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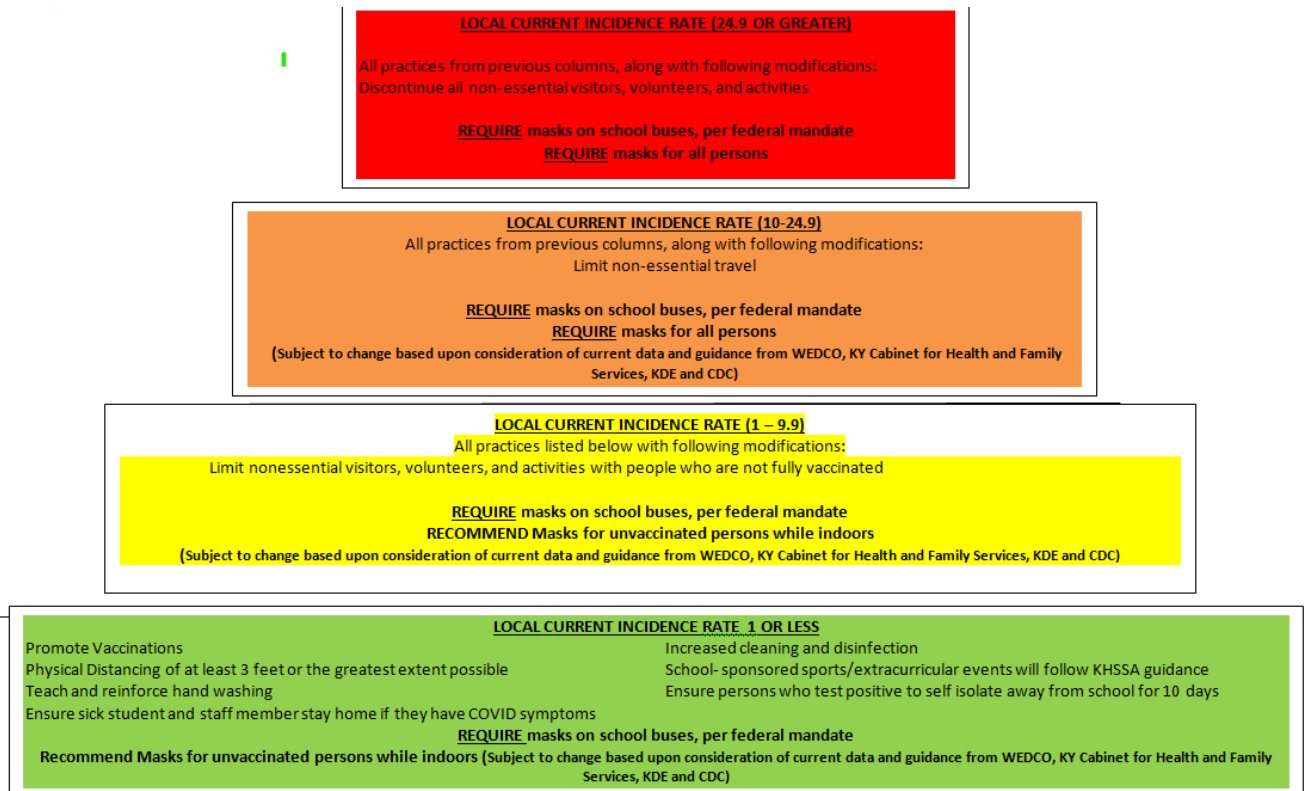
## INTRODUCTION

The Kentucky General Assembly passed Senate Bill 1 on September 9, 2021 during a Special Session called by Governor Andy Beshear. Senate Bill 1 requires all public school districts in the state of Kentucky to develop a COVID-19 Operations Plan. This plan addresses face mask requirements, quarantine procedures, non-traditional instruction (NTI) days, and remote learning. The goal of the Kentucky General Assembly and the Nicholas County School District is to prioritize in-person learning for all students in the safest manner possible during the Pandemic.

## FACE MASKS INSIDE SCHOOL BUILDINGS

***The use of face masks by all students and staff inside school buildings will be required at this time.***

The purpose of this requirement is to provide the most protection from COVID-19 while it is so prevalent in the Nicholas County community. School district officials will evaluate the local conditions surrounding COVID-19 and adjust masking guidelines according to criteria set forth in the color coded chart included with this document.



## QUARANTINE

Students who are quarantined from school will be contacted by certified teaching staff to provide instructional assignments during that period. These absences from school will be excused.

Communication with a child's school is vitally important to keeping in-person learning an option during the Pandemic. Any child exhibiting COVID-19 symptoms or living in a household with someone exhibiting symptoms needs to stay home.

### **QUARANTINING CONTACTS**

Any student or staff member who meets the all three of the following criteria will be required to quarantine for 10 days from the last date of exposure to a person who has tested positive for COVID-19:

- At least one of the individuals involved was unmasked.
- The individuals were within 3 feet of each other for;
- A total of 30 minutes during a 24 hour period.

All students and staff living in a household with a person who has tested positive for COVID-19 will be required to quarantine for 10 days from the date of the positive test. Those that have tested positive for COVID-19 in the past 90 days will not be required to be quarantined. Fully vaccinated students and staff will not be required to quarantine as long as they are symptom-free.

To ensure adequate time for an immune response to occur, a person is considered fully vaccinated greater than or equal to 2 weeks after completion of a two-dose Moderna or Pfizer vaccine or single dose Johnson & Johnson vaccine.

### **QUARANTINING POSITIVE INDIVIUALS**

All students or staff who test positive for COVID-19 will be required to quarantine for 10 days from the positive test date, or 10 days from the first date of symptoms as determined by a local health department or a medical professional.

### **NON-TRADITIONAL INSTRUCTION (NTI) DAYS**

The Kentucky General Assembly provides public school districts up to 10 NTI Days annually. NTI days can only be utilized when the district closes all schools in the district. Prior to the Pandemic, these days were reserved for weather related days. NTI Days can be utilized for COVID-19 related reasons if the district needs to close all schools. A decision about NTI will be communicated clearly.

### **REMOTE LEARNING DAYS**

The Kentucky General Assembly is providing public school districts up to 20 remote learning days to be utilized during the 2021-22 school year. These are days where a district does not close all schools in the district. These days can be used when certain schools, classrooms, and/or grade levels are closed due to COVID-19.