

2021-22 School Reopening Plan

- Revision to be considered by the School Board of Trustees on August 9, 2021
- Built with cooperation from local healthcare leaders and COVID-19 Task Force



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-6 and required in some situations in grades 7-12. Masks are required on buses. 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

The Vigo County School Corporation's goal is to provide five day per week in-person learning.

Less than 50% of our county is vaccinated. Adults have had access to the vaccine since spring 2021 and older children have had access since late spring 2021. Vaccines are free and easy to obtain. While vaccines are effective at preventing severe sickness and death, new variants are a significant public health threat to our community. The Delta variant now accounts for 90% of new cases and the viral load is significantly more than the original strain of COVID-19. Masks can help slow the spread of the virus in congregate settings such as schools and limit disruption to our schools. Our masking policy seeks to protect those who have not had access to vaccines.

Masking Policy

All students and staff members must have a mask with them at all times. Masks will be required indoors in grades PreK-6. Mask breaks will be provided for PreK-6 grade students. Masks will be required in grades 7-12 except for forward-facing instruction time, PE, and band class. The masking policy will be revisited at the September 2021 board meeting as we review local data.

	Grades PreK-6 Staff/Students	Grades 7-12 Staff/Students
Indoors	Masks required, except during distanced mask break time	Masks required except during forward-facing instruction time, PE, and band.
Buses	Masks required	Masks required
Outdoors	Masks not required	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.

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