

CHARLES A. BEARD MEMORIAL SCHOOLS

2021 COVID Response Plan

PANTHER FAMILIES

Our team has been working closely with the Henry County Health Department, IDOE, and other Henry County schools to develop a plan that best ensures the health and safety of our students and staff while ensuring our ability to remain in a traditional “in-person” instructional status.

Our commitment to maintain a safe and nourishing environment to empower our students as lifelong learners remains the same.



CALENDAR

CABMSC Schools will return to IN-PERSON INSTRUCTION on Tuesday, January 19th, 2021. The Board of Trustees will continue to monitor guidance from the Henry Co. Health Department, CDC and Governor’s Office and adjust our school calendar, if needed.

INSTRUCTION

We will offer in-person instruction on a traditional Monday – Friday schedule for all students who are able to return to school. We will also offer virtual options for those students who are not able to return to school in person. *If you feel that your student is in need of the virtual option, simply contact your school through email or phone.*

ACCOMODATIONS

SOCIAL DISTANCING

In all settings, we will practice social distancing whenever possible. Modifications have been made to social and learning environments to best meet these needs.

MASKS

Students and staff will wear masks when directed.

“When it is dark enough, you can see the stars.”

– Charles A. Beard

TRANSPORTATION

Masks will be available on all CAB buses. Masks will be mandated when acceptable distancing is not possible. Balancing of routes will be a continual process to ensure the lowest occupancy possible on buses. Students will have assigned seats and buses will be disinfected following the completion of every route.

HEALTH PROTOCOLS

If your child is presenting symptoms of COVID-19 or other illness, it is imperative that you not send them to school. Self-screening will need to be conducted at home prior to arriving at schools. Please contact your health provider and notify the school.

Our medical staff will strictly implement the guidelines provided by our health departments and the CDC.

State statute gives public school districts the authority to exclude students who have a contagious disease such as COVID-19 or are liable to transmit it after exposure (IC 20-34-3-9). In addition, the local health department has the authority to exclude students from school and may order students and others to isolate or quarantine (IC 16-41-9-1.6).

SYMPTOMS IMPACTING POTENTIAL EXCLUSION

Students and employees should self-evaluate for the following COVID-19-related symptoms:

- A fever of 100° F or greater
- Cough or
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Repeated shaking with chills
- Muscle pain
- Headache
- Sore throat
- New 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.

The website, <https://www.coronavirus.in.gov/> has a list of over 200 testing facilities, their location, and hours of operation. This list is updated frequently.

STUDENT PICK-UP PROCEDURE

- Students sent to the clinic with possible COVID-19 symptoms will be given a mask and will be closely monitored in an isolation room.
- If a student presents to the clinic with COVID-19 symptoms, parents/guardians need to pick up their student within 60 minutes upon entry into the school health clinic.

COMMON SENSE WITH COVID-19

CLEANING

All CAB schools have been stocked with EPA approved disinfectant and cleaning materials. Cleaning and disinfecting will be a continual process throughout each student day. Hand sanitizer will be available in classrooms and common areas. Frequent handwashing will be mandated by all.

VISITORS

Unfortunately, visitors will be restricted from entering our buildings to promote health and safety.

SELF-QUARANTINE

Everyone plays a key role in assuring student and staff safety in the face of COVID-19. Please let us know if your medical provider has recommended self-quarantine. When staff and students do not feel well, it is imperative that they stay home.

	Who must comply?	Protected information	Permitted disclosures ¹
<p>FERPA</p> <p>The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) is a federal law enacted in 1974 that protects the privacy of student education records.</p> <p>The Act serves two primary purposes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Gives parents or eligible students more control of their educational records 2. Prohibits educational institutions from disclosing "personally identifiable information in education records" without written consent 	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any public or private school: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Elementary – Secondary – Post-secondary • Any state or local education agency <p>Any of the above must receive funds under an applicable program of the US Department of Education</p>	 <p>Student Education Record: Records that contain information directly related to a student and which are maintained by an educational agency or institution or by a party acting for the agency or institution</p>	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School officials • Schools to which a student is transferring • Specified officials for audit or evaluation purposes • Appropriate parties in connection with financial aid to a student • Organizations conducting certain studies for or on behalf of the school • Accrediting organizations • Appropriate officials in cases of health and safety emergencies • State and local authorities, within a juvenile justice system, pursuant to specific state law • To comply with a judicial order or lawfully issued subpoena