



FAIRFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan 2021-22

District Statement:

As we approached the start of the 2020 - 2021 school year, Fairfield Public Schools committed to a [Reopening Plan](#) that was practical and responsive to the needs of students, staff, and the community, while adhering to the parameters laid out in [Adapt, Advance, Achieve: Connecticut's Plan to Learn and Grow Together](#). Following our plan allowed us to bring PK-12 students back for full-time, in-person learning in March 2021.

Given our extensive work during the pandemic, we are well positioned for a safe return for the 2021-2022 school year. Currently, we are planning for a full return in the Fall, while adhering to any ongoing local, state and federal requirements, as we did during this school year.

Mitigation Strategies:

Strategies follow current State of Connecticut guidance and may change as a result of updates.

Beginning in September 2021, Fairfield Public Schools will implement the following mitigation measures:

- All students and staff will be required to wear masks when inside the schools
- Mask use in outdoor settings will be required at distances of 3 feet or less
- Social distancing of 3 feet will be maintained in all settings including lunch spaces
- Students will be in cohorts whenever possible
- Ventilation will be continuously monitored to ensure necessary air flow
- Schools will be cleaned and sanitized according to adopted procedures
- Contact tracing will be conducted in cooperation with the Fairfield Health Department
- The school system will use COVID screening tests in cooperation with the Fairfield Health Department
- Vaccination clinics will be publicized through school communication channels
- The district will maintain health and safety protocols and policies to support the individual needs of students and staff.

Learning Model:

Beginning in September 2021, Fairfield Public Schools will implement an in-person learning model.

Student learning will be supported with:

- Social emotional screening and counseling support (p.55)
- Staff training in equity and anti-bias measures
- Identification of students needs for grade level skills and acceleration of instruction, with additional tutoring support as needed
- Collaborative grade and department work to align instruction in support of student learning needs

Additional Resources:

[Fairfield Public Schools Reopening Plan](#)

This document was originally created in July 2020, and submitted to the CT State Department of Education, as required. It outlines, in detail, our safe return to school, in compliance with all necessary health and safety mitigation strategies. This plan was updated through the school year, most recently as of March 8, 2021 to reflect the return to full-time, in-person instruction for PK-12. It will continue to be reviewed every six months.

Please provide comments to this plan [using this survey form](#). Thank you.