



FAYETTE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Fayette County Public Schools is preparing to offer in-person instruction for students whose families choose to send their children back to campus and remote instruction for families who choose to keep their children at home. While plans are being made with an eye toward January, students will only return to campus if it is safe to do so.

In collaboration with families and employees, each school will develop a school-specific plan in consultation with its School-Based Decision Making Council, aligned to the state’s [“Guidance on Safety Expectations and Best Practices for Kentucky Schools \(K-12\), \(Appendix A\)”](#) and Fayette County Public Schools procedures.

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General Health Procedures and Protocols



Masks:

Detailed mask guidance and protocols are provided in [Appendix B](#), but in general, everyone – employees, students K-12, contractors and visitors – is required to wear a mask at all times while in the building or on the bus, with the exception of those who have a medical exemption or ARC-determined exemption. All families need to be aware that there could be students in their children’s classroom or on the bus who have a mask exemption. Medical exemptions must be submitted to the school or department head in writing on the official letterhead of the physician, pediatrician or psychologist’s office, and signed by a medical professional. Students and staff should only lower their masks while actively eating or drinking. Masks will be provided for students or staff members who do not have one. Staff members who work with students that have a medical waiver for wearing a mask will be provided with a protective face shield in addition to their cloth mask. The [Fayette County Public Schools Guidance on Masks and Personal Protective Equipment \(PPE\) found in Appendix B](#) outlines role-specific recommendations for additional PPE employees should be using.



Clean Hands:

Frequent hand washing will be expected and encouraged, and hand-cleaning supplies including hand soap, paper towels, and hand sanitizer containing at least 60% alcohol will be readily available on buses, in classrooms and throughout the school grounds.



Health Screenings:

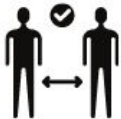
All staff are required to sign and return an [“Employee Assurance of Personal Health Agreement” \(Appendix C\)](#) and complete a daily health screening at home in accordance with district procedures.

Prior to sending their children back to campus for the first time, families will sign and return a [“Family Assurance of Student Health Agreement” \(Appendix D\)](#) attesting that they will monitor their child’s health each day and not send them to school if they have a temperature of 100.4° or greater or are experiencing any symptoms of COVID-19. Students and staff should not be on any FCPS property for at least 10 days if they have been in close physical contact (6 feet or closer for at least 15 minutes) with a person who is known to have COVID-19, or if they have travelled out of the country or to one of the states on the governor’s travel advisory list at <https://govstatus.egov.com/ky-travel-advisory>. Students and staff who have a member of their household test positive for COVID-19 should not be on any FCPS property until they have been released from quarantine by the health department.



Temperature Check:

Everyone – employees, students, contractors and visitors – who enters a Fayette County Public Schools facility will have a temperature check in accordance with district protocols and individual procedures determined by each building. Student temperatures will be taken as they board the school bus if that bus has a monitor. If a bus does not have a monitor, a red sign will be placed in the bus window to alert school staff and those students will need to be screened upon entry to the building by school staff. Walkers and car riders will also be screened upon entry. A temperature of 100.4°F or greater will be considered a fever.



Social Distancing:

Everyone – employees, students, contractors and visitors – should attempt to maintain at least six feet of space between themselves and others whenever possible. This mitigation measure is known as social distancing and will be supported by modifications in hallway traffic patterns and furniture placement. If the physical space in the school does not allow for spacing students’ desks 6 feet apart, desks will be arranged to leave as much space as possible between desks. All desks will be arranged so students’ seats face the same direction. Hallway traffic patterns for class changes, arrival and dismissal will be modified to maximize physical distancing. Floors will be marked to indicate safe distancing. Students will remain six feet apart or as much as possible in line, in the hallways, in common areas, in classrooms and on school buses.



Healthy Habits:

Students and staff will be 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.



