

The RETURN TO SCHOOL Playbook

July 21, 2020*

Henry County Schools is adapting our teaching, learning, and operations to welcome our students back to a safe and encouraging learning environment to begin the 2020-2021 School Year. This Playbook is designed to highlight many of the ways we are modifying our practices to keep children as safe as possible while providing them the opportunity to learn. Whether in person or through remote learning, Henry County Schools will make sure that all students have access to a learning experience that makes Henry County the best place to learn. Henry County Schools expects exceptional learning outcomes, even as we meet the challenges of our current situation.

On July 17, 2020, at a Special Called Board Meeting - The Henry County Board of Education voted to start the 2020-2021 School Year on August 17th, 2020 with a virtual Remote Learning model for all students. A date has not been determined for campuses to reopen for in-person learning.



PHASE 1 | Physical Space & Remote Learning

* Information contained herein is subject to change as more information becomes available.

Working in concert with federal, state, and local governments and health agencies, Henry County Schools is monitoring the most up-to-date information, instructions, and best practices while developing an evolving return-to-school plan that provides the safest learning environment for all of our students and staff.



Adaptation Strategies

Masks Strongly Encouraged



All students and staff are strongly encouraged to use face coverings, when practicable, particularly in physical spaces where distancing is not practical.

Self-Serve Sanitizer Stations



Hand sanitizing stations will be placed in high traffic entrances and hallways.

Personal Hygiene



Hand-washing and sanitizing will be encouraged throughout the day.

Health Checks



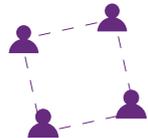
All students and staff are encouraged to stay home when ill. School staff will be trained to identify symptoms of illness/sickness that warrant further clinic screening.

Responsible Distancing



To the greatest extent practicable, individual distancing will be encouraged.

Group Spacing Modifications



Distancing will be observed where practicable during large group activities and transitions.

Movement Logistics



Protocols will be implemented to manage movement and limit transmission opportunities within the school building and during the distribution of resources.

Signage



Appropriate signage will be displayed prominently throughout buildings and will be provided in multiple languages as appropriate.

Cleaning & Sanitization



Enhanced cleaning, disinfection, and sanitization of schools and buses will be conducted.

Environmental Modifications



Changes to the physical learning environment will be implemented, inclusive of ventilation improvements, restricted use of water fountains, and adjusted classroom design and setup.

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How we are adapting our Schools

Face Coverings & Personal Hygiene

- Strongly encourage students and staff to wear face coverings, especially in hallways and other large common spaces
- Hand sanitizing stations at high-traffic intersections within the school building

School Logistics

- Signage to direct traffic flow, support distancing, and encourage face coverings
- Limit nonessential visitors and volunteers to reduce potential contacts with our students and staff while inside our facilities
- No field trips permitted

Cleaning & Increased Sanitization

- Conduct additional disinfecting and cleaning, utilizing Environmental Protection Agency-rated virucide cleaners
- Ensure sanitization of frequently touched surfaces, such as door handles and light switches
- Perform deep cleanings during periods when few or no students are on campus or during low traffic periods

Environmental Modifications & Enhancements

- Restrict/limit use of water fountains and promote use of individual (non-shared) refillable water bottles
- Increase the frequency of ventilation maintenance, including the changing of air filters and cleansing of system coils



Hand Sanitizer
Stations



Environmental
Enhancements

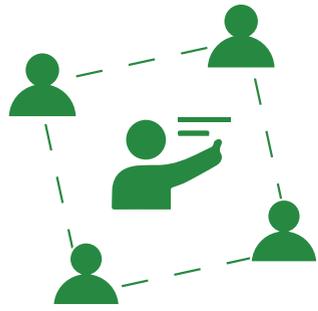


Daily Cleaning
& Sanitization



Instructional
Signage





How we are adapting our Classrooms

Classroom sizes and spaces will be modified as practicable, to promote distancing and support each student's understanding of his/her role in maintaining a healthy classroom environment.

Responsible Distancing

- Encourage students to physically distance
- Separate supplies and manipulatives to limit sharing of items

Personal Hygiene

- Introduce strategies & guidelines for students on hand washing and respiratory etiquette
- Post signage on infection & transmission prevention best practice within classrooms
- Encourage frequent hand washing

Cleaning & Increased Sanitization

- Disinfect and clean tabletops, desks, and chairs with Environmental Protection Agency-rated virucide cleaners
- Provide sanitizing wipes to teachers for intermittent use on frequently touched surfaces



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Personal Hygiene Strategies



Daily Cleaning & Sanitization



Responsible Distancing



Group Spacing





How we are adapting our Large Spaces

Students and staff are strongly encouraged to wear face coverings when in large, common spaces. Group sizes will be limited per Governor's Executive Orders. Additionally, our school leaders will receive guidance and make determinations on appropriate modifications to schedules and building activities to limit large groups when practicable. Signage will be posted to encourage personal hygiene, face coverings, and other infection or transmission prevention practices.

