

**Western Boone County Community School Corporation
Return to School Plan for 2023-24 School Year**

Subject to Change

A. 2023-24 Master Calendar

WBCCSC Master Calendar can be found here:

<http://www.weboschools.org/information/calendars/school-calendars/983-2023-2024-school-calendar/file>

B. Instructional Day Format

The Department of Health and Human Services announced the public health emergency for COVID-19 expired at 11:59 p.m. on May 11, 2023.

Western Boone County Community School Corporation will begin the school year on a traditional instructional schedule.

C. Re-entry of Negative & Positive Cases

Symptoms Impacting Consideration for Exclusion from School

Students and employees should be trained to recognize the following COVID-19-related symptoms:

- A fever of 100.4 ° F or greater when taken by mouth and/or chills
- Sore throat
- New uncontrolled cough that causes difficulty (for students with chronic allergic or asthmatic cough, a change in their cough from baseline)
- Shortness of breath and difficulty breathing
- New onset of severe headache, especially with fever
- Loss of taste or smell

Students and employees should be excluded from school if they test positive for COVID-19 or exhibit one or more of the symptoms of COVID-19 based on CDC Guidance that is not otherwise explained and documented by a primary care provider.

Return to School After Exclusion

Once a student or employee is excluded from the school environment for symptoms not otherwise explained, they may return if they satisfy the following guidelines:

Untested

Persons who have not received a test proving or disproving the presence of COVID-19 but experience symptoms not otherwise explained may return if the following conditions are met:

1. Untested person has not had a fever for at least 24 hours without the use of medicine that reduces fever; and
2. Other symptoms have improved (for example, cough or shortness of breath have improved).

Tested Positive- Symptomatic

Persons who experienced symptoms and have been tested for COVID-19 may return to school if the following conditions are met:

1. The individual has gone without a fever for 24 hours (without the use of medicine that reduces fevers); and
2. Other symptoms have improved (for example, when your cough or shortness of breath has improved); and
3. At least five calendar days have passed with “day zero” being the day the test was administered.

Tested Positive- Asymptomatic

Persons who have not had symptoms but test positive for COVID-19 may return to school when the following conditions are met:

1. Asymptomatic person may return in five days with “day zero” being the day the test was administered.

Tested Negative- Symptomatic

Persons who experience symptoms but test negative for COVID-19 may return to school when ALL of the following conditions are met:

1. Fever free for 24 hours without fever-reducing medications;
2. Other symptoms have improved; (for example, cough or shortness of breath have improved).

Tested Negative- Asymptomatic

Persons who have not had symptoms and test negative for COVID-19 may return to school when the following conditions are met:

1. An asymptomatic person may return to school immediately.

D. Clinic Guidelines

1. Students presenting with COVID-19 symptoms will be kept as separated as possible from students reporting for non-COVID-19 related needs.
2. Students will continue to report to the clinic for treatment of all other health needs not related to COVID-19. While in the clinic students will adhere to appropriate social distancing guidelines to the greatest extent possible.
3. Students and staff members who are at high risk for contracting COVID-19 should provide a list of health recommendations from their primary care provider. Once the plan is developed, the plan should be shared with the building administrator and the school nurse.