

FENTON PRIMARY CENTER

COVID – CAMPUS SAFETY UPDATE

July 26, 2021

Dear Parents and Guardians:

We want to update our families regarding the current situation. We are following all health and safety guidelines to insure all students are safe to return. As of today, all students are expected to return to school for in-person learning. Below we will explain what we are doing to insure a safe return to school.

VISITING FPC CAMPUS:

At this time, we are not allowing any parents or family members on campus without approval from administration. Families may visit the office window anytime between 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

CLASSROOMS AND INSIDE BUILDING

Spacing - There will be a maximum of 20 students in each classroom. This will allow for a minimum of three feet in between each student.

Plexiglass – Every classroom will continue to use plexiglass between students.

Air Filtration – Each classroom is equipped with an industrial hospital grade air purifier and an air conditioning system with Merv-13 filters. These filters are replaced every three months. The two air systems will keep the air the students breath as clean as possible.

Disinfecting Clorox 360 Machines – We have three disinfecting machines that are used to disinfect every classroom, restroom, and high traffic area. These machines are used after the school campus closes and before the school campus opens.

Custodial Staff – We have six full time staff members helping maintain the building clean while students are on campus. The custodial staff are disinfecting areas throughout the day.

SAFETY GUIDELINES:

Fenton Charter Public Schools follows all L.A. County Department of Public Health Guidelines. As guidelines change and are revised, we will modify our practices and inform our parent community immediately. As of July 1, 2021, the following guidelines will be implemented.

Please visit <http://www.ph.lacounty.gov/media/Coronavirus/> to view current health orders.

- **Masking:** All students/staff will be required to wear masks indoors. Masks can be removed to eat at recess, lunch, and psychomotor. Masks must be worn properly (over the mouth and nose). Paper masks will be available for students on campus.
- **Screening:** All students/staff will be screened for an elevated temperature prior to entering campus. If a child begins to show symptoms of illness, he or she will be screened at the health office and parents will be notified for pick up.
- **Hand Hygiene:** Students will be provided handwashing breaks and frequent use of hand sanitizer.
- **Physical Distancing:** Evidence indicates that in-person instruction can occur safely without minimum physical distancing requirements when other mitigation strategies (e.g., masking) are implemented. This is consistent with CDC K-12 School Guidance. We will still monitor this in each classroom as explained above.

- **Monitoring Illness:** All families are required to screen their children before coming on campus. If your child exhibits any of the following symptoms, please keep them at home: fever of 99.5 or above, trouble breathing, chills, muscle aches, sore throat, loss of smell or taste, nausea or vomiting, or headache.
- **Weekly Covid-19 Testing:** All students and staff on campus will participate in weekly saliva COVID-19 testing. This test is mandatory for anyone who will be on campus. FCPS has contracted with an excellent company, CoVerify and a nurse will be on site for testing. All students must test negative prior to returning on August 10th. We have scheduled the following testing dates prior to school starting:
 - **Monday, August 2nd - 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. (TK and K)**
 - **Tuesday, August 3rd - 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. (1st Grade)**
 - **Wednesday, August 4th - 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. (2nd Grade)**
- If you are new to Fenton Primary Center please register your child for COVID Testing at: <https://flowhealth.jotform.com/210597574088164>
- **Notification of Exposure:** In the event of a positive Covid-19 case, a letter will be sent to impacted students and parents. Quarantine rules vary greatly based on masking, vaccination status, and close contact.

STUDENT SUPPLIES:

Students are allowed the following:

- **Backpacks** are optional and should only hold the following items: iPad, bottle of water, snack, extra face mask. Your teacher will send you additional information.
- **Your Fenton Primary Center iPads** will travel back and forth daily from home to school. Please make sure the device is CHARGED before coming to school. PLEASE CHECK NOW. When the device starts you might receive a message to return it to get upgraded. This will save us time prior to the waiting for the first week of school.
- **Students will be provided individual school supplies** in their classroom. Students will not need to bring supplies to school such as pencils, crayons, paper, etc. as these will be provided to each child.
- **Water Bottles will be provided.** We will not use water fountains, but will provide small water bottles. We will provide these for the students. Students are welcome to bring their own water bottle as well.

OPTIONS TO STAY HOME:

We look forward to seeing all students back on campus. We are currently assessing the need for families who want to opt-out of in-person learning. We do want to emphasize that students will maximize their learning by attending school on campus. If you opt-out your child will be placed on a contracted independent study and assigned a virtual teacher and not a Fenton Primary Center Teacher. We strongly believe that children in the primary grades will benefit from coming to school in-person and on campus. If you still interested in the virtual learning independent study option please complete the SURVEY at this link: <https://forms.gle/aCf1UvWcY4b3YTAN6>

We thank you for your patience and understanding. We are looking forward to serving your child and providing a world-class education!

Sincerely,

Richard Parra
Director