Health Agreements and Daily Assurances



Family Assurance of Student Health

- Prior to sending their children back to campus for the first time, families will be asked to submit a signed [“Fayette County Public Schools Family Assurance of Student Health Agreement.” \(Appendix D\)](#) attesting that they will monitor their child’s health each day and not send them to school if they have a temperature of 100.4° or greater or are experiencing any symptoms of COVID-19.
- They will also agree not to send their child to school for at least 10 days if they have been in close physical contact (6 feet or closer for at least 15 minutes) with a person who is known to have COVID-19 or if they have travelled out of the country or to one of the states on the governor’s travel advisory list found at <https://govstatus.egov.com/ky-travel-advisory>. Students who have a member of their household test positive for COVID-19 should not return to school until they have been released from quarantine by the health department.
- The agreement also advises families that if their child is tested for COVID-19, they cannot return to school until the test results come back negative.
- Before sending their children to school each day, families are expected to attest that their child does not have a fever (defined as a temperature of 100.4°F or greater) and has not exhibited symptoms of COVID-19 within the past 48 hours. A [“Daily Home Screening for Students” \(Appendix E\)](#) should be sent home with each family.



Employee Assurance of Personal Health

- All staff will be asked to submit a signed [“Fayette County Public Schools Employee Assurance of Personal Health Agreement” \(Appendix C\)](#) attesting that they will monitor their health each day and not come to work if they have a temperature of 100.4° or greater or are experiencing any symptoms of COVID-19.
- They will also agree not to be on any FCPS property for at least 10 days if they have been in close physical contact (6 feet or closer for at least 15 minutes) with a person who is known to have COVID-19 or if they have travelled out of the country or to one of the states on the

governor's travel advisory list found at <https://govstatus.egov.com/ky-travel-advisory>. Employees who have a member of their household test positive for COVID-19 should not return to work until they have been released from quarantine by the health department.

- The agreement also advises families that if their child is tested for COVID-19, they cannot return to school until the test results come back negative.
 - Before coming to work each day, employees are expected to attest that they do not have a fever (defined as a temperature of 100.4°F or greater) and have not exhibited symptoms of COVID-19 within the past 48 hours. Staff can use the [“Daily Home Screening for Employees” document for reference. \(Appendix F\)](#)
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Transportation

- All families who can transport their children to school are strongly encouraged to do so to help reduce the number of students on each bus.
- Families are encouraged to monitor bus stops to encourage students to maintain social distancing and mask wearing.
- Buses that have monitors will screen student temperatures as they board the bus. If there is not a bus monitor, then a red sign will be placed in the bus window to alert school staff and students will have their temperature taken by school staff upon arrival.
- Students with a temperature of 100.4°F or greater will sit in a designated section on the bus and exit the bus first. Upon arrival at school, students' temperature will be taken again. Upon verification of fever at school, family will be called to pick up the child. Students with a fever will wait in the sick room until their family arrives to take them home.
- Hand sanitizer will be provided as students enter and exit the bus.
- All students K-12 and staff are required to wear a mask at all times while on the bus, with the exception of those who have a medical or ARC-directed exemption. Detailed mask and PPE guidance and protocols are provided in [Appendix B](#).
- Masks will be provided for students or staff members who do not have one.
- Students who have a medical or ARC-directed exemption for wearing a mask will be assigned seating at the front of the bus.
- Bus monitors will document student seat numbers on the bus manifest so that seating charts can be created if needed. If a bus does not have a monitor, drivers will record the student seat number as students exit the bus.
- Buses will be loaded from the back to the front, and unloaded from the front to the back.
- Buses will be sanitized between routes and at the end of the day.
- See "[Safe on the Bus, Safe at the Garage](#)" ([Appendix G](#)) for additional details and staff expectations.



Arrival



Staff Arrival Procedures:

- ▮ Staff members will arrive (through the side door or the front door) at the building by 8:40 a.m. and will be at his/her designated post by that time. If a staff member is not able to take his or her temperature at home, he/she may utilize the thermometers located at the front check stations.



Supervision Duty:

- Teachers with 1st period classes will be at their classroom doors to greet students.
- Other teachers will follow the [Morning Supervision Schedule](#) for student arrival.



Student Arrival Procedures:

- Doors will open at 8:45 for students to enter the building.

