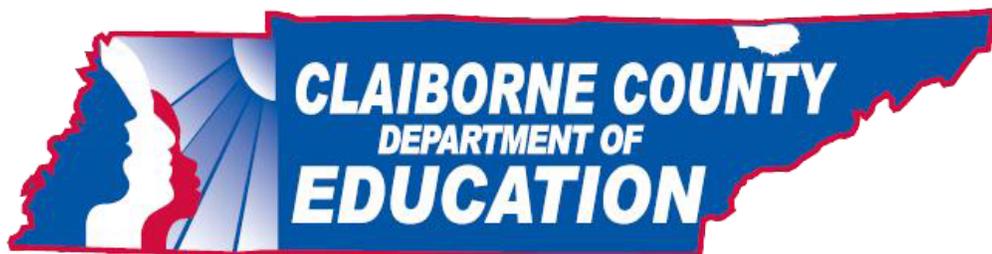


# **Claiborne County Schools**

**2020-2021**

## **School Reopen Plan**



**(Updated: July 1, 2020)**

Claiborne County Schools students will return to school on August 10, 2020. Our priorities are the health and safety of students and staff and providing academic instruction to prepare students for the challenges of the 21st-century workplace.

- Schools will open in a traditional manner with a distance learning option for families.
- CCBOE will focus on making decisions that are practical and feasible with a student-centered approach.
- Flexibility will be important as information related to COVID-19 changes daily. Instructional adjustments may need to be made over the course of the 2020-2021 school year.
- Facts for Parents and families about school reopening will be communicated before the start of school and will continue throughout the school year.
- Communication will occur regularly through the following methods: Alert Now Call System, Facebook, Twitter, and the CCBOE website.

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## **Classroom and Common Spaces** (Click [here](#) to return to table of contents)

- Handwashing breaks provided where feasible
- Intensive cleaning throughout all buildings will occur throughout the day and in the evening.
- Students and staff may wear masks if they wish. The mask fabric design may not be distracting and must follow the dress code.
  - The CDC recommends the use of masks; however, CCBOE will not mandate masks for students. CCBOE encourages the use of masks.
  - The CCBOE will require food services and visitors to wear masks in the school building where feasible
- Signage will be posted in all buildings encouraging frequent handwashing and social distancing
- When possible, arrange all desks facing the same direction.
- Wipe calculators, keyboards, and other necessary shared equipment between uses
- Wipe tables and seats between classes as feasible
- Please limit sharing classroom resources when possible.
- Checked out books or other materials should be set aside for four days before the next check out cycle
- Visitors to buildings during normal operating hours will be limited by appointment only. Visitors will be limited to mandatory activities and meetings.

- All visitors will have [health](#) and temperature screening. All visitors must wear a mask inside the building. A trained staff member will conduct health and temperature screening.
- Hand-sanitizer in all classrooms and common spaces is recommended
- The buildings will consistently utilize the misting sanitation sprayer in the school building.
  - The misters quickly deliver disinfectant to large surface areas as well as to hard-to-reach corners and crevices. The misters provide better coverage than using the traditional spray/wipe method of cleaning. The misters help reduce flu viruses, bacteria, and mold on surfaces that can otherwise be difficult to reach.

## **Protocols for Screening Students and Staff** (Click [here](#) to return to table of contents)

- Students' and staff's temperatures will be taken each morning as they enter the building.
- Anyone with a temperature of 100.4 or higher will be addressed appropriately.
- Students with a temperature of 100.4 will be taken to a secure area to rest. At the same time, their parent or guardian will be contacted to pick up their child.
  - A child may return to school once they have been fever-free for 24 hours without a fever reducer.
  - The secure area will be sanitized after the child leaves to go home.

## **Responding to Positive Cases** (Click [here](#) to return to table of contents)

- If a positive test for COVID-19 occurs in a school building with a student or staff member, district and school administrators will work with local health officials who will take the lead on notifications and contact tracing.
- In accordance with state and local laws and regulations, school administrators should notify other staff while maintaining confidentiality in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA).
- Potential school closure will be based on the level of risk determined by the school/district.
- If the school is closed due to COVID-19, Distance Learning will be initiated for at least two weeks.
- If a closure is needed for intensive cleaning, communication will be provided.
- The student/staff member with COVID-19 will not be allowed to return to school for a minimum of 14 calendar days and must be fever free for 72 hours immediately before returning.

## **Protocols for Breakfast and Lunch** (Click [here](#) to return to table of contents)

- Hand-sanitizer will be available in the cafeteria.
- Individually wrapped utensils will be provided in the lunchroom.
- Foam trays will be used.
- Intensive cleaning of the kitchen and seat areas will be completed several times a day and after school.
- Spaced seating and alternate eating locations to limit group sizes where feasible.
- Cafeteria staff will wear masks when possible.
- Food pickup will be available for distance learning students once a week for meals.

## **Protocols for Athletics and Extracurricular Activities** (Click [here](#) to return to table of contents)

- Students' temperatures will be taken before participation in practice, games, or other activities.
- Handwashing breaks will be provided where feasible.
- Outdoor gatherings are encouraged where appropriate for practices, meetings, and other related activities.
- Indoor spaces utilized by student groups will be cleaned and disinfected daily
- Be prepared for updates as information becomes available from the TDOE, TSSAA, and CDC
- No sick students may participate in activities.
- Students using the distance learning option will not be permitted to participate in athletics and extracurricular activities.

## **Busing and Student Transportation** (Click [here](#) to return to table of contents)

- Students will sit with family members or other students from their bus stop.
- Students will fill up the bus from the back to the front.
- When possible, seats should be left open between families and students from the same bus stop.
- The bus driver will sanitize the bus once a day with the misting sanitation sprayer.
  - The misters quickly deliver disinfectant to large surface areas and hard-to-reach corners and crevices. All while providing better coverage than using the traditional spray/wipe method of cleaning. The misters help reduce flu viruses, bacteria, and mold on surfaces that can otherwise be difficult to reach.
- Weather permitting, bus windows will be lowered to increase fresh airflow.

## Distance Learning Options (K-12) (Click [here](#) to return to table of contents)

- A distance learning option will be available to those students who need to continue to self-isolate.
- The choice to participate in distance learning must be made for planning purposes no later than **Wednesday, July 15th**. Parents will declare their intent for learning using the following link:

<https://bit.ly/CCBOEEnrollement20-21>

- If a submission is not made, your student will be enrolled in the traditional format.
  - A form must be completed for each child in your home.
- Students may return to traditional school from distance learning at the beginning of any nine weeks.
- Students participating in Distance Learning will utilize Google Classroom to access all instructional materials and assignments.
- Students participating in Distance Learning are required to meet all assignment deadlines. Students are also required to communicate with their teacher at least once a week via school email or other options for communication provided by the teacher.
- Students participating in Distance Learning will earn grades just as those students participating in traditional instruction.
- Students using the distance learning option will not be permitted to participate in athletics and extracurricular activities.

- Attendance will be determined based on assignment completion and weekly communication with the classroom teacher.
- How-to videos and guides for parents and families to support distance learning will be published on social media accounts and our district website.

## **In-person to Distance Learning Transition** (Click [here](#) to return to table of contents)

- If a transition to all students on Distance Learning is necessary, parents and guardians will have the opportunity to check out one device per home for students to use for school work once they become available from our CARES Act funds once the devices arrive.