



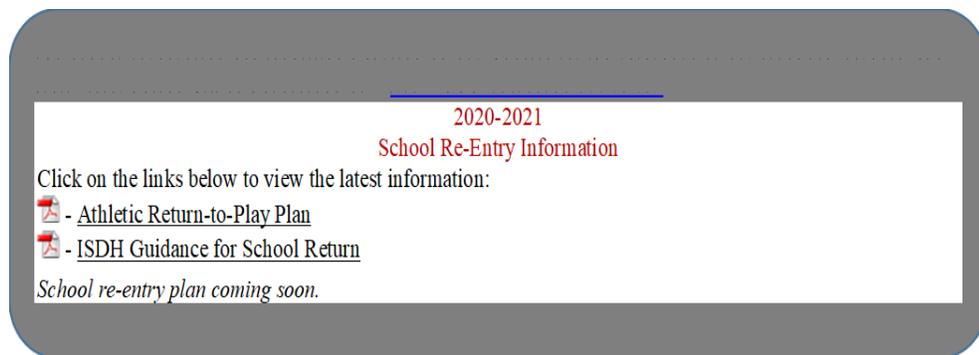
2020 – 2021

**Path Forward – Reentering Plan  
For The Education of Our Children**

**Frequently Asked Questions**

**1. Where can the school corporation’s reentry plan be reviewed?**

The school corporation has identified a section on our website for the reference of our students, parents, and staff. Information will be maintained at : <http://www.covington.k12.in.us/>



**2. What should I do if I, or my child, has tested positive, or had a close exposure to a known or probable COVID-19 case?**

It is imperative that all staff, students, parents, and visitors report a positive COVID-19 test result as soon as possible to the school corporation. Close exposures to known, or probable, COVID-19 cases, without the proper PPE, should also be reported. An option to report information through e-mail or our automated phone system has been established as follows:

**Reporting Contact Information:**  
**Email:** [Covid19@covington.k12.in.us](mailto:Covid19@covington.k12.in.us)  
**Phone:** 765.793.4877, Option 7

**3. Why is the school offering a digital learning option?**

We understand that families may be concerned or uncertain about sending their child (ren) into one of our school facilities at the very beginning of the school year. It is our commitment to work to serve the best interests of each individual child to ensure their educational development, by providing a healthy and safe learning environment. While we believe learning best occurs in our classrooms, with the dedicated instructors on our staff, we respect decisions parents may make to keep a child at home as we reenter the school buildings.

**4. What is the digital learning process?**

Families selecting the digital learning instructional mode for high and middle school students will work through the APEX, on – line, curriculum. Families selecting this learning method for elementary students will work through the Accelerate Education curriculum.

The corporation has assigned educational staff to coordinate student activities and ensure the needs of our families are being met as the children work within the digital learning programming.

- 5. If my child begins the school year with in – person instruction may h/she then move to distance learning?**  
Yes. The school will work with a family in this regard, if a decision is being made for the health and safety of a child.
- 6. What is the commitment my family is making if we elect to have our high/middle school student learn through the APEX digital learning mode?**  
This would be a one semester commitment. In other words, a student would not be able to move to in – person instruction until the start of the succeeding semester.
- 7. What is the commitment my family is making if we elect to have our elementary school student learn through digital learning?**  
This would be a nine - week commitment. In other words, a student would not be able to move to in – person instruction until the start of the succeeding nine – week grading period.
- 8. Will students be allowed to attend the career and technical education classes?**  
Yes. Students will be expected to adhere to the health and safety protocol of the school hosting the respective CTE class.
- 9. Will the Health Services class be conducted this year?**  
Yes. As of July 22, 2020, the plan is for the health services course to be offered. The first semester is planned as classroom based.
- 10. Will students enrolled in digital learning be allowed to participate in extra-curricular activities?**  
Yes.
- 11. Will our children be allowed to have physical activity, including physical education classes?**  
Yes. PE classes planned, with best efforts for social distancing in place, including during the use of locker rooms.
- 12. Will elementary students have their recess?**  
Yes. Ms. Beck has identified a schedule for all students to participate in recess. The numbers of children on recess, at any one time will be reduced from in the past in an effort to reduce grouping and mixing of students throughout the school day.
- 13. Will all of the playground equipment be accessible during recess?**  
No. There will be some restrictions on the use of equipment during recess.
- 14. Will my child be allowed to carry their own hand sanitizer to use throughout the day?**  
As long as this can be done safely and conveniently, this will be allowed.
- 15. Will the school be providing a maintenance and care guide for school issued cloth masks?**  
Yes. A guide will be provided for the reference of students and their families.

**16. My child is new to the school, is there an opportunity for them to learn how to use their lockers and where classrooms will be located at?**

Yes. The building administrators and educators will work with our new students and their families to assist them in becoming familiar with our school buildings as we begin the school year.

