

Health and Safety Protocols



Family Commitment

Families who send their child to school will be asked to attest that their child does not have a fever and has not exhibited any of the symptoms of COVID-19 within the past 48 hours.



Social Distancing

There will be increased spacing throughout the building and in classrooms. Classroom layouts and arrival and dismissal processes will be modified to maintain physical distancing. Floors will be marked to indicate safe distancing.



Hand-Washing

Time will be made for frequent hand washing throughout the day, as well as before and after meals.



No Shared Supplies

All students will have access to individual supplies to eliminate sharing of materials.



Cleaning

Increased cleaning and sanitizing protocols will be implemented in all FCPS classrooms, schools, facilities and buses. Cleaning supplies are already in stock to ensure availability.



Health Questionnaire

Staff and students will complete a health questionnaire, with daily wellness checks.



Face Coverings

All students in grades 1 through 12, with the exception of those who have a medical exemption, must wear a mask when they move about the building or are seated less than 6 feet apart. All employees will wear masks. Masks will be provided for any students or staff who do not have one.



Training

Students and staff will receive training on COVID-19 prevention practices, including social distancing and face covering use. Signage and ongoing communication will supplement and reinforce training.



Reduced Hallway Traffic

School schedules will be adjusted to reduce hallway traffic. Measures could include staggered bell times or teachers moving from classroom to classroom rather than students switching classes.



Time Outdoors

Whenever possible, efforts will be made to hold classes outside. Modified recess will be held to ensure social distancing. Playground equipment will not be used.



Temperature Checks

All those entering a Fayette County Public Schools building will have their temperature taken.



Isolation Areas

Schools will have a designated area for isolation and supervision of sick students until the child is picked up by a parent, guardian, or designee. Students with symptoms of infectious disease will not be allowed in class.



Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

Fayette County Public Schools has purchased masks and other personal protective equipment to ensure that all students and employees are properly outfitted.



Hand Sanitizer

Hand sanitizer will be provided, with hand sanitizing stations at building entrances, shared spaces and classrooms.



Signage

Signs reminding students about the importance of safety protocols will be displayed throughout the building.

Child Nutrition



Enforce Hand-Washing

We will ensure that all students wash their hands before and after meal service.



Disinfect Surfaces

We will disinfect surfaces regularly.



No Sharing Food

We will eliminate share tables and students sharing food.



Review Food Allergy Plans

Before school resumes, teachers and school leaders will review food allergies, 504 plans, and IEPs to ensure accommodations are provided.



Grab and Go Breakfast

Breakfast will be available for students to pick up and take to the classroom upon entering school.



Lunch Service

Lunches will be single serve meals, with disposable containers and plastic ware. Self-service food stations and condiment stations will be removed.



School Driven

Based on the facilities and student enrollment at each school, cafeteria managers will work with principals to determine eating and serving arrangements to maximize social distancing based on available space. Options include serving lines, pick-up stations or meal delivery, with students eating in cafeterias, gyms, or classrooms.



Social Distancing

Students will remain six feet apart while receiving and eating food, signage and floor markings will help communicate expectations to staff and students.



Safety Measures and Personal Protective Equipment

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).



Flexibility

FCPS has developed contingency plans to ensure meal service continues during distance learning and school closure scenarios.

Transportation



Fewer Riders

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.



Temperature Checks

Buses that have monitors will screen student temperatures as they board the bus. Students with a fever will sit in a designated section and receive medical attention at school. If there is not a bus monitor, then students will have their temperature taken by school staff upon arrival.



Face Coverings

All students in grades 1 through 12, with the exception of those who have a medical exemption, must wear a mask on the bus. Those who cannot wear a mask will have a designated seating section. All employees will wear masks.



Clean Hands

Hand sanitizer will be provided on the bus as students enter and exit.



Designated Areas

Students who have a medical reason or are too young to wear a mask will be assigned seating at the front of the bus.



Social Distancing

Students will sit as far apart as possible on the bus to promote social distancing.



Getting On

In the morning, buses will be loaded from the back to the front, and unloaded from the front to the back. Students will have assigned seats in the afternoon.



Cleaning the Bus

Buses will be sanitized between routes and at the end of the day.

A Typical School Day

Start Here

Family Assurance of Student Health

Before students leave the house, families will attest that their child does not have a fever and has not had any COVID-19 symptoms for 48 hours.



Bus Stop

Students should remain social distanced at the bus stop.



Masks On

Students in grades 1-12 must be wearing a mask to board the bus.



Temp Checks

If a bus has a monitor, temperature screenings will take place.



Clean Hands

Students will sanitize hands as they board the bus.



Back to Front

Students will load the bus back to front.



Spread Out

Students will sit as far apart as possible on the bus to promote social distancing.



Grab and Go Breakfast

Student picks up breakfast on the way to classroom.



Signage

Posters emphasizing safety protocols will be displayed throughout the building.



Hand Sanitizer

Sanitizing stations at the school entrance and throughout the building.



Social Distancing

Students will remain six feet apart in line, in the hallways, in common areas and as much as possible in classrooms.



Mask Check

Except in the case of a medical exception, students in grades 1-12 must be wearing a mask to enter the school.



Health Screening

Students will have their temperature checked before entering the building, unless they are arriving on a bus with a monitor where a check has already been completed.



Safe Arrival

Students will unload the bus from front to back.



Safe Space

Students in classroom with desks spaced further away, all facing in the same direction.



Transitions

Traffic in the hallways will be reduced and bathroom schedules will promote social distancing.



Look down

Floors will be marked for social distancing.



Lunch

Wash hands before lunch, no touch meal service, pre-packaged lunches, social distancing, assigned seats, wash hands after lunch.



School Dismissal

Dismissal procedures will be restructured to reduce the flow of students leaving at the same time.



Clean bus

Buses will be cleaned before arriving at school.



Get on the bus

Hand sanitizer, assigned seats, head home.

