

Union City Schools



2020-2021 School Re-Opening Plan

July 2020

Union City Schools believes that being in a “normal” school setting is what is best for children; intellectually, socially and emotionally. As recently noted by the American Academy of Pediatrics, “schools are fundamental to child and adolescent development and well-being and provide our children and adolescents with academic instruction, social and emotional skills, safety, reliable nutrition, physical/speech and mental health therapy, and opportunities for physical activity, among other benefits.” We also believe that we are a very important player in the economy of our community and Northwest Tennessee and therefore need to be in school so that parents can return to work.

Union City Schools plan to return to school in August. The safety of our students and employees is our number one priority and we have taken steps to assure that. In the following pages of this document you notice the many changes and precautions that we are taking. The key changes we have made is that we no longer contract our cleaning of the buildings and we have replaced all HVAC units in the system. Longtime health department director, Mr. Tim James, is now our Director of Custodial Services. He is committed to making sure our buildings are clean and safe. The new HVAC systems in all buildings provide a better circulation with an optimum combination of outside and inside air for the best comfort and air quality.

The COVID-19 pandemic is an ongoing situation that can change daily. These guidelines and protocols will be continually evaluated and adjusted to meet the needs of Union City Schools. The Level in which we will be operating will be done on a week-to-week basis with the determination being announced on the preceding Friday. The Level will be determined by a combination of school spread and county spread.

Prevention Plan

- I. Every student and faculty member will have his/her temperature checked every morning before entering. Bus riders will have their temperatures checked before loading buses.

Any faculty or student with a temperature of 100.4 (and higher) will not be allowed at school until their temperature is back to normal range or they have clearance from a medical doctor.
- II. All desks will be sanitized between classes.
- III. Classrooms will be arranged so that all students face the same direction.
- IV. Classrooms will be arranged to maximize space and social distance to the best extent possible.
- V. Every classroom will have a hand sanitizer dispenser and paper towel dispenser.
- VI. Water fountains will be off limits in Levels 2-4. Each student will be allowed to bring a water bottle to school with them.
- VII. All gym and P.E. equipment will be wiped down between classes and drills.
- VIII. All visitors must call in advance and set up an appointment before entering a building. All visitors must have a temperature check and mask issued before entering. Delivery personnel (UPS, FedEx, etc..) must have a temperature check before entering.
- IX. Bus seats are to be cleaned and disinfected after each route.
- X. All cafeteria workers must wear masks at all times.
- XI. Cafeterias will operate at 50% seating. Some classes will eat lunch in the classroom, outside, or other locations.
- XII. Masks should not have writing or graphics unless Union City school spirited
- XIII. All bus drivers, driver assistants and bus riders must wear a mask while on routes.
- XIV. Online school option is available to any student. Online option is per nine weeks.

Exposure Plan

- I. If a student or staff member tests positive for COVID-19 then that individual is to abide CDC guidelines of being around others. (Exhibit 1)

In the event of a positive case, the parents of all that were exposed to the positive case will be notified.

- II. If a student is positive for COVID-19 and is home quarantined, then distance learning options will be in effect.
- III. If an employee or student resides in a household with someone that has Covid -19, then they should contact their building principal. In this event the student or employee must quarantine for 14 days.

- IV. Explanation of “exposure”:

Individual who has had close contact (< 6 feet) for ≥ 15 minutes

With a

Person with COVID-19 who has symptoms (in the period from 2 days before symptom onset until they meet criteria for discontinuing home isolation; can be laboratory-confirmed or a clinically compatible illness)

Or with a

Person who has tested positive for COVID-19 (laboratory confirmed) but has not had any symptoms (in the 2 days before the date of specimen collection until they meet criteria for discontinuing home isolation).

Or

Direct coughing or kissing from a positive Covid -19 person.

Note: This is irrespective of whether the person with COVID-19 or the contact was wearing a cloth face covering or whether the contact was wearing respiratory personal protective equipment (PPE).

Exhibit 1(CDC Recommendations)

If you have or think you might have COVID-19, it is important to stay home and away from other people. Staying away from others helps stop the spread of COVID-19. **If you have [an emergency warning sign \(including trouble breathing\)](#)**, get emergency medical care immediately.

When you can be around others (end home isolation) depends on different factors for different situations.

Find CDC's recommendations for your situation below.

