*Cannelton City Schools will implement the following guidelines addressing the local impact and spread of COVID-19 effective July 1, 2021. Please note that changes in this guidance may occur as a result of future guidance and requirements from the Governor, CDC, Indiana Department of Health and Perry County Health Department.*

**School Operations**

* All students will attend in-person instruction 5 days per week. - Virtual learning will only be available to students during quarantine due to COVID-19.
* Virtual learning IS NOT available for general illness, vacations, etc.
* Students attending virtually due to COVID-19 will be required to complete assignments via Google classroom.
* Students must complete assignments by the due dates assigned by individual teachers.
* Students needing technical support should contact the building principal.

**Prevention Practices**

* Students/Staff should self-assess for COVID-19 symptoms daily. - STAY HOME IF YOU ARE SICK
* Students and staff should remain home if someone in the household has COVID-19 symptoms or is being tested for COVID-19.
* Signage will be posted in classrooms, hallways, and entrances to communicate how to stop the spread of COVID-19.
* Water fountains used for bottle fill only. Students should bring a reusable water bottle or one will be provided to students who do not have access to a water bottle.
* School facilities will be cleaned using routine protocols.
* Disinfectant, hand sanitizer, and paper products will be readily available throughout the schools.

**Masks**

* Masks will be optional for all students/staff unless a significant outbreak of COVID-19 occurs within the school or community.

**Teaching and Learning**

* Desks will be separated by 3 feet or the extent possible.
* Additional support will be provided to students who are academically and socially/emotionally at-risk.

**Transportation**

* Buses will be cleaned and sanitized prior to students returning.
* The use of face coverings will be mandatory per the CDC.
* Drivers will clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces daily.

**Food Service**

* Students wash/sanitize hands before and after meals.
* Cleaning of cafeteria and high-touch surfaces throughout the day.

**Covid-19 Vaccination**

* Currently, COVID-19 vaccinations are not part of the required immunizations for school attendance.
* Proof of vaccination is not required.

**Illness**

* Anyone exhibiting COVID-19 symptoms during school will be assessed by the nurse/office staff/building principal.
* Building principals will use their judgement to communicate the next steps to parents.
* Students being picked up by parents/guardians will be walked out of the building to their parents.

**School exclusion and return**

* Students/staff that are showing symptoms of an illness will be excluded from school attendance until one of the following:
* Documentation of an alternative diagnosis (not COVID-19) is acquired from a healthcare provider and symptoms have improved.
* Be fever free for 24 hours without the use of any medication.
* Diarrhea - be 24 hours free from diarrhea.
* Vomiting - able to eat at least 2 solid meals.
* Documentation of a Negative Covid-19 test is provided.
* Students/staff testing positive for COVID-19 will be required to quarantine for 10 days starting from the onset of symptoms or date of the positive COVID-19 test draw.

**Close Contacts**

* A close contact is anyone within 3 feet of a confirmed positive COVID-19 person for 15 minutes or more. These individuals are required to quarantine per the CDC/ISDH.
* Students/staff as a close contact to a confirmed positive COVID-19 person will be required to quarantine.
* Students/staff may return to school on Day 8 with a negative test result OR on Day 11 without a COVID-19 test. Individuals must remain symptom free through day 14 of exposure.
* Students/staff who are fully vaccinated against COVID-19 are not required to quarantine as long as they remain symptom free. Proof of vaccination status is voluntary.
* Students/staff who have documentation of recovery from COVID-19 in the past 3 months will not be required to quarantine as long as they remain symptom free.
* Students/staff who show proof of antibodies for COVID-19 through lab testing are not required to quarantine as long as they remain symptom free.