



# ***Return to In-Person Instruction Plan***

*IN RESPONSE TO COVID-19*

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# Introduction

Eastern Hancock is subject to all rules, regulations, and mandates of the State of Indiana, the Department of Education, State and local health departments, and any Executive Orders signed by the Governor. In addition, all stakeholders within the Corporation are subject to such rules and procedures as may be promulgated by the Eastern Hancock Board of School Trustees and the corporation's administrative staff.

With that in mind, the Eastern Hancock administration understands that some measures that prevent COVID have adverse effects on students' learning and overall well-being. The Eastern Hancock administration will follow all mandates but desires to begin to shift from a COVID-prevention and mitigation focus to prioritizing practices that maximize student learning.

This plan will serve as a living document that we will adjust as our circumstances change. It will also be updated and discussed at board meetings, as is legally required.

## Masks and Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

We do not require PPE (including masks). However, students and staff are welcome to wear a mask at school if it makes them feel comfortable at school.

## Vaccinations

At Eastern Hancock, we believe that the decision to receive a COVID vaccination should be made by individuals and their families. We will not request vaccination information. Because of this, we will only differentiate between vaccinated and unvaccinated individuals when we are directed to do so.

## Social Distancing

Classrooms and other areas will return to our pre-pandemic setup. However, we will accommodate any students or staff that request to be able to social distance.

## Screening and Reporting of COVID-19 Cases

### Reporting Requirements for COVID-19 Cases

If reporting requirements are put back in place, we will comply.

### COVID-19 Testing Policy

The Corporation will not be providing COVID-19 tests for individuals.

### Exclusion from School Due to COVID-19 Diagnosis/Symptoms

Students and staff will be excluded from in-person instruction and activities if they test positive for COVID-19. Need to add a period.

Once a student or employee is excluded from the school environment, they may return if they satisfy the requirements of the IN Department of Health. School personnel will notify families of the appropriate return-to-school date.

All COVID-related absences will be excused and students will be able to make up all missed work.

## **Quarantine and Close Contact Identification**

Eastern Hancock does not exclude close contacts from school.

Guidance from the HCHD and IHSAA will be used to determine athletic participation.