



Danville Independent Families,

First, let me thank you for your support and understanding with us over the last two years. We have grown tremendously and have learned a lot regarding both the physical and social-emotional health of our students and families.

Our first priority is and has always been the safety of our students, their families, and our employees. We continue to follow the model and best practices of our local health department as we also confer with the Kentucky Department of Education and local and state authorities to assist us in the decisions regarding our school community.

The first day of school for students is on Aug. 17, 2022. All students are expected to attend in person without restrictions. However, children who wish to wear masks or whose families prefer they wear masks are permitted to do so. Also, we will continue to follow the basic health guidelines provided through the Boyle County Health Department (cleaning, handwashing, sanitizing).

Independent Performance-Based Model (grades 6-12 only) - Self-motivated students are permitted to participate through a virtual platform in the learning of new grade/content material. Students will be self-paced and will have limited interaction with teachers and staff in the schools. Students will have access to a teacher/staff member for support through office hours and email. Students and parents would commit to this plan for at least nine weeks. Students can apply for this option and must have principal approval to enroll. If this option might work for your family, please contact the principal for more information.

Traditional Model - This is the expectation for all students. This plan includes traditional face-to-face instruction with extra safety and cleaning precautions in place such as the increased use of hand sanitizer and increased frequency of cleaning high-touch areas. Currently, all restrictions to in-class instruction and school activities are lifted. However, if our local health department and school board see a rise in health risk, we will look into limited assemblies, field trips and visitors. Currently, there are no social distancing requirements.

Our desire is to maintain school under the Traditional Model; however, we must be proactive and prepared to focus on health guidelines and cleaning protocols. Thank you for your patience and understanding as we work together to provide the best education possible for Danville students while also protecting our students, families and employees.

Sincerely,

Greg E. Ross, EdD.



OPTIONS FOR START OF YEAR:

Traditional Model - This plan would include face-to-face instruction at school (five days a week) with enhanced safety precautions in place such as increased hand sanitizer, increased frequency of cleaning of high-touch areas, and awareness of student/adult symptoms.

Independent Performance-Based Model (grades 6-12 only) -

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TRANSPORTATION:

We will run transportation in a traditional format with an emphasis on cleanliness and have hand sanitizer and masks available for students who prefer the option to wear one.

PRESCHOOL:

Preschool will run as normal on a four-day schedule.

SAFETY PRECAUTIONS:

Our first priority is the safety of our students, their families, and our employees. We will follow, to the best of our ability, Healthy at School safety expectations released by the Kentucky Department of Education in conjunction with the Kentucky Department of Public Health, Boyle County Health Department, and the Governor's office.

Students, staff and visitors will be provided masks as needed.

There will be cleaning and sanitizing of buildings and school property.

Students will have hand sanitizer available before and after using playground equipment.



School nurses will have procedures in place to deal with students who exhibit COVID-19 symptoms in a separate area from the nurse's office.

Please feel free to reach out to your school or the district office with questions or to provide feedback for us. We encourage parents and caregivers to frequently visit our webpage, danvilleschools.net, and follow Danville Schools on social media for up-to-date and accurate information. Thank you for your patience and understanding as we work together to provide the best education possible for Danville students while also protecting our students, families and employees.

SYMPTOMS OF COVID-19:

COVID-19 affects different people in different ways. Infected people have had a wide range of symptoms reported, from mild symptoms to severe illness. Symptoms may appear 2-14 days after exposure and may include one or more of the following:

- Fever or chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

HELP PREVENT THE SPREAD:

To help prevent the spread of illness, it is recommended that you follow these important guidelines:

- Wash your hands frequently
- Use a tissue or your elbow when you cough or sneeze
- Practice social distancing when necessary
- Wear face coverings when necessary