**17. What will the children do with their masks when they are not wearing them?**

Students will be responsible for having their face masks with them at all times. At the elementary school students will be issued a lanyard to use for their masks when not being worn.

**18. Will my child be expected to wear a face mask for the entire school day?**

No. Face coverings/masks will be required during group interactions, transitions, while on a school bus, and during close interactions. They may be required at other times when social distancing is not possible and when identified by staff. This guidance may change as new information and direction is provided.

**19. If I want my child (ren) to attend in-person school, but he/she cannot wear a mask due to behavior issues, what do I do?**

All students are required to follow the school re-opening plan guidelines. However, the CDC and the school corporation recognizes that there are times when a student may not be able to wear a mask in accordance with the re-opening plan.

In the event of this situation, a parent will need to determine with their health care provider if the student is able to attend school in-person. If not, the parents may opt for the distance learning opportunity.

**20. Will school day field trips be allowed?**

No. Field trips will not be allowed until further notice.

**21. If my child is diagnosed with COVID-19 will h/she be required to wear a face mask after they recover and return to school?**

Yes. Information and guidance provided from the health providers indicates there is not enough evidence available to support waiving a face mask/covering in this situation.

**22. Will reentry guidance be different for children in Kindergarten?**

The guidance for reentry will be consistent for all grade levels. Building principals will provide families with information on respective facility expectations that are in alignment with the approved school corporation reentry guidelines and protocol.

**23. If a child, or staff member, tests positive for COVID-19, will all children in their class have to quarantine?**

While each case of COVID-19, including close exposure, will be analyzed as it occurs, it is possible that all individuals may have to self-isolate in this instance. The school corporation nurse will work closely with the Fountain/Warren County Health Department to ensure contact tracing is completed effectively, providing guidance to those with potential exposure. The state of Indiana has also provided guidance for determining possible exposure in these situations through close contact.

**24. Will my child be allowed to carry their backpacks with them throughout the day?**

This will look different in the respective buildings. Students in the elementary and middle school will be allowed to take their bags to the classroom and place over the back of their chair or desk seat. For the high school, students will be allowed to bring backpacks and have them in their lockers throughout the school day.

**25. Will students at the high and middle school be required to have clear backpacks this year?**

No. The move to clear only backpacks in these facilities has been delayed. A new date for the implementation of this guidance will be determined and announced in the future.

**26. What are the expectations for Pre-K children?**

The guidance for reentry will be consistent for all grade levels. Building principals will provide families with information on respective facility expectations that are in alignment with the approved school corporation reentry guidelines and protocol.

**27. What happens if a child's temperature exceeds guidance as they attempt to enter the school building?**

In this case a child will be directed/taken to the COVID-19 nurses room for evaluation. An additional temperature check may be completed, with parents being contacted as deemed necessary.

**28. Will the nurse continue to assist with giving our children medicine during the day?**

This process will continue, however, the nurses will not be giving morning medicine due to the need to limit individuals in our health rooms at the start of the day. Nurses will continue to assist with giving mid-day medicine to children, as directed by a health care provider.

**29. If my child is working through distance learning, will the school provide a Chromebook for their use?**

Yes. School – owned devices will be provided for students learning through a distance process. All technology use policies and agreements will apply to distance learning families.

**30. What is the difference in the periods of isolation identified in the plan and the periods identified for quarantine?**

This is an important distinction.

All "isolation" is for at least 10 days.

All "quarantine" is for 14 days.

Isolation is for probable or confirmed covid19 (symptomatic or test positive).

Quarantine is for asymptomatic, but exposed.

The longer duration for quarantine is to allow for the infection to onset after exposure, which is typically within 4 days, but can take up to 11 days.

**31. Will student parties be allowed?**

The guidance provided schools, through the "Back on Track Indiana" information directs that parties, or other events, are not to be conducted.

**32. What is the protocol if a student or adult tests positive in a school?**

Guidance provided schools, through the "Back on Track Indiana" information states that if more than one student tests positive in a classroom, the entire classroom should be quarantined for 14 days. Further, the guidance directs that siblings of a positive case should quarantine if they are considered a close contact.

In a classroom, individuals with close contact (spending more than 15 minutes of the person identified with COVID-19 for the 48 hours prior to symptoms or a positive case) will be identified. Close contacts should quarantine at home for 14 days, with monitoring from the county health department occurring.

If a close contact tests positives, the process begins again.

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**33. Will I be required to quarantine, as a close exposure, if I have previously tested positive for COVID-19?**

Initial information indicates there may be a 90 – Day window of immunity for individuals previously with the COVID-19 virus. Unless an individual is exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19, following a positive diagnosis/test, s/he may not be required to quarantine within the 90 – Day period of the diagnosis.

