

YORKTOWN COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

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Yorktown Community Schools
Reopening Plan for Students and Employees
2021-2022

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*This document is based upon the most current guidance from state and local officials and will be updated as new information is available.

Introduction

Since the onset of COVID, Yorktown Community Schools has worked closely with the Delaware County Health Department and other local schools districts to ensure student and employee safety and consistent, best practice. This has included regular review of guidance from the Indiana Department of Education, the Indiana Department of Health, the Delaware County Health Department, and other agencies. Yorktown Community Schools reopened for in-person instruction in August 2020. Elementary schools remained fully-open through the school year. Secondary schools were fully open except for a five-week period in November and December 2020. Yorktown Community Schools also offered a fully-virtual program for all grades throughout the 2020-21 school year.

This document is designed to provide guidance for the reopening of school for Yorktown Community Schools for 2021-22.

Reopening Status

Yorktown Community Schools will operate on a normal, in-person schedule for the 2021-22 school year. Yorktown teachers will return on Monday, August 2, 2021. Yorktown students will return on Wednesday, August 4, 2021.

Masks

- At school, masks will be optional for all students and staff.
- The CDC has an order in place requiring masks while using public transportation; this order includes school buses. Respectfully, Yorktown Community Schools asks that all bus riders comply with this order for as long as it is in effect. [Order: Wearing of face masks while on conveyances and at transportation hubs | Quarantine | CDC](#)

Screening

- Students and staff should self-screen each morning before coming to school.
 - If you believe your child may be experiencing symptoms associated with COVID-19, please keep him/her home from school.
 - There are many reasons a child may feel ill that are NOT related to COVID-19.
 - If your child is not feeling well and you have no reason to believe his or her symptoms are related to COVID-19, simply report your child sick and keep him or her home until symptoms are improving and your child is fever free for 24 hours.

Vaccination

- Everyone 12 years of age and older is now eligible to get a COVID-19 vaccination.
- Vaccination is NOT required for students or staff.

- Fully-vaccinated students and staff do NOT have to quarantine as a result of being exposed to a positive case of COVID-19.

Additional Measures

- Seating charts will be used for each school bus in order to assist with contact tracing. Students and bus drivers are asked to wear masks during bus routes in keeping with federal guidance.
- Normal pre-COVID school procedures will resume, including arrival, passing periods, lunch, and dismissal.
- Drinking fountains will be available to students. Hand sanitizer will be readily available in cafeterias and at main entrances.
- Student seating in cafeterias will return to pre-COVID status, but principals will have plans to for social distancing during lunch periods to be used, if needed.
- Separate Latch Key programs for Pleasant View and Yorktown Elementary School will continue for the 2021-22 school year to reduce group size.
- Visitors/volunteers will be permitted during the school day. Parents may make appointments to complete business in school offices. Unvaccinated persons are encouraged to wear face masks inside of the school.

Contact Tracing and Quarantine

- Currently, we will be required by the Indiana Department of Health to contact trace again this school year when we become aware of a positive case of COVID-19 at school.
- Unvaccinated students and staff who are exposed to a positive case of COVID-19 will have to quarantine.
- Fully-vaccinated students and staff do NOT have to quarantine as a result of being exposed to a positive case of COVID-19.

Building-Level Closures

In the event of a school-wide or district-wide outbreak of COVID, administrators will determine if closure is needed. Any closed school will move to same-day eLearning for the duration of the closure.

Emotional Support

Yorktown's existing team, consisting of school counselors, the school psychologist, the district's behavior interventionist, and others, have developed the district's plan for social and emotional support of students. In addition, the district's on-line training

protocols for employees for 2021-22 continue to include training in recognizing and managing stress related to COVID.

School Calendar

The district will follow the adopted 2021-22 school calendar.

Virtual Options

Yorktown Community Schools recognizes that, for nearly all students, in person instruction by a highly-qualified teacher is the best method of ensuring student achievement and well-being. Yorktown has created the Yorktown Virtual Academy for the 2021-22 school year. The deadline for enrollment in this program has already passed.

Employee Leave

Employee leave will return to normal, pre-COVID status for the 2021-22 school year. There will be no additional COVID leave for the 2021-22 school year. Employees will use normal, pre-COVID leave for any COVID-related absences.

Contact Information

For building-level questions, contact your school's principal:

Pleasant View Elementary School, Mrs. Kathy Ray, kray@yorktown.k12.in.us
Yorktown Elementary School, Mr. Wes Thornburgh, wthornburgh@yorktown.k12.in.us
Yorktown Middle School, Mr. Heath Dudley, hdudley@yorktown.k12.in.us
Yorktown High School, Ms. Stacey Brewer, sbrewer@yorktown.k12.in.us

For high school athletic questions, contact the athletic director:

Mr. Paul Heidenreich, pheidenreich@yorktown.k12.in.us

For Yorktown Virtual Academy questions, contact the coordinator:

Mrs. Kendra Jones, kjones@yorktown.k12.in.us

For health-related reentry questions, including reports of symptoms or positive cases, contact the corporation nurse:

Brooke Wagner, R.N., bwagner@yorktown.k12.in.us

For employment questions, contact the corporation deputy treasurer:

Brooke Crowder, bcrowder@yorktown.k12.in.us