

Dear educators,

The 2020-2021 Response to Active Shooter video, produced by the Department of Criminal Justice Training (DOCJT), is designed to be watched as a group by school staff. This is to help initiate discussion and also to provide support for anyone who may experience anxiety watching a video on this subject matter.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, social distancing recommendations have been made by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), the Kentucky Department for Public Health (DPH), and the Kentucky Department of Education (KDE). Schools should follow Team Kentucky #HealthyAtSchool guidance for activities occurring at school or involving school staff and/or students. These guidelines, included in full in the link below, also apply to watching this video.

https://education.ky.gov/comm/Documents/Safety%20Expectations_FINAL%20DOC.pdf.

Guidelines for in-person video viewing:

- Attendees are to be separated by at least six feet.
- If six-foot separation is not possible, masks are to be worn by attendees.

Suggestions if the entire school staff will not be able to view the video as a group:

- Have each grade level watch the video together. This would assist them in developing plans for their students and specific locations.
- Teachers who instruct multiple grades should watch the video with other staff who share locations.
- Cafeteria staff should watch the video together.
- Transportation staff should watch the video together and discuss their unique situations as events may unfold on a school bus.
- Custodial staff should watch the video together and coordinate with administration regarding their response to any situation.
- Most importantly, all groups should communicate plans and ideas to school administration, and assigned school resource officers, if available. Any questions that involve the whole staff should be addressed. If a school has questions, they should reach out to the district School Safety Coordinator for clarification with local law enforcement or the Kentucky Center for School Safety.

Thank you,



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