- Walkers and those being dropped off by buses without monitors should line up 6 feet apart (spacing will be marked) while waiting to pass through the temperature screening area in the front lobby. Buses will be staggered for arrival to spread out the students arriving.
 - Car riders should be dropped off in the Parent Drop Off Circle and will be directed to the designated door. Staff will take their temperature before entering the building.
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Instructional Plans



Classrooms:

- Desks will be arranged to maximize space between students. If the physical space in the school does not allow for spacing students' desks 6 feet apart, desks will be arranged to leave as much space as possible between desks. All desks will be arranged so students face the same direction.
- Seating charts will be developed for every classroom and followed at all times. Seating charts must be stored in Google Drive so school administration can access them at any time. When creating seating charts, teachers are encouraged to strategically place students to support small group instruction for differentiation. Suggested seating plans are included in the [Office of Academic Services Instructional Guidance for Return to In-Person Learning \(Appendix H\)](#)
- Fabrics and soft surfaces can remain in classrooms in accordance with [district guidance on sanitization and cleaning requirements](#). Throw rugs, area rugs and beanbags are not allowed, with the exception of area rugs in preschool classrooms or items needed according to individual education programs.
- Masks: All students K-12 and staff are required to wear a mask at all times, with the exception of those who have a medical or ARC-directed exemption. Detailed mask and PPE guidance and protocols are provided in [Appendix B](#).
- Student movement should be minimized to maintain social distancing. This requires teachers to develop protocols that limit movement of students for distribution of materials, sharpening pencils, and student work collection, as well as other classroom procedures.
- Transitioning: When lining up in the classroom to leave for a common area, students will line up in the same order each time and space themselves to maximize distance.



Instructional Materials:

- Students will maintain their own set of school supplies (glue, scissors, etc.).
 - Students should not share materials, books, or manipulatives. Individual kits or bags of materials will be assembled for each student.
 - Individual whiteboards and markers will be needed for each student.
 - In circumstances where students may need to share desks, materials or resources (e.g. texts with limited copies, science equipment), sanitize between student use and have students wash or sanitize hands before and after using the materials.
 - Teachers may handle student materials to demonstrate or model instruction. Frequent hand washing or hand sanitizing is expected.
 - When students return materials from home, sanitization must happen before and after the materials are used by another student.
 - Guidance for preschool classrooms is provided in [Preschool COVID-19 Guidance for In-Person Instruction \(Appendix I\)](#).
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In-Person Instructional Plan

All teachers will continue to use Canvas and other subject specific learning platforms (Math XL, Amplify, etc.) to have students receive and submit their assignments. This process will continue through the end of the 2020-2021 school year.

If we return to NTI:2DL, students will continue with their in person schedule. The times will change to the NTI:2DL bell schedule seen below.

Class	Time
1st Period	9:05-9:55
2nd Period	10:00-10:50
3rd Period	11:00-11:50
4th Period	1:00-1:50
5th Period	2:00-2:50
6th Period	3:00-3:50



Band, Orchestra, and Chorus and Orchestra

- Students will be spread out as much as possible in the classroom.
- Instruments will not be shared between students.
- Band, Orchestra, and Chorus classes will follow the [FCPS In-Person Guidance for Band, Orchestra, and Chorus. \(Appendix J\)](#).



Physical Education

- Students will be spread out as much as possible in the gym.
- Locker rooms will be closed to students.

- Students will be given individual water bottles to use during the school day.
- Equipment that will be used in multiple classes will be cleaned between classes.
- Physical Education classes will follow the [FCPS Physical Education COVID-19 Guidance for In-Person Instruction. \(Appendix K\)](#).



Career and Technical Education

- Students will spread out as much as possible in the classroom.
- Materials and tools which must be shared among students will be sanitized in between uses, and students will wash hands before and after using the shared tool.
- Career and Technical Education classes will follow [FCPS Career and Technical Education COVID-19 Guidance for In-Person Instruction. \(Appendix L\)](#).



Library/Media Center

- The library will not be open outside of normal school hours.
- Teachers will not bring classes to the library. Classes will attend regularly using Zoom.
- Students will be able to reserve through the Library Catalog. Materials will be delivered to Language Arts classrooms.
- Materials will be held out of circulation for seven days to allow for disinfection per American Library Association guidelines.



