



RETURN TO LEARN GUIDE





KEY PRIORITIES

As we return for the 2020-2021 school year, the Cassville R-IV School District will work to minimize the risk of exposure to COVID-19 for students and staff. The following key priorities have been identified for implementation across the district in order to allow for the return to in-seat education this fall. Parents will receive more detailed information from their schools about how these key priorities will be applied at their student’s school building(s) between now and the start of school.

Our plan for returning to school is built around the following foundational priorities:

- **Increased Sanitation Efforts**
- **Physical and Social Distancing**
- **Staff & Student Screening Measures**
- **Personal Protective Equipment**
- **Limited Visitor Access to Buildings**
- **Virtual Education Options**
- **Procedures for COVID-19 Infections**



Keeping your child and family safe at home *Tips to help control the spread of illness*



Wash hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Use alcohol-based hand sanitizer if soap and water are unavailable.



Avoid touching your face with unwashed hands.



Cough or sneeze into your elbow or tissue. Throw the tissue in the trash. Wash hands or use hand sanitizer.



Avoid contact with people who are sick and stay at home if you are sick.



Clean and disinfect frequently-touched objects and surfaces.





INCREASED SANITATION

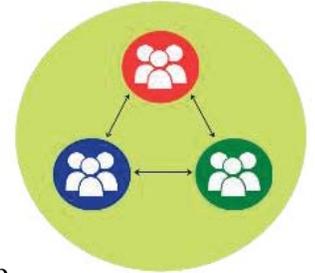
- Cassville R-IV Schools Custodial Team members will undergo a thorough disinfectant & sanitation training including discussion of proper product use by a review of CDC and State of Missouri health department cleaning expectations for during school and after hours.
- During school hours, custodians will thoroughly cover high touch surfaces throughout the day, including bathrooms, water bottle fill stations, doorknobs, entrance/exit handles, handrails, walls, etc.
- At a minimum, classrooms and other common spaces will be cleaned and disinfected any time a new group of students accesses a new area.
- Cleaning materials and hand sanitizers will be placed in every classroom. Staff and students will be expected to support cleaning and disinfecting of classroom surfaces and supplies as needed.
- The district will “wash-in/wash-out” with both students and staff. They will wash hands immediately upon arrival at school and again at the conclusion of the day. In addition to wash-in/wash-out, breaks will be provided during the day to both wash and sanitize hands.
- Drinking fountains will be turned off. Students are encouraged to bring a refillable water container such as cups or bottles as outlined by each school building. Students will utilize water filling stations for individual drinking.
- Bus drivers will undergo sanitation training and all school buses will be thoroughly sanitized before and after each route.



PHYSICAL AND SOCIAL DISTANCING

Cassville R-IV Schools will strive to create an environment that supports health guidelines without interrupting the education of our students.

- The goal is to limit exposure to as few other students and staff members as possible. Staff and students must do their very best to maintain as much distance as possible from others within school buildings.
- To assist with contact tracing efforts, assigned seats will be given within classrooms, when occupying common areas, and for riding the bus. Additionally, small groups will be utilized to the extent possible.
- Students will go immediately to designated classrooms upon arriving at school and will not congregate in hallways or common areas.
- Modifications to meals will be made as needed (for example, some students may eat meals in the classroom, some students may eat meals in other common areas to limit the number of students in the cafeteria). If eating meals in the cafeteria, the number of students will be limited and students will be seated with fellow students from their small groups to minimize exposure.
- Modifications within the school day will be made as to limit the amount of movement within buildings.
- Desks in classrooms will be spaced as far apart as possible to allow for social distancing, non-essential furniture and other soft surfaces may be removed for sanitation purposes.
- Academics are considered an essential component of a student's education while co-curricular activity participation is voluntary. Academic and student learning will drive our planning and preparation guidelines.



STAFF & STUDENT SCREENING MEASURES

- Students and adults who have come into close contact with someone who tests positive for COVID-19 should closely monitor for any COVID-19 symptoms and should follow all instructions given by the local health department related to contact tracing.
- When students are kept home due to illness, the school attendance secretary will ask additional screening & entry questions regarding symptoms to confirm whether COVID-19 is a factor.
- Perfect attendance will not be incentivized by buildings as our preference is for anyone who is sick to stay home. Learning opportunities will be provided for all students who stay home due to illness.
- Handheld thermal temperature readers will be used by nursing staff when evaluating students and staff. To avoid bottleneck crowding at entrances, temperature checks will not be taken upon entry.
- Students and staff who are sent home with a temperature must be fever free for 72 hours without the use of fever reducing medications and may return to school sooner if accompanied by a doctor's note with a diagnosis not related to a respiratory illness, influenza or COVID-19 (such as pink eye, strep throat, ear infection, etc.).
- Students and staff must be fever free for 72 hours without the use of fever reducing medications if not accompanied by a doctor's note for a diagnosis. ***Fever reducing medications include Tylenol, Acetaminophen, Motrin, Ibuprofen etc.***
- Before the start of school each day, families must assess the health of their child. Cassville R-IV staff members must assess their health each day prior to reporting to work.

