



**FAIRFIELD  
PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

# Finish Strong



Schools, individuals, and families all have a role to play in protecting in-person learning for the remainder of the school year.

Describing this school year as challenging would be an understatement. We are extremely grateful to the entire Fairfield Public Schools community for your patience and hard work as we continue to adapt to changing circumstances during the pandemic. Our success this school year is a testament to your willingness to work together and protect each other.

As vaccines continue to be distributed, as the weather warms, and as outdoor activities increase, there is hope that we may begin to get back closer to our pre-COVID lives.

However, with the spread of more contagious virus variants and many other unknown variables, DPH and CSDE continue to urge everyone to take a cautious approach to activities at this time as expanding too much, too quickly could result in a significant rebound of community spread and a further loss of in-person learning opportunities.

**Now is the time for us to maintain our efforts for the remainder of the school year and Finish Strong!**

## *At school*

- Wear a multi-layer cloth mask at all times while on school grounds.
- Frequent hand washing or sanitizing, especially when sharing materials.
- Maintain distance from others to the extent possible and avoid large groups.
- Stay seated, masked, and do not interact in close contact with others on the bus.
- Be aware of any symptoms that develop and stay home or leave school if symptoms develop, whether or not you think they are related to something other than COVID-19.
- Get tested if you experience any symptoms or if you have been in contact with anyone with COVID-19 and stay out of school until you get a negative test result back.

## *Outside of school*

- **Use all the same mitigation strategies that you use in school (listed above) when you are in public or around individuals outside of your household, especially during sports or other group activities.**
- **Do not assume that because someone has no symptoms or because you know and trust them that they are not a risk for COVID-19 infection.**
- Avoid unnecessary public interactions and consolidate errands into fewer trips.
- Move activities outdoors when possible to allow for additional spacing and air dilution, especially if gathering with individuals outside your immediate household.

If we all continue to work together with the goal of keeping our schools open and do all we can to keep each other healthy and safe, we will have a successful end to this school year and **Finish Strong!**