



Dayton School Community,

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As we approach the starting of the 2021-2022 school year we would like to update everyone on our Safe Return to In-Person Instruction Plan. This plan is based on the most current guidance being provided by the Kentucky Department of Education and Centers for Disease Control. Our plan is a living document and is subject to change throughout the school year.

**Our plan is based on our two top priorities:**

- The health and safety of all students and staff
- Our commitment to In-Person learning

**Health and Safety Expectations effective Wednesday, August 4**

- We encourage all eligible persons 12 and up to get the Covid-19 vaccine.
- In compliance with current CDC guidelines, universal masking is required indoors and on buses, regardless of vaccination. **This means everyone in a mask while indoors.**
- To the extent possible, physical distancing for students and staff will be maintained.
- Proper handwashing and hand sanitizing will be encouraged.
- We will continue to encourage students and staff who are ill to stay home.
- Anyone who test positive for COVID-19 should self-isolate from school.
- It is expected that all students and staff report a positive case to school administration.
- We will continue to follow the local health department's guidance for contact tracing with individuals who have been in close contact with an individual diagnosed with COVID-19. Seating charts will be maintained for contact tracing.
- We will continue to maintain a high level of cleaning and disinfection of our schools.
- Our expectations are applicable to all athletics/extra-curricular activities.

We know we can do this. We did this before. We are incredibly proud of the safe learning environment that was provided to our students and staff during the 2021-2021 school year and we know we can continue this for the 2021-2022 school year. It is critical that our students experience in-person learning. We know that students Grow better academically, socially, and emotionally when they are in our schools. We will continue to monitor the virus and vaccination rates in our community and we will adjust our Health and Safety plans accordingly.

In closing, we will start the school year like we ended the school year. Current incidence rates for COVID-19 are high in our community, county and state. With rates rising, we need to do everything we can to protect our students and staff while providing In-Person instruction.

**Let's Grow Through This!**

Jay Brewer

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