Push-In and/or Pull-Out Services

- Students receiving speech services will be taken to a separate room for services.
- Students will receive push-in and/or pull-out services in accordance to [Office of Academic Services Instructional Guidance for Return to In-Person Learning document \(Appendix H\)](#) and additional special education services in accordance to [Special Education COVID-19 Guidance for In Person Instruction \(Appendix N\)](#).



Input and Communication Plan

- An adhoc COVID-19 Health and Wellness committee of school representatives created the Beaumont school wide plan. It was shared with Teacher Leaders for feedback. The plan was then approved by the SBDM Council. It was posted on the school website for the community.
 - [SBDM Minutes](#)
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Remote Instructional Plan

Students that are receiving remote instruction will have live instruction each period through Zoom and Canvas. They will be expected to follow the Beaumont in person bell schedule.



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Common Area Procedures



Hallway Protocols:

- All students K-12 and staff are required to wear a mask at all times, with the exception of those who have a medical or ARC-directed exemption. Detailed mask and PPE guidance and protocols are provided in [Appendix B](#).
- School hallways should be marked with floor stickers to designate social distancing requirements.
- Beaumont Middle School will use a staggered bell schedule so that only one grade of students is in the hallway at any one time.
- Students will not be able to use the restroom during class changes in order to limit the number of students in the restroom at any one time. Students will need to get a hall pass and permission from their teacher.



Restrooms:

- All students K-12 and staff are required to wear a mask at all times, with the exception of those who have a medical or ARC-directed exemption. Detailed mask guidance and protocols are provided in [Appendix B](#).
- Signage will be placed in bathrooms illustrating proper handwashing techniques and marking appropriate social distancing.
- Facilities will be cleaned and disinfected every 30 minutes. Staff members will follow proper cleaning and disinfecting procedures and document completion.
- Students will not be able to use the restroom during class changes in order to limit the number of students in the restroom at any one time. Students will need to get a hall pass and permission from their teacher.



Water Breaks:

- Water fountains and bottle filling stations will be cleaned and sanitized frequently throughout the school day.
- Students and staff will not be allowed to drink directly from water fountains.
- Students will be allowed to bring individual reusable water bottles from home.
- Students may fill their water bottle at a bottle filling station.
- Water bottles will be provided for students and staff who do not have one.
- Water bottles will be labeled with each student's or staff member's name.



Meal Service

- Students will sanitize their hands before and after meal service.
- Surfaces will be disinfected regularly.
- Child nutrition staff follow standard operating procedures regarding food safety and COVID-19 safety procedures (including masks, social distancing, plexiglass barriers, and additional disinfecting of surface and high contact areas).
- Breakfasts and lunches will be single serve meals, with disposable containers and plastic ware.
- Self-service food stations and condiment stations will be removed.
- Share tables will be eliminated and students will be discouraged from sharing food.
- Breakfast will be served in a "grab and go" style. Students will eat breakfast in their 1st Period classroom.
- Students will be assigned seats in the cafeteria for lunch.



Administrative Spaces

- The use of masks is a safety expectation for all students K-12, staff and visitors at all times, with the exception of those who have a medical or ARC-directed exemption. Detailed mask and PPE guidance and protocols are provided in [Appendix B](#).
- Floors will be marked for social distancing.
- Plexiglass barriers will be installed in the reception area; this does not change the requirement that office staff wear a mask.
- Hand sanitizer will be available in the reception area.

- Work spaces will be at least six feet apart or employees will stagger work times to ensure proper distancing.
- If workstations are shared or individuals relieve co-workers to provide breaks, areas will be sanitized between uses, including keyboards, computer screens, telephones, and writing utensils.
- Meetings should be held virtually if at all possible. If face-to-face meetings must take place, they should be held in large areas with good ventilation where social distancing can be maximized and sharing of materials or supplies is discouraged.



Computer Labs

- The use of masks is a safety expectation for all students K-12, staff and visitors at all times, with the exception of those who have a medical or ARC-directed exemption. Detailed mask and PPE guidance and protocols are provided in [Appendix B](#).
- Computer labs should only be used for classes that require the use of the lab, such as digital art, computer programming, business applications, Computer-aided design, etc.
- The teacher is responsible for cleaning and sanitizing the computer lab between classes with appropriate cleaning supplies.
- Seating assignments should maximize space between students with students seated at least every other computer.
- Computer labs cannot be used for MAP or Access Testing. Both of those tests should be administered on student Chromebooks, with assurances for cleaning headphones between usage.
- Teachers will not be allowed to schedule the lab for individual class periods.



