

Pikeville Independent Schools

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Panther Families:

It has consistently been the goal of Pikeville Independent Schools to be transparent, forthcoming and to communicate clearly in all circumstances as we deal with an everchanging and fluid situation. Today, I was informed of two positive cases of COVID-19 in the Pikeville Independent system. Both positives were discovered today and immediately reported by our team members who followed our protocol for this situation perfectly. These are the first two cases for Pikeville Independent since beginning virtual/small group instruction on August 26th, 2020. The cases involve:

- one employee of Pikeville High School
- one employee of Pikeville Elementary School.

Upon any report of a positive case or other COVID-19 situation, we immediately begin collaboration with the Pike County Health Department, who handles the contact tracing and guidance for the situation. After our collaboration today, it has been determined that as a result of the employees following proper social distancing, masking, hand washing and other mitigation strategies, along with limited numbers currently in our schools due to our hybrid model, there is minimal risk of exposure to students and staff members of either school. As always, it has been requested that parents have a heightened awareness of any symptoms that might occur with their children or themselves. In all situations of a positive case, any student or staff member who must quarantine will be notified by the Pike County Health Department, and those numbers will be shared on our dashboard that is updated each weekday.

Pikeville Independent Schools would like to thank the Pike County Health Department and the Floyd County Health Department for the efficient work in these situations and for the communication that continually takes place between members of their team and our district. We would also like to thank the students and team members of our district for their hard work in following proper protocols to continually assure our schools are safe environments for everyone who enter their doors. We continue to have stringent requirements at school activities, and we appreciate members of our community working hard to follow those requirements in order to allow both in-person instruction and activities to take place.

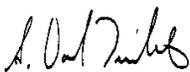
As was originally planned, Pikeville Independent will remain on our “yellow” model to begin next week. We will continue on this model through October 9th. As a reminder the schedule for next week is below:

- Group A will be in-person on Monday, September 28th
- Group B will be in-person on Tuesday, September 29th
- We will be all virtual on Wednesday, September 30th
- Fall Break is Thursday, October 1st and Friday, October 2nd.

Plans for the week beginning October 12th will be announced on or before Friday, October 2nd. As the Department for Public Health has switched to a localized, color-coded model for school determination, it is greatly appreciated that our community continues to work to reduce our number of cases by following mitigation strategies in order to assure our kids can continue in-person instruction.

It is a pleasure for each member of our team to have the opportunity to educate the children of Pikeville Independent. We hope each of you have a safe and great weekend. Go Panthers!

Sincerely,



S. David Trimble
Superintendent