



COVINGTON INDEPENDENT PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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ALVIN L. GARRISON
Superintendent of Schools

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Dear Covington Families:

Covington Independent Public Schools is committed to keeping you up to date on any developments related to COVID-19. We remain in contact with state and local officials regarding the coronavirus. To stop the further spread of the coronavirus, Governor Beshear on Wednesday advised all Kentucky superintendents to be prepared to close schools on short notice, specifically within 72 hours of his call. Our schools plan to remain open until we are advised to close by state officials and/or the local health department.

If the governor should make such an announcement, the district will notify staff and parents immediately of next steps for our district via letter, one call and social media.

Please note, in the event that schools close, we have prepared action plans to provide grade-appropriate educational activities for students. (Please see other side of this letter). In addition, our Nutrition Department is coordinating with community partners to continue to feed our students. More details will follow if a closure should occur.

Parents should also know that we are following the governor's guidance to suspend all non-essential travel. With that said all school field trips have been canceled until further notice.

In the meantime, please continue the following to protect yourself and your family:

- Avoid touching eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Wash hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- Do not share food, drinks or eating/drinking utensils.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Stay home when sick.
- Cough or sneeze into an elbow or use a tissue and place immediately in the trash.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.

We will keep staff, families and community updated as we get more information. We most certainly thank you for your continued support during this important time.

Sincerely,

Alvin L. Garrison
Superintendent



Covington Independent Public Schools Non-Traditional Instructional (NTI) School Day

The Non-Traditional Instruction Program (NTI) is a program that encourages the continuation of academic instruction on days when school would otherwise be canceled. Covington has created plans to deliver instruction to every student in the district on NTI days, with the ultimate goal of continuing education. Students are required to complete and return the work. Besides continuing instruction on days when schools are closed, NTI days mean that students will not have to make-up the missed days at the end of the school year.

Instructional Delivery Model

Both digital and hard copy content will be available for students on Non-Traditional Instructional Days. Student assignments will be available to access on our district website or picked up at your home school if you do not have internet access. The link will be on our district website's homepage under the COVID-19 link.

Specific assignments will be made to students

Digital learning students will use:

K-3 : Footsteps 2 Brilliance

K-8: Boardworks

9-12: Digital Learning Tool: All assignments will be available in Google Classroom

Content

Instructions for accessing digital content will be provided by your child's school or on the district website. Hard copy packets and workbooks will also be made available at each school if you do not have internet access.

Communications

A One-Call will be made to all parents, students and staff announcing Non-Traditional Instructional Days as well as both district and school social media outlets.

Accountability

Students will be required to complete all tasks assigned during a non-traditional instructional day. Extended time and/or other supports will be available for those circumstances whereby the work could not be completed due to extenuating circumstances.

Availability

All teachers are required to maintain a minimum of an online presence during the regular school day. Parents or students can either email or call the school for assistance as needed.

Questions

Contact your child's teacher or school principal. See school websites for phone numbers and emails.

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