Gymnasiums

- The use of masks is a safety expectation for all students K-12, staff and visitors at all times, with the exception of those who have a medical or ARC-directed exemption. Masks should be worn by staff at all times and by students except when engaged in strenuous physical activity. Detailed mask and PPE guidance and protocols are provided in [Appendix B](#).
- Locker rooms will be closed. Encourage students to come to school dressed in clothes that are appropriate for participation in physical education, whether indoors or outdoors. Keep each student's belongings in a separate, safe and clean space such as individually labeled areas.
- If gyms will be used for physical education instruction, plans should be made to mark off areas (e.g., floor tape, floor stickers, poly spots, cones, visual aids, signs) to ensure physical distancing among students and reduce cross contamination.

- Each school will inventory physical education equipment at the school to identify which pieces of equipment can be easily and effectively sanitized. Cloth or porous materials are more difficult to sanitize than vinyl or plastic materials.
 - For equipment that will be touched or handled by students, assign each student their own piece of equipment for that class period.
 - Teachers will sanitize all equipment between class periods using FCPS approved supplies. Consider cleaning recommendations from manufacturers to ensure equipment is not damaged when cleaning/sanitizing.
 - Staff will be properly trained on how to safely apply disinfectant and have access to the appropriate personal protective equipment needed.
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Dismissal/Student Pick-up



Bus Dismissal:

- All families who can transport their children home from school are strongly encouraged to do so to help reduce the number of students on each bus.
- Each school will develop dismissal routines to stagger dismissal times, determine hallway traffic patterns and designate specific exit doors to maximize social distancing and reduce the number of students in the same area at any given time.
- Hand sanitizer will be provided as students enter and exit the bus.
- All students K-12 and staff are required to wear a mask on the bus at all times, with the exception of those who have a medical or ARC-directed exemption. Detailed mask guidance and protocols are provided in [Appendix B](#).
- Students who have a medical exemption for wearing a mask will be assigned seating at the front of the bus.
- Bus monitors will document student seat numbers on the bus manifest so that seating charts can be created if needed. Bus drivers will record student seat numbers as students exit the bus.
- Buses will be loaded from the back to the front, and unloaded from the front to the back.
- Buses will be sanitized between routes and at the end of the day.
- See [“Safe on the Bus, Safe at the Garage” \(Appendix G\)](#) for additional details and staff expectations.



Dismissal Procedures Family Pick-up/Car Dismissal/Walker:

- Walkers will be dismissed first.
 - Buses will then be dismissed a few at a time.
 - Once buses have been sent, car riders will be dismissed. Students waiting to be picked up in the car circle must stand socially distanced on the sidewalk.
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Afterschool



Extra-curricular Activities, Co-curricular Activities and Athletics

- Extra-curricular activities, co-curricular activities and athletics will be held in accordance with the [Fayette County Public Schools Athletic/Activity Return to Competition Guidelines \(Appendix P\)](#), as well as guidelines from the Kentucky High School Athletic Association, Kentucky Music Educators Association, and other governing bodies or state guidance.



ESS or tutoring

- ESS will continue to be conducted virtually through Zoom.



Additional Mitigation Measures



Visitors/Student Pick-up:

- To ensure the health and safety of students and staff, entry points to buildings will be restricted and access to schools will be limited to students and staff as much as possible. (Volunteers and guest speakers are not permitted at this time.)
- Individuals representing essential agencies are exempt from access restrictions.
- Families will not be permitted to accompany students into the building or eat with students.
- Any visitor who enters a school building or school-sanctioned event must wear a mask with the exception of those who have a medical or ARC-directed exemption. Detailed mask and PPE guidance and protocols are provided in [Appendix B](#).
- Visitors will be subject to temperature checks.
- Visitors must follow all safety and mitigation measures while on campus.
- Whenever possible, virtual meeting opportunities will be used instead of in-person meetings.
- Student Pick Up - Parent/guardian will enter the secure vestibule through the front doors. Parent/guardian will stay in the vestibule until their child is called out of class and will meet the child out front.



