




HARALSON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Reopening Resource Guide for 2021-2022 School Year

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The Haralson County School District (HCSD) is proud to provide students with an education designed to empower them with the knowledge and skills necessary to achieve their goals personally, academically, and professionally. As district leaders continually evaluate our guidelines to combat the impact that COVID-19 has had on our school district, we realize that the ultimate goal of providing a quality education must remain unaltered.

In response to the ongoing issues related to the COVID-19 pandemic, HCSD leaders will continue to monitor infection data, work with federal, state and local health authorities and review stakeholder feedback when making decisions in the best interest of all 3,300 students, their families and over 500 employees.

The Haralson County School District is pleased to share the following *Reopening Resource Guide*. Designed to provide parents/guardians, district staff, families and stakeholders with a comprehensive document that features information regarding the opening of the 2021-2022 school year and our ongoing efforts to keep our students safe.



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During the pandemic shutdown, district leaders created the **Haralson County Safety Task Force** to begin the work of planning to eventually reopen schools. Leaders from all departments collaborated with multiple state agencies and local health experts to develop a plan that would minimize the risk of infection for our students and staff while providing maximum educational benefit. All plans were developed in consideration of CDC recommendations and the Georgia Department of Education's guidance, *Georgia's Path to Recovery for K-12 Schools*.

The unpredictable nature of pandemics made it necessary for the task force to create reopening processes for multiple eventualities to be determined by the rate of community spread at the time of reopening. Their plans were leveled according to three levels of response as defined by the Georgia DOE.

- **Low/No Spread**
- **Minimal/Moderate Spread**
- **Substantial Spread**



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In consideration of the low community infection rates and the relatively robust percentage of vaccinated staff, the Haralson County School District will open the 2021-2022 school year under the Low/No Spread scenario.



Calendar

- **Pre-Planning for Teachers begins July 27th, 2021.**
- **School will *officially* start on August 3rd, 2021.**
- **New Student Registration** - *New student registration will remain an online only process.*
- **Open Houses** - *The HCSD will follow the published open house schedule. Attendance may be limited.*

Three Models For Opening



1 | Least Restrictive Low Risk

Schools open on traditional schedule according to the previously approved district calendar or an amended schedule.

2 | Mid-Restrictive Medium Risk

Schools open on a traditional/online hybrid schedule on a later start date TBD.

3 | Highly Restrictive High Risk

Primarily online or distance instruction - school buildings open for staff only (if possible)

Universal Precautions



No matter which scenario we must face, some things are non-negotiable. Although there may be variations in severity, the following precautions are part of all plans.

- All schools promote effective hygiene practices through targeted instructional activities as well as prominently posted signage throughout the building.
- All schools provide hand sanitizer in all classrooms and at multiple locations in common areas. Students and staff are encouraged to wear masks if they choose to do so, but there is no mask requirement.
- Establish a schedule/routine for the cleaning of high touch surfaces and common areas at multiple times during the day.
- Follow the school-wide and district-wide mechanism/protocol to track and report students who are sent home due to Covid-19 symptoms so that they are quarantined, and medically cleared to return to school after quarantine, testing or recovery. (See [Additional Information](#))
- Follow established protocol for students/staff who feel sick and designate an isolation area for students who may be waiting for a parent to pick them up.
- Visitors will continue to be limited in order to reduce the number of people entering our school buildings.

Scheduling



1 | Least Restrictive Low Risk

All Levels: Limit congregations of students and consider methods of maintaining social distancing during transitions such as teacher swaps, one way halls, travel lanes, and multiple pick up/drop off points

Limit physical interaction through group or partner work.

Provide flexibility for students who are medically vulnerable or under quarantine.

2 | Mid-Restrictive Medium Risk

K-12: To the greatest extent possible, teachers would provide face to face instruction with supporting assignments and resources provided through online or printed mediums. Some courses could be transitioned to 100% online instruction.

Help videos would be posted to help students with the "homework". Some students could be transitioned to the Edgenuity platform or online dual enrollment courses.

3 | Highly Restrictive High Risk

PK-2: Teachers develop lessons that can be disseminated via video for parents to use with their child. Teachers will schedule appointments with each child daily through the parent's smart phone to take appropriate data on the learning objectives. Paraprofessionals can be used for additional 15-30 minute sessions.

3-12 Completely Virtual: Student use Chromebooks to access instructional lessons available through Google Classroom and/or paper copies of the work distributed bi-weekly. Students can watch videos created by their teacher. Each teacher will have scheduled office hours and have a meeting with each student and parent weekly. The teacher will also provide daily live learning assistance.

Specific information on transitions, traffic flow, and class assignments can be found in the reopening planning documents for each school

Additional Considerations



1 | Least Restrictive Low Risk

Low contact drop off and pickup schedules.

No temperature checks

Students are expected to socially distance

2 | Mid-Restrictive Medium Risk

Staggered drop off and pickup schedules.

Temperature checks at entry for students and employees.

Students are expected to socially distance to the greatest extent possible.

3 | Highly Restrictive High Risk

Staggered in-person work schedules.

Implement teleworking to the greatest extent possible.

Temperature checks.

Face coverings required.

Nutrition



1 | Least Restrictive Low Risk

Masks required for nutrition staff.

Temperature taken of nutrition staff upon arrival to work.

Meals served in schools with student self-service eliminated. Students eat in cafeterias.

2 | Mid-Restrictive Medium Risk

Masks required for nutrition staff.

Temperature taken of nutrition staff upon arrival to work.

Meals served in schools with student self-service eliminated. Students eat in classrooms or in separated areas while socially distanced.

3 | Highly Restrictive High Risk

Masks required for nutrition staff.

Temperature taken of nutrition staff upon arrival to work.

