



Franklin County Schools

Reopening Plan 2021-2022

August 3, 2021

Franklin County Schools considers in-person learning the most optimal setting for our students. We are welcoming all students back to school buildings for five days a week of instruction. Our goal is to provide the opportunity for students to return to the traditional school setting, while keeping the health, safety, and well-being of our school community a top priority. Franklin County Schools will continue to work with the Franklin County Health Department and abide by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) social distancing guidelines to prepare for its five-day return. We will continue to follow protocols aligned with health guidance to ensure we are doing everything we can to protect the health of our students and staff. This plan has been

formed with information that is currently available and will continue to be updated as additional information is provided from the Kentucky Department of Education and Public Health Services.

Masks WILL be required on school buses for all students (preschool through 12th grade). This is required under a Centers for Disease Control and Prevention order.

To ensure we have a flexible plan that allows us to adjust to our local, state, and national COVID rates throughout the 2021-22 school year, we will implement a three-tiered response plan:

Level 1: Students and staff will have the OPTION of wearing masks or face coverings at school and on district property. Parents/guardians of students, as well as staff members, have the choice of deciding whether to mask or unmask in Franklin County schools. This choice is available to all parents/guardians on behalf of their child and to all staff members, regardless of vaccination status. Franklin County Schools supports the recommendation of the CDC for people who are unvaccinated to wear masks while indoors.

While operating in Level 1, community health and safety data will be monitored. If COVID-19 positive cases increase inside a classroom, a campus, and/or across the district, decisions to require mask-wearing will be adjusted accordingly.

Parents are requested to screen students before allowing them to go to school and/or get on a bus. It is essential that parents understand the necessity of screening students for COVID symptoms before allowing them to attend school.

- Students with a temperature of 100 or higher should remain home and parents should contact their child's school regarding the symptoms. Students should be symptom-free for 24 hours without fever-reducing medication before being allowed to return to school.

Franklin County Schools will collaborate with designated health officials to determine when a quarantine or positive student can return to school.

Again, masks WILL be required on school buses for all students (preschool through 12th grade). This is required under a Centers for Disease Control and Prevention order.

Franklin County Schools will adhere to maintaining three feet of physical distancing where possible. This is not available in all settings due to the number of students, building space limitations and/or available staff/supervision. When distancing is not possible in a classroom setting, pods may be utilized as a means to limit exposures and/or quarantines.

Classroom seating charts will be maintained to assist with contact tracing and quarantines.

Staff will continue to teach, reinforce, and practice handwashing with soap and water for 30 seconds or use approved hand sanitizer containing at least 60% alcohol.

The custodial staff will continue the COVID-19 custodial cleaning regimen in all schools.

Hand sanitizing stations will be located in every classroom, entry/exit points and high traffic areas.

All schools will continue to provide an isolation area for symptomatic staff/students. Symptomatic individuals will be required to mask while awaiting pickup of parent or guardian.

Franklin County Schools will continue to limit visitors to schools. Buildings will be open to essential personnel and essential direct access providers/vendors.

Vaccinated individuals will not be required to quarantine in the event of a positive contact.

Individuals who have had COVID-19 within the previous 3 months will not be required to quarantine in the event of a positive contact.

The district will continue to work with local officials to monitor community transmission, school transmission, vaccination coverage and other factors that will guide any need to alter health protocols.

Any change in protocols will be communicated as soon as possible for quick actions.

Franklin County Schools will immediately and appropriately comply with any federal, state or local mandates pertaining to COVID-19.

Level 2:

This plan includes all mitigation strategies from Level 1 with the additional adjustment:

- **All students and staff who are not vaccinated will be required to wear a mask or face coverings at school and on district property.**

Level 3:

This plan includes all mitigation strategies from Level 1 with the additional adjustment:

- **All students and staff will be required to wear a mask or face coverings at school and on district property.**