

When and Why Are Students and Staff Asked to Lockdown, Shelter-In-Place or Evacuate?

A school crisis can take a number of forms including an environmental event, such as a chemical spill or gas leak; a weather emergency, such as a tornado warning; or an intruder in or near the school. The nature of a school crisis dictates whether school officials will put in place a lockdown, shelter-in-place, evacuation, or any combination of these protocols, as a means to ensure the safety and well-being of students and staff.



***Your Child's Safety:
Our #1 Priority***

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DO tune in to local TV/Radio stations
DO rely on official communication from the school or public safety officials via One-Call, e-mail and/or text
DO check our website

DO NOT panic!
DO NOT call or rush to your child's school. You may have difficulty getting through due to procedures in place designed to keep your child safe.



Cumberland County School Emergency Information Guide



For Parents and Guardians



Safety Terms and Procedures

In the event of an emergency at your child's school it is important to know the following terms:

LOCKDOWN

A lockdown takes place if an internal or external threat is identified at or near the school. All school doors are locked and students are confined to classrooms. NO entry into or exit from the school will be allowed until an "all-clear" announcement is made. Students will NOT be released during a lockdown.

SHELTER-IN-PLACE

Students take refuge in designated areas to protect them from hazardous materials or severe weather. NO entry into or exit from the school will be allowed until an "all-clear" announcement is made. Students will NOT be released during shelter-in-place.

EVACUATION

In the event of certain building emergencies, students will be relocated to a relocation site. Students will be released ONLY to parents/guardians with a photo ID who are on the official school student release and permission list. This procedure is necessary to account for the whereabouts of all students.



What Should I Do During a School Emergency?

When an emergency occurs that affects the school, a parent can get important information by doing one of the following:

- Visit the Cumberland County school website at www.cland.kyschools.us. In an emergency, the home page will give critical information.
- Check your email or text messages if you are a subscriber to Cumberland County's online parent notification (to become a prescriber visit, www.cland.kyschools.us and click on "notification" on the top menu bar).
- Tune in to local radio station, WKYR 107.9 for critical information and updates.



In a school emergency, the first instinct as a parent is to pick up the telephone and start calling the school or rush to the school to get your child/children. The truth is, this only complicates matters from a safety and security standpoint.

Parents too close to an incident often hinder the rescue attempts of police and fire officials on the scene. The BEST action parents can take in an emergency is to stay close to their phone and e-mail and to monitor local radio and TV reports for regular updates and instructions.

How Can I Be Reunited With My Child?

Whether students are at the school or relocated to another site for Parent Reunification, the relocation site will be announced by e-mail, text, or one call and posted on our website.

Also, the local radio station will make announcements regarding where to pick up your child/children. (The reunification process can be time-consuming, so parents are urged to be patient.)



Cumberland County Schools Parent/Guardian Emergency Tip Card

Carry this card at all times.

During an emergency parents can learn important information by doing one of the following:

- Visit www.cland.kyschools.us for critical up-to-date information
- Listen to local radio station, WKYR 107.9
- Check-email and text messages and wait for one call notifications/instructions.