Cafeterias

- Modified and staggered lunch schedules to provide for smaller groups
- Implementation of responsible distancing practices, leveraging alternate eating spaces – such as classrooms or outside space
- Encourage use of My School Bucks (electronic payment system) to limit physical contact through money exchange

Gyms

- Hard surfaces (e.g., bleachers) will be cleansed and disinfected regularly
- Can be “mask down” zones to support student activities and safety
- Use of gymnasium spaces is permitted but select equipment might not be accessible
- Responsible distancing will be strongly encouraged

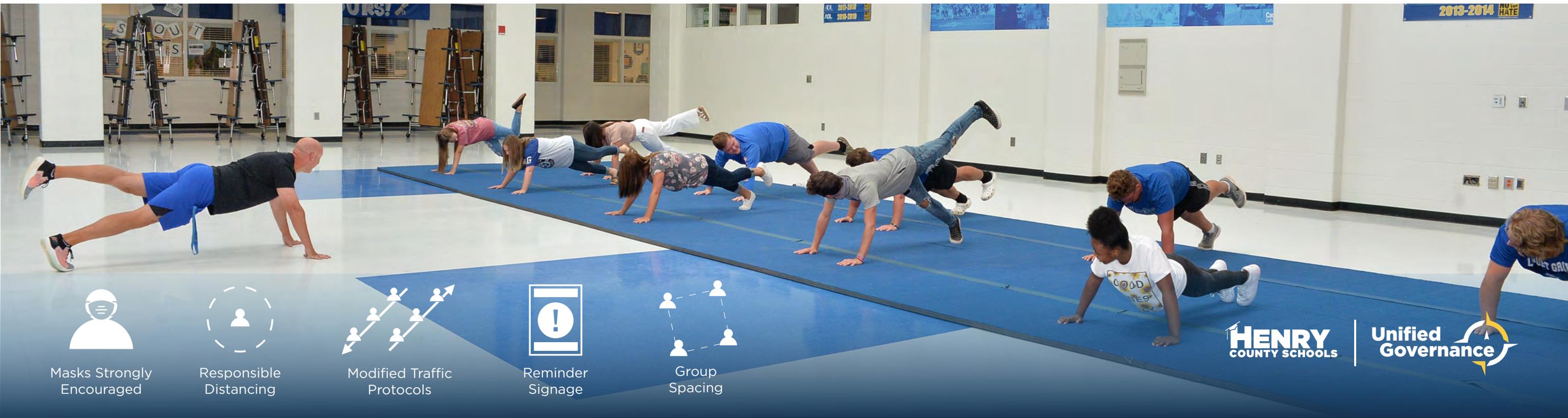
Media Center, Band, Art, Orchestra, Chorus, JROTC

- Interior doors may be propped open to limit touch of door handles where practicable
- Responsible distancing will be strongly encouraged
- Enhanced cleaning protocols per area will be applied

Playgrounds & Outside Open Spaces

- Use of playgrounds is permitted but the playground equipment will not be accessible
- Responsible distancing will be strongly encouraged

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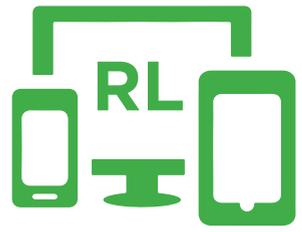
Responsible Distancing

Modified Traffic Protocols

Reminder Signage

Group Spacing





How we are adapting for Remote Learning

Remote learning will include the following:

- Monitoring and supporting student attendance, participation, and engagement with remote learning teachers, including attending daily instruction and assignment(s) submission
- Ensuring students are complying with district policies and regulations, including the Student Handbook, Code of Conduct, and any applicable attendance and grading policies and regulations
- Notifying schools of health or medical conditions affecting student attendance
- Maintaining and engaging in communication with teachers providing virtual instruction
- Communicating issues with a district-provided student learning device to school officials
- Assuring student learning takes place in compliance with the district's Academic Honesty provision
- Completing the Registration Selection Form

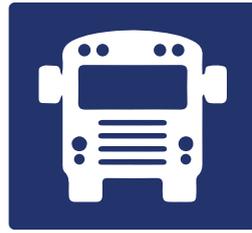
Families can expect:

- A district-provided student learning device for each enrolled child
- Daily instruction provided by teachers to include guided practice, independent learning activities, assessments, and support services
- Grades reflecting students' understanding of standards and the completion and submission of assignments
- Grade monitoring and reporting through the Infinite Campus Parent Portal
- Implementation of applicable instructional support (e.g., IEP, 504 plan, ESOL plan, academic interventions, etc.)

The Remote Learning schedule will be available upon the start of the school year. In general, the hours of Remote Learning will fall within the regular school day hours with appropriate modification for screen time and best practices of Remote Learning.

Students enrolled in their zoned Henry County School are eligible to participate in their schools extracurricular activities including athletics.





How we are adapting our Transportation

Modifications to bus operations will occur and enhanced cleaning practices will support bus safety. We expect some of our families to choose a remote learning option or to transport their children in a personal vehicle. Henry County Schools is expecting reduced ridership on our buses. This will help support responsible distancing of bus riders.

Bus Transportation Modifications

- Reduced ridership expected and responsible distancing strongly encouraged
- Routes maintained with modified bus processes including loading and unloading
- Students and bus drivers will be required to wear face coverings while being transported on the bus due to not being able to maintain responsible distancing
- High-touch areas cleansed after each completed route
- Lowering windows and allowing fresh air in during routes as weather permits
- Students will be asked to keep their hands to themselves and face forward throughout the trip to school and home
- No field trips permitted



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Responsible Distancing



Modified Loading & Unloading Procedures



High-Touch Protocol





How we are adapting School Attendance

Health Check

- Parents/Guardians should ensure students do not have a fever or flu-like symptoms, and have not knowingly been around anyone with a COVID-19 positive test
- Any students suspected or showing COVID-19 symptoms will be sent to the clinic for screening and Parents/Guardians will be contacted to pick-up students
- Staff showing COVID-19 symptoms will be referred for additional screening

Face Coverings & Personal Hygiene

- Students are strongly encouraged to wear face coverings and are responsible for supplying their own face coverings
- Staff will be provided face shields by the District to better facilitate communication while teaching

Participation & Engagement

- Attendance policy applies and will be monitored
- A set instructional schedule will be provided that students will be expected to follow
- Students absent from school (or classes) whether in-person or remote learning will require a note from a parent/guardian explaining the reason for the absence



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Responsible
Distancing



Health Checks
& Screenings

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