Sick Room:

- The Principal's Office will be changed into the Isolation Room for any students showing any symptoms of COVID-19.
- Families will be contacted to come pick up any student who has a temperature of 100.4°F or greater, or displays symptoms of COVID-19:
 - Sore throat
 - New uncontrolled cough that causes difficulty breathing (for students with chronic allergic/asthmatic cough, a change in their cough from baseline)
 - Diarrhea, vomiting, or abdominal pain

□ New onset of severe headache, especially with a fever

- Families are expected to ensure that an adult will be available to pick up any student who has a fever or displays symptoms of COVID-19 during the school day.
- Families must have a “Pick Up” plan in place before they send their child to school.
- Families are responsible for ensuring the phone numbers listed in Infinite Campus are correct and that everyone who could be asked to pick up the child is registered with the office.
- If a student becomes ill during class, the teacher should contact the front office and/or nurse before sending the student up.
- Waiting areas must be supervised by an adult in a designated location, separate from the school health clinic or front office.
- The nurse’s office/health clinic at each school must remain open for routine student needs, such as dispensing medication.



Cleaning Protocols:

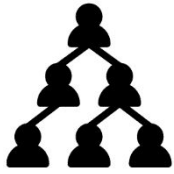
- Increased cleaning and sanitizing protocols will be implemented in all FCPS classrooms, schools, facilities and buses in accordance with district procedures.
- High-touch surfaces will be cleaned frequently.
- Time for deep cleaning will be built into the school schedule.
- Cleaning supplies and personal protective equipment (PPE) for staff are already in stock to ensure availability. The [Fayette County Public Schools Guidance on Masks and Personal Protective Equipment \(PPE\)](#) outlines role-specific recommendations for staff.
- Schools should use the [warehouse ordering system](#) to request needed cleaning supplies and PPE, which will be delivered to their school.
- Daily cleaning and disinfection of classrooms, gymnasiums, restrooms, locker rooms, cafeteria seating and other facilities is critical to preventing the spread of all illness, including COVID-19 pandemic and seasonal influenza. Special attention should be given to high touch areas, such as water fountains, doorknobs, light switches, desks, computers, phones, toilets, faucets, sinks, handrails, etc. It is recommended that high touch surfaces be cleaned and disinfected frequently.
- All staff should be trained on cleaning protocols that include cleaning first then disinfecting and adhering to time on contact requirements in accordance with district provided, EPA approved disinfectants. If surfaces are dirty, they should be cleaned using a detergent or soap and water prior to disinfection.
- For soft (porous) surfaces such as carpeted floors and drapes, remove visible contamination if present and clean with appropriate cleaners indicated for use on these surfaces. Victory sprayers may also be used.
- Teachers and administrative staff should assist janitorial staff by routinely disinfecting frequently touched items in the classroom/office such as desks, doorknobs, crafting equipment, pencil sharpeners, staplers, markers, and white boards.

- Special Education classroom teachers must ensure [guidance specific to special education classrooms](#) is followed.
- Disinfectants and cleaning materials kept in classrooms and areas accessible to students are required to be kept out of the reach of students and locked, depending on the chemical label and the age group of the students in the classroom.
- Custodial staff must wear disposable gloves for all tasks in the cleaning process, including handling trash. Gloves should be compatible with the disinfectant products being used. Gloves should be removed carefully to avoid contamination of the wearer and the surrounding area. Be sure to clean hands after removing gloves.
- Additional PPE might be required based on the cleaning/disinfectant products used and whether there is a risk of splash.
- All areas where cleaning supplies and toxic items are stored must be kept locked, including janitor closets. All bottles containing toxics/liquids must be clearly labeled.

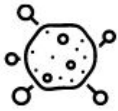


Large Group Gatherings:

- Assemblies, pep rallies, field trips and other group gatherings will not be permitted at this time.



