

# Safe Return to In-Person Instruction & Continuity of Services Plan



**Fulton School  
District #58**



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# Welcome Back to FPS

Fulton Public Schools Families and Staff,

As we enter another school year, we will continue to be affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. We will continue to make all decisions with our student's health, safety, and education in mind. We appreciate your flexibility and understanding as we navigate these new territories together!

As with last year the climate of COVID-19 is ever-changing and as health experts learn more, this plan will likely evolve. FPS understands this and will continuously update and adapt as updated recommendations come about. The guidance set out in this plan pertains specifically to our school settings and community. These operations may differ from the guidance provided to the general public.

The recommendations included in this document are subject to adjustment as conditions change. Again, thank you for your support as we make decisions #forOURkids!

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# Continuity of Services

Procedures have been developed to support the continuity of services for students should an interruption of in-person instruction occur. If excluded from the school setting, a Chromebook will be provided to each student. A hotspot will also be available for checkout if the student doesn't have WiFi access at home. The hotspot will be collected upon return to in-person instruction.

Depending on the grade level and specific needs of the student, teachers will use a variety of instructional strategies including, but not limited to remote participation through video, interactive lessons shared through Google Classroom, regular virtual meetings with the classroom teacher, and/or school counselor or social worker. If Homebound services prove to be more appropriate for the student the school will locate a tutor and provide 5 hours of one-to-one instruction over the course of a week.

FPS has a well-developed system of social, emotional, and mental health supports throughout the district. Each level utilizes some degree of classroom meeting, advisory, or seminar period where social-emotional learning content is either embedded or taught. In addition to employing the recommended number of professional school counselors at each attendance center, FPS has employed five full-time social workers or home school liaison to support the social, emotional, and mental wellness of students and staff. Whether in-person or learning remotely during quarantine, specialized staff will check in with students on a regular basis to ensure their social, emotional, and mental health needs are being met.

# KEY PRIORITIES

## Goals of FPS Return to School Plan:

- Continue in-person learning as a district. The importance of in-person learning is well-documented in children and as such a primary goal for FPS. Beyond the educational impact, there has been a substantial impact on social interactions, mental health, food security, and physical activity for children and families. Our goal is to keep our students as close to a traditional educational setting as possible while putting in safeguards for their health and safety.
- Maintain and promote the health and safety of our students and community as a whole by utilizing information and guidance from the Callaway County Health Department, Department of Health and Senior Services, and the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education to adjust and progress through this plan.

### Our Return to School Plan is built around the following foundational priorities:

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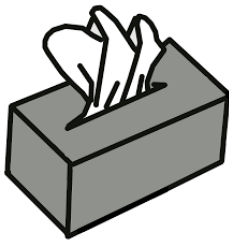
# SANITATION

- During school hours, custodians will thoroughly clean high-touch surfaces throughout the building regularly.
- Classrooms and other common spaces will be cleaned and disinfected regularly.
- Cleaning materials and hand sanitizer will be readily available. Staff will be expected to support the cleaning and disinfecting of classroom surfaces and supplies as needed.
- Hand washing stations with soap and/or hand sanitizer will be available in classrooms, commonly used areas, and at the entrances and exits of all buildings.
- Drinking fountains with refillable water bottle stations have been installed and can be used for individual drinking containers.
- All school buses will be thoroughly sanitized regularly.

## Keeping your child and family safe at home *Tips to help control the spread of illness*



Wash hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Use alcohol-based hand sanitizer if soap and water are unavailable.



Cough or sneeze into your elbow or tissue. Throw the tissue in the trash. Wash hands or use hand sanitizer.



Avoid touching your face with unwashed hands.



Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.



Avoid contact with people who are sick and stay home if you are sick.

# PARENT EXPECTATIONS

## STAY WELL HORNETS



**Not Feeling Well?  
STAY HOME**

**BEFORE YOU DROP-OFF YOUR STUDENT AT SCHOOL OR  
BEFORE THEY GET ON THE BUS PLEASE DO THIS!!**

### **Daily Self Assessment**

- Has a public health official or healthcare provider advised you to get tested for COVID-19?
- In the last 48 hours, have you had any of the following NEW symptoms?
  - Fever greater than or equal to  $\geq 100^{\circ}\text{F}$
  - Cough
  - Trouble breathing
  - Chills
  - Muscle aches
  - Sore throat
  - Loss of smell or taste
  - Nausea, vomiting or diarrhea
  - Headache

**IT'S A GREAT DAY TO BE A HORNET!**

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# Bus Safety



Parents who can transport their students to/from school are encouraged to do so to help minimize the number of students riding the bus and allow for minimized contact.



Hand sanitizer will continue to be available to students for boarding and unloading from the bus and students may be assigned seats.

