

Dear Parents/Guardians of Grundy County Students:

We would like to thank you all for a successful start to the 2021/2022 school year for all of our students. The ongoing effects of the Covid-19 pandemic continue to cause worry and concern for the health and safety of the faculty, staff, and students of Grundy County. It is our full intention to offer transparency with regard to the impact Covid-19 is having on the health, safety, and education of our students. Daily updates can be found on the [Covid-19 Dashboard](#) on the Grundy County School website. The 2021/2022 school year is the third school year that Covid-19 has been a factor in our communities and schools. The hardships that have been overcome by our dedicated faculty and staff cannot be measured with words, but can be seen in the success of our students.

In the past two years, Grundy County Schools had the ability to utilize virtual learning as needed. Rules set forth by the State Board of Education have taken that ability away from us this year. The current guidance from the State Board of Education requires local districts to use inclement weather/stockpile days if school is canceled due to Covid-19. As in previous years, the district has 13 inclement weather/stockpile days to use throughout the school year as needed. If inclement weather/stockpile days are exceeded, instructional days must be made up using other days such as fall break, winter break, spring break, or by extending the school year. New guidance delivered to districts on August 27th, allows districts to apply for a waiver from the state to transition a class, grade level, or school to virtual learning for a short time period. However, strict guidelines about instructional time will accompany the approval of these waivers.

It is the opinion of the administration of Grundy County Schools that in-person learning gives our students the best opportunity for success. In an effort to keep students at school with in-person learning, we ask that you join us in taking necessary precautions to mitigate the spread of the Covid-19 virus. These steps include the optional wearing of a mask when in close proximity to others, practicing social distancing when possible, and frequent hand washing or sanitizing. To the extent possible, we are observing these precautions in our schools as well as cleaning and sanitizing efforts in the buildings.

Please visit <https://www.grundycoschools.com/grundycoschoolscom/covid> for more information about procedures being followed for exposure, isolation, quarantine, and requirements for virtual learning if necessary.

Thank you,
Grundy County Schools