Contact Tracing



Infection/Exposure/Quarantine

- Schools are required to follow all district and state isolation, exposure, and quarantine guidelines and protocols, which have been developed in partnership with the Lexington-Fayette County Health Department. ([See Appendix R](#))
- Isolation: When a patient tests positive for COVID-19, they are placed in isolation until their contagion period expires and/or they are capable of returning to normal activities. Individuals who are asymptomatic are typically placed in isolation for at least 10 days. Those showing symptoms will remain in isolation until symptoms resolve. Students and staff may not return to campus until they have been released by a medical professional.
- Exposure: Upon notification of a positive case within a school community, school and district officials will work in consultation with the Lexington-Fayette County Health Department on a case-by-case basis to determine any “close contacts” who may have been exposed to COVID-19. In general, per the Lexington-Fayette County Health Department, anyone who is within six feet of a person with COVID-19 for 15 minutes or longer will be considered a close contact, regardless of mask usage.
- Quarantine: If a person has been exposed, or believed to have been exposed, to COVID-19, they are placed in quarantine to see if they develop symptoms. Depending upon duration of exposure and social distancing, there may be times that an entire class or all students who rode on the same bus will be required to quarantine. ([See Appendix R](#))
- Students and staff members who go home after having a temperature of 100.4°F or greater, or displaying symptoms of COVID-19 ([Appendix R](#)) may return after being symptom- or fever-free for 1 full school day without the use of symptom- or fever-reducing medication.
- Students and staff members who have a member of their household test positive for COVID-19 must follow all Lexington-Fayette County Health Department quarantine recommendations and may not return to campus until they have been cleared to do so.
- Student and staff absences due to COVID-19 diagnosis or quarantine requirements will be handled in accordance with district procedures established for these specific circumstances. ([See Appendix R](#))



Communication and Notification Procedures:

- Families and employees are required to notify FCPS if their student tests positive for COVID-19, in accordance with [Kentucky Emergency Administrative Regulation 902 KAR 2:220E](#). (See [Appendix S](#)) To report a positive case, families should call 859-381-FCPS (3277), email covid19@fayette.kyschools.us or visit www.fcps.net/covid19.
- School and district leaders will work in consultation with the Lexington-Fayette County Health Department to conduct contact tracing – a process of identifying and analyzing the interactions the individual who tests positive has had with others to assess the potential risk to our school community – and identify individuals who need to quarantine as a result of school-related interactions. All FCPS students and employees must cooperate with school and public health officials during this process. (See [Appendix R](#))
- The school will notify anyone identified as a close contact of a staff or student who tests positive for COVID-19 by phone and instruct them to quarantine for 10 days from the time they last interacted with the individual. A written communication will be sent as a follow up. (Sample talking points and communications can be found in [Appendix R](#))
- After close contacts have been notified, all staff and families at the school will receive a written notification from the school in multiple languages appropriate for the student population. (Sample communications can be found in [Appendix R](#))
- Every effort will be made to maintain the confidentiality of individuals testing positive for COVID-19. It is important to note, however, that during a worldwide pandemic of this highly contagious virus, the Lexington-Fayette County Health Department requires us to notify people who have been in close contact with the infected person.
- Fayette County Public Schools will follow all state requirements to report the number of students and school personnel reporting a positive diagnosis of COVID-19. (See [Appendix R](#))
- While committed to maintaining the confidentiality of students and staff, we will make every effort to be transparent regarding all COVID-19 related matters.



Attendance and Tracking

- To assist with contact tracing, schools should develop protocols to ensure the principal or designee has easy access to the following tools when needed: seating charts, bus manifests, team/club/activity membership lists, emergency contact information for students and staff, documentation of people who moved throughout the building, student and staff schedules, and any other information that could support contact tracing.
- School will use the Trace Space App to track movement of adults in the building to help with contract tracing.
- Schools will gather daily attendance and code the reason for student absence. For the 2020-2021 school year, two additional codes have been added by the state to identify students who are “COVID-19 positive” and those who need to “Quarantine” due to exposure.

- School and district leaders will monitor staff and student attendance for trends/patterns of absences for infectious illness that include identification of absences for COVID-19 and Influenza with an ability to compare to usual rates/patterns at individual school site levels. ([Appendix R](#))
 - School and district leaders will collaboratively determine when classrooms or the school will switch to NTI: 2DL due to rising absence rates, rates of infectious disease, or quarantines of individual teachers, classrooms or a significant portion of the school.
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