

February 9, 2021

Dear Fayette County Public Schools Families:

The number of new COVID-19 cases in Fayette County continues to decline, and according to the Lexington-Fayette County Health Department, today's 7-Day average is down to 127!

This data places our community in red, or Stage 4 of the FCPS In-Person Learning Matrix, which, in concert with our other transition factors, allows for a graduated return to in-person learning.

We are excited to affirm that students in grades K-2 will have face-to-face instruction the weeks of Feb. 16-19, and Feb. 22-26, 2021. Remote learning will continue for K-2 students whose families chose that option.

As we return to campus, start times at the elementary level will shift to 7:35 a.m. at all elementary schools with the exception of Cassidy, Mary Todd and Northern that start at 8:25 a.m. Families will receive specific communication from their schools about this transition and other logistics, including health and safety precautions. Families with questions about the return should contact their child's school.

All other grade levels will continue with NTI: 2DL until their return date is determined. We will make an announcement about the week of March 1-5, 2021 next Tuesday.

We are committed to adding other grade levels as our FCPS In-Person Learning Matrix and transition factors allow. Please continue to take precautions to lower the spread of COVID-19 so we can provide in-person learning for all students whose families choose that option.

We look forward to welcoming our students back to campus.

Sincerely,

Marlene Helm

Fayette County Public Schools Acting Superintendent