FEELING SICK?
STAY HOME



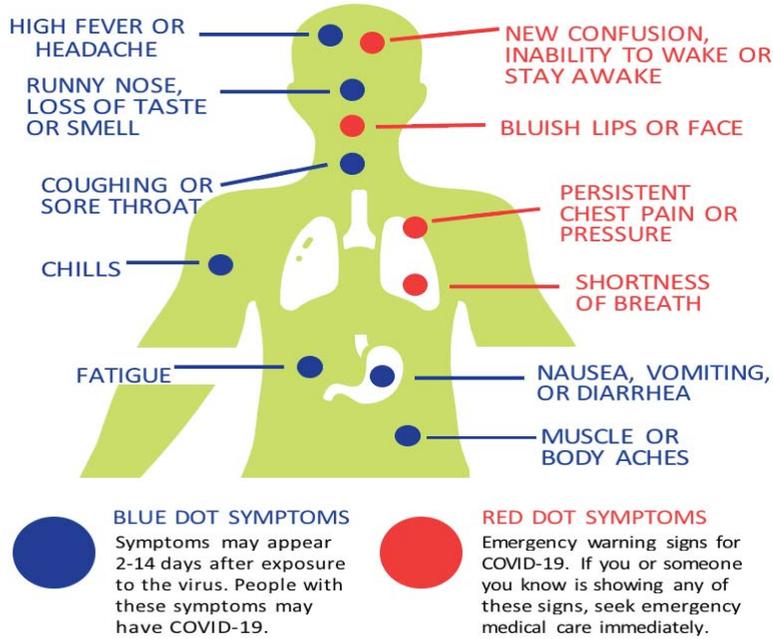
CONNECT WITH
YOUR SCHOOL



TAKE TIME TO
FULLY RECOVER

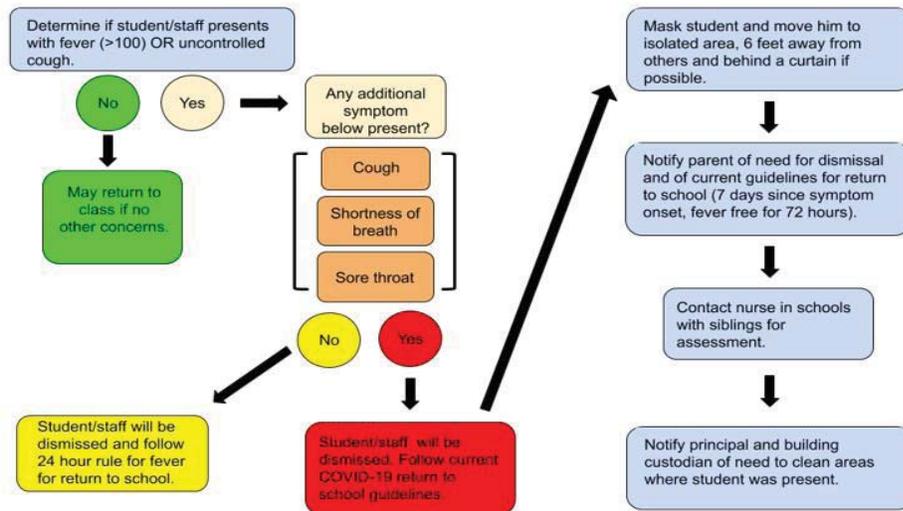


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Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

In the event that a student or staff member is feeling unwell, they will visit the nurse's office on campus and the following protocols will be followed:



PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT

Students and staff are expected to avoid close interactions and minimize exposure to every extent possible.

WHEN TO WEAR A FACE COVERING

ASK YOURSELF:
Can I maintain a safe distance from others?

YEP 

Facial coverings are not necessary, but staff and students can choose to wear them if they choose.

NOPE 

Students in grades 6-12 are encouraged to wear a mask or face covering in any instance where physical/social distance cannot be maintained.

Faculty and staff are required to wear a mask or face covering in any instance where physical/social distance cannot be maintained.

 *Students in grades K-12 will be required to wear a mask while riding the bus.*

The use of masks or face coverings will be encouraged when physical distancing cannot be achieved.

- Due to possible medical related concerns, we understand that not all staff and students will be able to wear masks for long periods of time. Exceptions can be evaluated with building administrators and school nursing staff.
- Existing student and staff dress codes will apply to face coverings that are worn.
- It is possible that, if local conditions warrant it, Cassville R-IV Schools will consider implementing stricter requirements related to face coverings.
- Cassville R-IV will reference CDC guidance and recommendations on face coverings.
- Parents should discuss the importance of social distancing with their students prior to the start of school. It will be difficult to ensure students maintain distance, but it is necessary for staff and students to understand the importance of doing so to prevent exposure.