## LIMITED VISITOR ACCESS TO BUILDINGS

- In order to minimize the exposure of all students and staff, outside visitors and parents access to the school building may be limited beyond the secure vestibules or entrances at school buildings.
- Any visitors who do enter the building will be required to enter through the main entrance.
- These restrictions will apply during the school day but may differ somewhat for certain activities or events, which would be optional to attend.

# STAFF & STUDENT SCREENING MEASURES

The district will constantly monitor the number of positive cases occurring within the individual school buildings. Based on the building's positivity rate it will be either "red" or "green" and will have corresponding mitigation protocols. The district will also closely monitor community data and trends via the CDC Community Level tracker

## Green

Range: Active positive cases equal to **0-6%** of total school population.

- Key pillars of COVID Reentry Plan are in place including social distancing, washing hands, staying home when sick.
- Masks are available but not required
- Field trips are permitted.
- School gatherings and assemblies are permitted.
- Close contacts within the school environment will not be excluded from the school setting.
- Visitors supporting educational purposes are permitted

## Red

Range: Active positive cases equal or greater than **6.1%** of total school population.

- Key pillars of COVID Reentry Plan are in place including social distancing, washing hands, staying home when sick.
- Masks are required indoors when social distance of three feet cannot be maintained.
- Field trips may not be permitted
- School gatherings and assemblies may be restricted
- Exclusion from the school setting for unvaccinated close contacts is required.
- Visitors will be restricted



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- If a school is moved from green to red, the corresponding mitigation protocols will remain in place for a minimum of 10 calendar days to allow active cases to return to the school setting from exclusion.
- If after 10 calendar days the percentage of active positive cases within the school environment drops back into the green range, the school will return back to the less restrict protocols.
- Staff and parents will be notified of any changes to levels for their school community.

# PROCEDURES FOR COVID-19 INFECTIONS

## Return to school guidelines following a positive COVID-19 test per current CDC guidelines

### **Persons with COVID-19 who HAVE symptoms:**

- Must be fever free a minimum of 24 hours without fever-reducing medication
- AND have an improvement in symptoms (cough/shortness of breath)
- AND be at least 5 days since symptoms first appeared
- A negative test is not required to return to school
- A mask is expected to be worn for the next 5 days (day 6 through day 10)

### **Persons infected with COVID-19 who NEVER develop COVID-19 symptoms:**

- May return 5 days after the date of their positive test
- A mask is expected to be worn for the next 5 days (day 6 through day 10)

# PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT

- Parents should discuss the importance of social distancing with their students prior to the start of school. It will be difficult to ensure students maintain distance, but it is necessary for staff and students to understand the importance of doing so to prevent exposure.
- Staff and students will be permitted to use masks or face coverings as desired.
- Thermal cameras in each building will continue to be functional.

## Diagnostic Screening and Testing

- Fulton Public School's staff will not offer COVID testing but encourages staff and students to contact their medical care provider. Also they can access a list of COVID-19 testing sites **HERE**
- Fulton Public Schools staff will be excluded from work following current CDC guidelines.

# Vaccinations

- FPS previously hosted a COVID vaccine clinic in conjunction with The Arthur Center for our staff who wanted to receive the vaccine
- FPS is continuing to encourage staff to receive the COVID-19 vaccine
- FPS does not currently mandate COVID vaccinations. Vaccinations are available in the community for those who desire.

# Additional Information

- **APPROPRIATE ACCOMMODATIONS FOR CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES WITH RESPECT TO THE HEALTH AND SAFETY POLICIES**: All students, whether disabled or nondisabled, have had and will continue to have the same level of safety and precautionary efforts taken when students return to school this fall. All students with Individualized Education Plans utilize “Form J” to document specific accommodations for online learning if and as needed. Case Managers for each student ensure all students on their caseloads have access to all of the respective resources based on their unique circumstances.
- **PERIODIC REVIEW & REVISION**: Modifications to this plan will be made in a timely and reasonable manner when necessary. The plan must be reviewed and revised if needed at least every six months in accordance with Federal Guidelines. The plan will be discussed in open meetings for input from stakeholders as well as utilizing surveys to collect input. Updates may be provided to the community via letters, email, social media, and public Board of Education meetings throughout the school year.
- **UNDERSTANDABLE LANGUAGE**: A language translator is currently present on the district website to which the SRCSP is posted. If there is a language not available on the list, the school district will make every effort to have the content of the Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan translated into an understandable language for families wishing to access the content.



# ONLINE RESOURCES

[CDC: Coronavirus Symptoms](#)



[CDC: How to Protect Yourself & Others](#)



[CDC: When and How to Wash Your Hands](#)



[CDC: Community Level Tracker](#)

[CDC: K-12 School Guidance](#)



*The Fulton Public School District's plan is subject to change if local conditions warrant a tightening or loosening of any of the proposed guidelines.*