



Bourbon County Schools

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*Bourbon County is united
to empower students to
achieve success at the
next level.*

Mission

*EDUCATE our students
with knowledge.
EMPOWER our students
with character.
EQUIP our students for
life.*

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October 14, 2020

Dear Families,

I hope that you had a wonderful Fall Break with your children. We have had a smooth transition back to school this week. As many of you are aware, our state and community is seeing an increase in the number of COVID-19 cases. It is so important that we all continue to take measures to keep each other safe and prevent the spread of the virus. Working together, we can limit the spread of the virus and allow our schools to remain open to in-person learning.

The Kentucky Department of Health and Kentucky Department of Education has recently released a metric for their recommendations for in-person or virtual learning. This guidance can be found here: <https://chfs.ky.gov/agencies/dph/covid19/cv19ModeofInstructionMetricsforK-12Education.pdf>. Additionally, the daily updated COVID-19 Current Incidence Rate Map can be found here: <https://govstatus.egov.com/kycovid19>

This information is being shared in an effort to be transparent in the decision making process that we will undertake in determining whether or not to stop in-person learning and move school to full virtual learning. If we ever do make a decision to move to full virtual school, we will make that announcement as soon as possible. Ideally this will be before 2:00 pm Friday afternoon for the following week of school. However, we want to be clear that instances may arise during the school week that could require closure to in-person learning on a much shorter notice. We ask that you have a plan in place should that occur.

Next, we will utilize the tools that the Kentucky Department of Public Health and Kentucky Department of Education have provided as important pieces of data when making the decision to continue to offer in-person instruction or not. However, this will not be the only metric that we use. We will also speak with the Bourbon County Health Department, our nurses, and Director of Health care. Next, monitoring the number of cases inside our school will be another important piece of information that will be considered. Other factors like incidence rates in surrounding counties will be considered to help us make the best decision we can to keep our students and staff safe. In summary, we will be looking at



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multiple pieces of data to make a decision as to whether we will offer in-person instruction or not.

In closing, I share all of this information in transparency of our process and to allow you to be as prepared as possible for the continued challenges we face with COVID-19. The Bourbon County School District will continue to do everything we can to create a safe learning environment. Should you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact me via email at amy.baker@bourbon.kyschools.us or by phone at 859-987-2180.

Sincerely,

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