

Harlan Community

**2022-2023
School Year**

Return to School **Plan**

Questions and Answers?

Q: What resources did the district use to develop their plans for returning to school?

This plan was developed the District Leadership Team and various committees that with representation to include district administrators, teachers, counselors, nurses, nutrition staff, technology staff, buildings and groups staff, human resources staff, activities department staff, and transportation staff. The District utilized guidance and recommendations provided by our governor, the Iowa Department of Education, CDC, Iowa Department of Public Health, and our local public health. Survey responses from the parents/guardians and staff also informed the plans.

Q: What practices are in place for the health/safety of students and staff at HCSD?

There are a variety of practices be used including disinfecting more frequently, increased hand washing, use of face covering when physical distancing is not possible, sanitizing hands more frequently, cohort grouping when feasible, arranging classroom seating to increase physical distance, reducing the number of students in the lunchroom as feasible, banning use of water fountains and hall lockers, restricting visitors, reconfiguring the instruction of large classes such as band and choir, increased use of outdoor spaces and adjusting system controls for increased air flow are a few of the practices in place.

Q: Is the district promoting hand washing?

The district will educate students on appropriate hand washing protocol and encourage and promote healthy practices by allowing for frequent hand washing.

Q: Will there be hand-sanitizing stations?

Yes. Each classroom will have hand sanitizer available and stations will be located at entrances and in common areas.

Q: Will the district provide alternative plans for families who have a student or a family member with a serious medical condition?

Yes. HCSD will offer accommodations for remote or online learning if a child, another resident of the child's residence, or one of the child's regular caretakers has a significant health condition that increases their risk of COVID-19. The child's parent or guardian must provide written verification from a licensed healthcare provider. The programming provided will not necessarily be delivered by HCSD instructors or be designed the same as what is being delivered by HCSD instructors.

Q: Will anyone else besides students and staff be allowed in the school buildings?

Visitor access will be monitored and limited.

Q: What is happening with activities and athletics?

The district will follow the guidance from the Iowa Girls Athletic Union (IGAU) and the Iowa High School Athletic Association who are consulting with the Iowa Department of Public Health in determining their guidance. On a local level we will limit and restrict the activities of club activities.