winter and Spring testing session.
- As needed, students can periodically enroll in NTI (learning from home) for short periods of time due to a need related to the virus.
- Students who choose to participate in NTI (learning from home) will be allowed to participate in extracurricular activities.

Communication

- All families should sign up to receive One Calls from the school if you do not already receive these.
- Parents should monitor the website for important announcements.
- Parents should sign up on the Infinite Campus Parent Portal by calling the school office for login information. This will allow you to monitor your child's grades and attendance.
- Check backpacks daily for any information sent home. (Please keep backpacks cleaned out daily.)
- Check Teacher Websites and Google Classroom for communications and assignments.