



## WCS Reopening Framework FAQ: Health Screenings

### **Where will my child go through the health screening?**

Students entering the school will go through health screening at designated locations at each school. This may be as students exit the cars or buses depending on the school or may be at a designated entry point.

### **Should I do a health screening on my child before I send/take them to school?**

Yes. Parents should do health screenings before sending their children to school. This should include taking the child's temperature and an assessing for the six basic COVID-19 questions found on page 13 of the WCS Reopening Framework.

### **Will my child have to wear a mask while going through health screening?**

Yes. Students waiting/going through health screening will wear their mask.

### **How will my child's temperature be taken?**

During the health screening process, student's forehead temperatures will be taken by school staff using no-touch thermometers.

### **Why are the schools taking temperatures on the forehead?**

The manufacturer's recommendation for the Dikang Medical Infrared Thermometer is forehead use only. These medical grade thermometers are safe and do not penetrate the skin or skull. There has been a great deal of misinformation about these type of thermometers. These devices are being used by healthcare, government and commercial facilities across Williamson County as well as the State of Tennessee. The thermometers were purchased and provided to WCS by the TN Department of Health and the TN Emergency Management Agency.



### **Will my child be asked questions about their general health during the health screening?**

Yes. Students will be asked if they have any of the COVID-19 symptoms as established by the CDC and shown on page 13 of the WCS Reopening Framework document. Elementary schools will ask these questions in an age appropriate manner. It is important that parents prepare their younger students to be able to answer these questions each day.

### **Why are health screenings being done at the school rather than while getting on the bus?**

Health screenings will be done at the school where an isolation room will be available and staffed by school personnel who can monitor any students who do not pass the screening until their parent can pick them up. We cannot leave a child at the bus stop if they do not pass the temperature check and there is no parent to take care of the child.