



## COVINGTON CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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### COVINGTON CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS UPDATED RETURN TO SCHOOL PLAN

Covington City Public Schools has been providing an instructional program using various strategies to reach all students in our division. Delaying the beginning of the 2020-2021 school year until September, providing a hybrid learning program which encompassed both in-person and virtual instruction, moving to full virtual learning, and then returning to the hybrid plan on January 19 are the avenues which have been implemented to support our commitment to provide an instructional program to our students. Parents are to be commended for their efforts to support our educational program during this difficult time.

The Covington City School Board and the administrative staff of Covington City Public Schools has continuously scrutinized COVID health metrics, possibilities of expanded numbers of in-person students, and mitigation strategies to provide a healthy learning environment in our buildings.

Based on the ongoing downward trend of positive cases in Covington City and the low positive case rate in Covington City Public Schools, the Covington City School Board, meeting in regular session on March 8, authorized the Superintendent to implement another phase of returning students to classrooms.

Beginning Monday, March 15, all current hybrid students in Grade 3 at Edgemont Primary School will be on a four-day Monday through Thursday in-person schedule. There will no longer be A/B weeks. All 100% virtual students will remain on virtual learning for the remainder of the school year. Students who have currently participated in the A/B hybrid plan may elect to switch to 100% virtual learning but will be required to commit to 100% virtual learning for the remainder of this school year. Please contact Edgemont Primary School by March 15 if you elect to have your student be a 100% virtual learner. Friday instruction will remain virtual for all Edgemont Primary students.

Beginning Monday, March 29, Jeter-Watson Intermediate School hybrid students will return to in-person learning. There no longer will be A/B weeks. Students who have currently participated in the A/B hybrid plan may elect to switch to 100% virtual learning but will be required to commit to 100% virtual learning for the remainder of this school year. Please contact Jeter-Watson Intermediate School by March 22 if you elect to have your student be a 100% virtual learner. Friday instruction will remain virtual for all Jeter-Watson Intermediate students.

On Monday, March 29, Covington High School hybrid students will return to full in-person learning four days a week (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday). Wednesday instruction will remain virtual for all Covington High School students. Please contact Covington High School by March 22 if you elect to have your student be a 100% virtual learner. The daily schedule will be announced by Principal Cantrell in the following weeks. All 100% virtual learners will remain virtual until the end of the school year.

All principals will be contacting families to discuss plans for their school. Parents are encouraged to assist the schools by providing transportation for their students if at all possible.

We continue to strive for all students to return to in-person instruction. We are committed to following the public health experts' guidance on social distancing, mask wearing, and hygiene practices.

We look forward to seeing more of our students returning to expanded in-person instruction.