- **I think or know I had COVID-19, and I had symptoms**

You can be with others after

- 3 days with no fever **and**
- Respiratory symptoms have improved (e.g. cough, shortness of breath) **and**
- 10 days since symptoms first appeared

Depending on your healthcare provider's advice and availability of testing, you might get tested to see if you still have COVID-19. If you will be tested, you can be around others when you have no fever, respiratory symptoms have improved, and you receive two negative test results in a row, at least 24 hours apart.

- **I tested positive for COVID-19 but had no symptoms**

If you continue to have no symptoms, you can be with others after:

- 10 days have passed since test

Depending on your healthcare provider's advice and availability of testing, you might get tested to see if you still have COVID-19. If you will be tested, you can be around others after you receive two negative test results in a row, at least 24 hours apart.

If you develop symptoms after testing positive, follow the guidance above for "I think or know I had COVID, and I had symptoms."

UNION CITY SCHOOLS	LEVEL 1	LEVEL 2	LEVEL 3	LEVEL 4
INSTRUCTION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Classes will be offered in traditional setting. *School in session with no restrictions, *Digital learning will be offered. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Classes will be offered in traditional setting. Students will follow social distancing to the extent possible. *Digital learning will be offered. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Pre-K thru 4 will attend on campus in spread over all UC buildings. *Grades 5 thru 12 will be on hybrid plan *All CDC students will be on campus learning daily *Digital learning will be offered. *Students will social distance to the extent possible. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *All learning will take place at home. *Pre-K thru 12 online learning will be done thru UCSS using Teams platform.
FACEMASKS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *School will be in session with no restrictions. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Facemasks are required on buses. *Facemasks are highly recommended in grades PreK-4 when social distancing is not feasible. *Facemasks are required in grades 5-12 when indoors and social distancing is not feasible. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Facemasks are required on buses. *Facemasks are required when indoors and social distancing is not feasible. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *All learning will take place at home.
MEALS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *School will be in session with no restrictions. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Pre-K thru 12th will eat in the cafeteria with social distancing and utilization of additional eating places in classrooms as needed. *Meal pick up will be available for online learners. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Pre-K thru 12th will eat in the cafeteria with social distancing and utilization of additional eating places in classrooms as needed. *Meal pick up available for online learners. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *All learning will take place at home. Meal pick up and delivery will be available.
CLEANING	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Daily cleaning and disinfection will continue. *Hand sanitizers are available in all classrooms 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Frequently touched surfaces will be disinfected between transitions as best as possible. *Shared objects will be disinfected between transitions as best as possible. *Hand sanitizers are available in all classrooms. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Frequently touched surfaces will be disinfected between transitions as best as possible. *Shared objects will be disinfected between transitions as best as possible. *Hand sanitizers are available in all classrooms. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *All learning will take place at home. *Buildings will be disinfected.
TRANSPORTATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *School will be in session with no restrictions. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Facemasks are mandatory. *Temperature checks will be done before boarding the bus. *Buses will be disinfected after each bus route. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Facemasks are mandatory. *Temperature checks will be done before boarding the bus. *Buses will be disinfected after each bus route. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *All learning will take place at home.
ATHLETICS/BAND	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *School will be in session with no restrictions. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Temperature checks will be done before participation. *Equipment disinfected after use. *Social distancing to extent possible. *No Shared water bottles. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Temperature checks will be done before participation. *Equipment disinfected after use. *Social distancing to extent possible. *No Shared water bottles. *Facemasks if possible. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Participation suspended.

Hybrid Plan for Grades 5-12

Union City Schools	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Grades 5 th -8 th Last name A-L	In-person instruction at UCMS	Online instruction at home	In-person instruction at UCMS	Online instruction at home	Flex-Friday
Grades 5 th -8 th Last name M-Z	Online instruction at home	In-person instruction at UCMS	Online instruction at home	In-person instruction at UCMS	Flex-Friday
Grades 9-12 Last name A-L	Online instruction at home	Online instruction at home	In-person instruction at UCHS	Online instruction at home	Flex-Friday
Grades 9-12 Last name M-Z	Online instruction at home	In-person instruction at UCHS	Online instruction at home	Online instruction at home	Flex-Friday

- Flex-Fridays will be a combination of online and in person. Those students needing in person instruction on a Flex-Friday will be notified by the end of the day on Wednesday.

