

# Colbert Public Schools

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Parents, Students, and Community Members,

We ask for your patience and cooperation as we approach the new school year with the fluid COVID-19 situation still very much in play. With guidance from the State Department of Education and the Health Department, Colbert and the other school districts in our county and state area have consistent return to school plans. At this time, school will begin in person on August 13, 2020.

Parents will be responsible for checking their child's daily temperature and looking for signs that their child may be sick before putting the student on the bus or dropping them off at school. If a student is at school and shows signs of being sick or has a high temperature, they will be placed in a specified room and the parent will be contacted to immediately pick up their child. If there is an exposure or possible exposure of COVID-19 to a student or employee, appropriate communication will be provided to the parents of students potentially affected. At this time, mask will be optional for teachers and students unless mandated by the State Board of Education or other entity. Teachers and staff will daily check their temperature and monitor themselves for signs of sickness before coming to work and upon coming to work are signifying that they have done so. Access to the building for anyone other than students and employees will be very limited. Masks will be required for all visitors that are allowed in the building

In the classrooms, all desks will face the same direction. Students will be spaced out as much as the classrooms will allow. For purposes of contact tracing, students will have assigned seats in each class and will not be able to change seats without teacher reassignment. Deep cleaning will be a main priority with highly touched surfaces being cleaned more frequently and hand sanitizer at the entrances to each site. If you have concerns regarding your students return to the physical classroom due to the current health conditions, please contact your child's building principal for information about online learning options.

Transportation will be provided but it is recommended that parents drop students off if at all possible. Siblings will sit together on the bus and students will be spaced out when possible. Students will have assigned seats on the bus for purposes of contact tracing. Particular windows will be open on the bus to maximize airflow during transportation.

Extracurricular activities will go on as scheduled for the present time. According to OSSAA there could be interruptions in seasons and activities. If this were to occur, information will be provided to students and parents at that time.

We ask that you please have a plan in place for childcare as there is a possibility that there could be very short notice for a school closure due to COVID-19.

Superintendent of Schools

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