

COVID-19 Health and Safety Guidelines

The following precautionary measures will be implemented during the 2021-22 school year to promote the health and well-being of students, employees, and families and reduce interruptions to in-person learning.

MASKS

Face coverings are required on school buses and inside school buildings at all times. Mask requirements apply to all students (preschool through 12), employees, contractors, and visitors, regardless of immunization status, with the exception of those who have a medical exemption or exemption determined by an Admissions and Release Committee. Students and staff may lower their masks while outdoors or while actively eating or drinking.

CLEAN HANDS AND HEALTHY HABITS

Frequent hand washing is expected and encouraged. Students and staff should avoid sharing items that are difficult to regularly clean. Everyone is expected to stay home when sick, and encouraged to avoid touching their eyes, nose, and mouth, and cover coughs or sneezes with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.

PHYSICAL DISTANCING

Individuals should attempt to maintain at least three feet of space between themselves and others whenever possible. At least six feet of space is recommended when outdoors or during activities where masks are not worn. To reduce the potential for exposure, students should remain in cohorts as much as possible in classrooms, groupings, cafeterias, and if unmasked outdoors.

HEALTH AGREEMENTS AND DAILY SCREENINGS

Families should sign and return a "Family Assurance of Student Health Agreement" attesting that they will monitor their children's health each day, not send them to school if they are experiencing any symptoms of COVID-19, and make arrangements to pick them up at school should they fall ill during the day. Students who exhibit symptoms of COVID-19 may not return to campus until they have been symptom free for 24 hours without the use of medication.

REPORTING, CONTACT TRACING, AND QUARANTINES

Schools must develop instructional plans that address the possibility of quarantines for individual students, groups of students from the same class, or entire classrooms of students.

- **FAMILIES AND EMPLOYEES ARE REQUIRED** to report a diagnosis of COVID-19 within 24 hours of receiving the results by calling **859-381-FCPS (3277)**.
- **IF AN INDIVIDUAL WHO HAS BEEN ON AN FCPS PROPERTY TESTS POSITIVE FOR COVID-19**, school and district leaders will work together with the Lexington-Fayette County Health Department to conduct contact tracing and quarantine those who may have been exposed. Students and employees who are fully vaccinated or have tested positive for COVID-19 within the past 90 days will not have to quarantine.
- **INSTRUCTION WILL BE PROVIDED FOR STUDENTS WHO ARE PLACED ON QUARANTINE.**
- While committed to maintaining the confidentiality of students and staff, **FCPS WILL NOTIFY FAMILIES AND EMPLOYEES IF THEY ARE IMPACTED BY A CONFIRMED COVID-19 CASE AT THEIR SCHOOL.**

For additional information on FCPS COVID-19 Health and Safety Procedures, visit www.fcps.net/COVID19