School meals served at delivery locations throughout the county. School Nutrition will coordinate with the HCS District Transportation Dept. in an effort to execute deliveries in a manner similar to previous meal delivery plans.

Transportation - Buses



1 | Least Restrictive Low Risk

Masks are not required but are highly encouraged.

No student temperatures taken at time of boarding.

Alternative routing to promote social distancing.

2 | Mid-Restrictive Medium Risk

Masks required for drivers.

Masks required for student riders.

Student temperatures taken at time of boarding.

Alternative routing may be needed to achieve proper social distancing.

3 | Highly Restrictive High Risk

Primarily online or distance instruction - school buildings open for staff only (if possible)

No student with a temperature greater than 100.4 or any other symptoms of COVID-19 will be allowed to board a bus unless they can be isolated and transported for medical attention.

Athletics



1 | Least Restrictive Low Risk

All athletics and extracurricular activities resume in consideration of guidance from CDC, GADPH and GHSA.

Plexiglass barriers installed at concession and ticket stands.

Masks not required for event attendance

2 | Mid-Restrictive Medium Risk

Some athletics programs resume in consideration of guidance from CDC, GADPH and GHSA.

Limited attendance at events.

Seat marking for social distancing

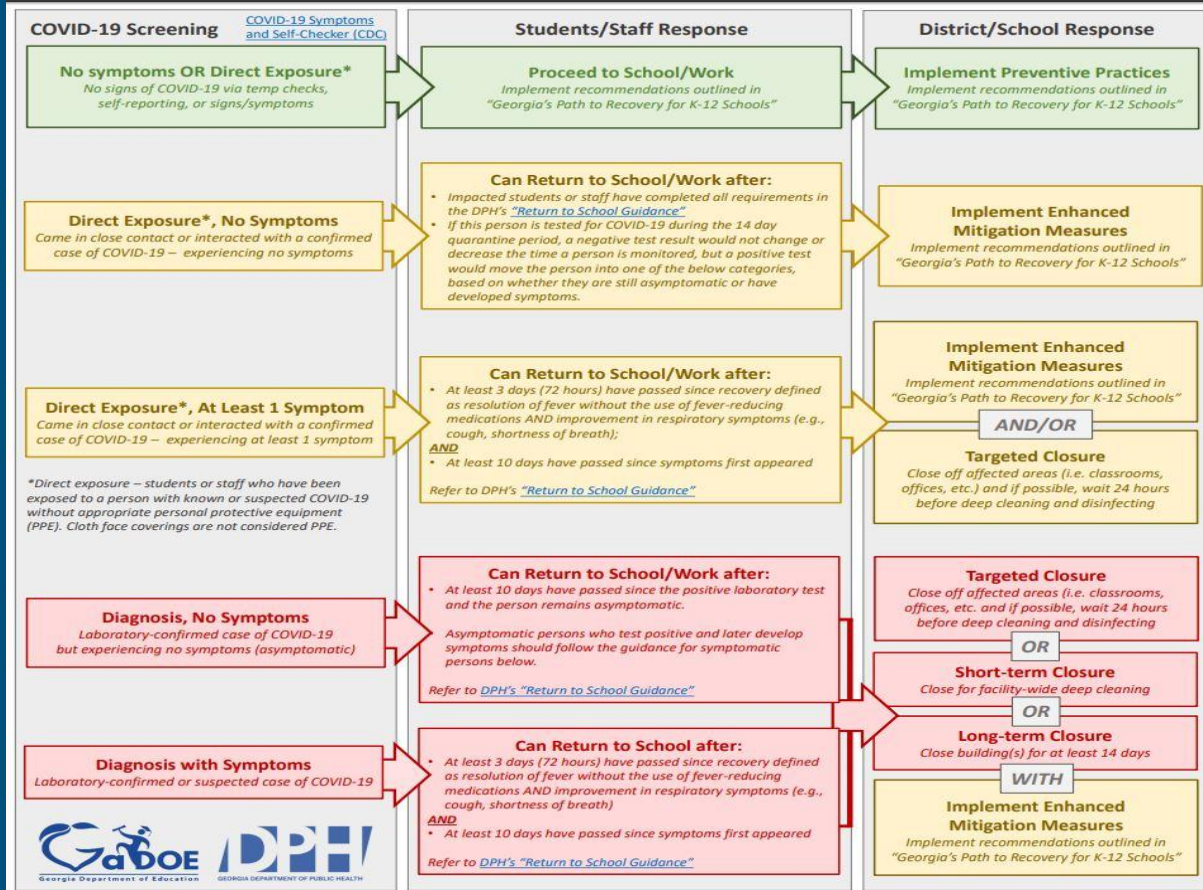
Plexiglass barriers installed at concession and ticket stands.

3 | Highly Restrictive High Risk

All athletics and extracurricular activities cancelled.



Return to School Guidance - 7/14/2020



*Direct exposure – students or staff who have been exposed to a person with known or suspected COVID-19 without appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE). Cloth face coverings are not considered PPE.

The Haralson County School District is committed to providing a meaningful educational experience while protecting the safety and health of it's students, staff and stakeholders. If you have questions or need more specific information, you can visit our Facebook page or our district website at www.haralson.k12.ga.us

You may also call us at the numbers below. We recommend that parents make their child's school the first point of contact for any issue. Our staff are happy to assist you in any way.

- **Haralson County High School** **770-574-7647**
- **Haralson County Middle School** **770-646-8600**
- **Tallapoosa Primary School** **770-574-7444**
- **West Haralson Elementary School** **770-574-7060**
- **Buchanan Primary School** **770-646-5523**
- **Buchanan Elementary School** **770-646-5140**
- **Haralson County District Office** **770-574-2500**
- **Haralson County Transportation** **770-646-5532**

Thank You

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