



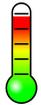
Back to School COVID-19 Guidance

Murray County Schools is excited to return to school face to face on September 7th!



MASKS

Masks are encouraged for students and staff in Murray County Schools, but not mandated, except for on buses. The most recent CDC guidance "recommends" that all individuals wear a mask indoors regardless of vaccination status. ** If a student who tests positive for COVID-19 was wearing a mask while at school any exposed students who were also wearing a mask will not have to quarantine as long as they remain asymptomatic. ** **Update: A mask mandate has been put in place for all MCS staff, when indoors and unable to social distance (3 feet). We will reassess at a later date.**



TEMPERATURES

Students and staff will not have their temperatures taken each day, with the exception of extracurricular activities and visitors. Students in extracurricular activities and visitors will be required to have their temperature taken and answer screening questions.



HYGIENE

Hand sanitizer stations will still be available and hand washing will be encouraged.



SAFETY MEASURES

The safety of our students and staff is a top priority. We will continue to invest in increased cleaning and sanitizing at all school locations and on buses. We have made a significant investment to upgrade ventilation systems and to replace water fountains with water bottle filling stations. We will also continue with seating charts in the classroom.



CONTACT TRACING AND QUARANTINE

When Principals are informed of a positive case among students or staff, they will notify any affected staff and email a notification to the parents of students in the affected classes notifying them of the positive case and the important need to monitor for symptoms, positive cases will be shared with our local DPH. Murray County Schools will not mandate quarantines.

****We will continue to monitor COVID-19 infections in our community and make any necessary changes deemed appropriate to ensure the safety of our students and staff.**