

# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ) FROM COVID-19 ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

7-30-2020

What is the definition of ill under first bullet point on the health guidelines?

KDHE helps define ill as two or more of the items listed below.

FEVER (100.0 OR HIGHER), CHILLS, RIGORS (STIFFNESS AND EXTREME SHIVERS), MYALGIA (MUSCLE ACHES), MALAISE (GENERAL FEELING OF NOT FEELING WELL), HEADACHE, SORE THROAT, LOWER RESPIRATORY ILLNESS (COUGH, SHORTNESS OF BREATH, OR DIFFICULTY BREATHING), NEW OLFACTORY AND TASTE DISORDERS, CONGESTION OR RUNNY NOSE, NAUSEA OR VOMITING, DIARRHEA WITHOUT AN ALTERNATE MORE LIKELY DIAGNOSIS.

How will temperatures be taken?

Kids will have temperatures taken before they get on the bus and before they enter the buildings. Activity participants will be checked prior to practices and activities.

What happens to a student if they have a fever before getting on the bus?

A phone call will be made to a parent to pick up their child at the bus stop.

Do we have to adjust bus route times?

We may have to depending on how the schedule works out.

Are we going to communicate more with parents about symptoms that happen at school?

This may occur. We will have additional nurse assistant staff at each building.

Will bus students go into a different door?

We are working on making this happen so they don't have to have their temperature taken twice.

Is the temperature taken a pass/fail?

Yes. The temperature is set with the device. If a temperature registers above 100, the light will show red. If it is below 100, the light will show green.

Will attendance policies look the same? Are truancy policies going to be the same?

Yes, to both questions. Parent communication is key to not having DCF called.

If we have a student who has to quarantine, can they do the online learning while in quarantine?

Yes.

Will we check temperatures mid-day?

No mid-day temperature checks are planned for now.

What defines a fever?

100

What is the definition of a mask? Are shields allowed in place of masks?

"Mask or other face covering" means a covering of the nose and mouth that is secured to the head with ties, straps, or loops over the ears or is simply wrapped around the lower face. A mask or other face

covering can be made of a variety of synthetic and natural fabrics, including cotton, silk, or linen. Ideally, a mask or other face covering has two or more layers. A mask or other face covering may be factory-made, sewn by hand, or can be improvised from household items such as scarfs, bandanas, t-shirts, sweatshirts, or towels.

No, unless special exceptions apply. For example--Speech teachers and kids will use face shields so they can see the mouth during speech instruction.

Health issues for students and staff may require adjustments to the governor's mask order. A doctor's note will be required for students or staff if they are not wearing a mask, and social distancing will be a must.

Will USD 244 provide masks?

We will have masks. Kids may bring their own as long as they meet the guidelines.

Will kids have band, PE, etc. without masks?

Yes. Teachers will need to social distance kids in these activities as much as possible. The activity will dictate if masks are needed.

How is the bus system going to work this year with all buildings starting at the same time?

Busses will drop off kids in the morning based on their proximity to the schools. For example—A bus route coming back into town from the south will drop off at BES first. In the afternoon, busses will start out at different buildings instead of all busses starting out at BMS and traveling to BES like last year.

Do we have a plan when students refuse to wear masks?

This will be handled like a discipline issue.

Will students have opportunities to go outside to take a break from wearing the masks?

Yes.

How will lunch look?

We will add lunch periods at BHS and BMS to social distance kids. BES will utilize the ½ of the gym as an additional cafeteria.

Can we do lunch outside? Can we do PE outside?

Yes, and yes.

Is someone serving the lunch to all the students?

We will have staff serving as well as kids self-serving. We will sanitize and change out serving utensils. Lunch will look similar to the past. We will have salad bars at all three buildings like in the past.

Is their guidance on partitions on classroom tables?

Partitions are not mandatory on desks. We will not purchase these to start the 2020-21 school year.

How does breakfast look in the mornings?

Buildings will have procedures for breakfast and second breakfast to maintain health safety.

Will masks be required on buses?

Yes

Will BES parents get to walk kids to their classrooms the first day?

Yes, parents will be allowed to walk their students to classrooms the first day as we realize this is an exciting day. There will also be an opportunity for parents to visit classrooms and meet teachers at the Back to School night. After the first day transition, we would prefer parents to drop at the doors to limit visitors inside the building.

Will BES have Kindergarten Jump Start?

Yes.

Will BES kids report to the gym in the morning?

No. They will go to their classrooms.

How does this work for students choosing the Remote Learning Option (online)?

Students will be connected to their teachers and classmates with a device and platform that encourages interaction. Kids will be expected to be in tune during the normal 7:55-3:10 day. Assignments, quizzes, tests, etc. will be assigned and turned in for grades. Special classes may have to adjust as needed.

Do they still have to have clear bottles?

Water bottles may be solid or clear. Staff reserve the right to inspect water bottles if needed.

How will BMS and BHS kids use lockers and locker rooms?

Staggered dismissal will allow fewer kids to be together. Kids may be sent into locker rooms in shifts.

Will teachers have to sanitize desks after students switch classes?

Teachers, kids, classified staff, and custodial staff will all pitch in to help out with sanitizing.

How are we doing contact tracing?

Assigned seating in classrooms, on buses and during lunch will help with contact tracing with our staff and the Coffey County Health Department. Assigned locations in the mornings as students are coming in will help as well. Buses will have assigned seats. Rosters from classrooms will be utilized. Kids, parents, and staff will help with information. HIPAA laws won't allow us to disclose names of those that test positive for COVID-19.

Cohort groups are very important in our schools. BMS and BHS students are better about remembering who they have been around. 6 days of recall.

How will this occur with sports?

Coaches and athletes will need to help recall as best as they can.

Kids love to hug their teachers. Is this allowed?

Parents and staff will have to help educate students. We will have to discuss other ways to connect with kids. Remember that 6 feet apart and no more than 10 minutes together is the standard now to help deal with COVID-19. While hugging isn't recommended, it is less than 10 minutes and staff/students will be discussing other options.

Will students be able to check out books from library?

Yes. The library will hold them 72 hours after they come in.

How will we know who is sick each day with online learning? How is attendance taken?

If kids don't tune in via computer, they will be absent. Teachers will take attendance in class and on line.

Will we greatly limit the number of visitors in the buildings?

The process will look different. We want to limit the number of visitors in the building for the health safety of everyone.

Are we making any adjustments for children with special needs with paras?

Yes. These adjustments will be a team decision with staff and families.

Will desks be distanced?

Yes, as best as they can be.

Will we have computer lab?

Yes as needed.

Will students/staff distance in the hallways?

Yes, as best as they can.

From Teachers – If we are having remote learning will we have external cameras so teachers aren't locked down to their desks?

Teachers will be land locked to an extent, but they will also have speakers. Teachers will be able to utilize the curriculum On-Site or during Remote.

If a child is in a classroom and there are also remote learners and the teacher has to discipline child, how does that look?

This will be no different than other situations. Remote learning may be turned away from the classroom during this situation.

How do special classes look during Remote Learning?

These expectations will be shared at a later date. Some elective classes won't be an option if Remote Learning is a choice for the student. Remote learners will meet graduation requirements.

How comfortable are teachers with remote learning?

Comments were positive from staff that were in attendance. Teachers are learners. Interaction can occur if Remote Learning occurs. Our technology and tech staff are excellent.

What happens to out of district students from outside of Coffey County?

Building administration approve all out of district requests.