



FAYETTEVILLE CITY SCHOOLS

2021-22 RE-Entry Information

Fayetteville City Schools appreciates your support and patience as we continue to take steps to support our students, families, community and employees. It is our intent to continue to plan and communicate with all stakeholders as necessary shifts occur.

- As state and local conditions and policies change, plans may be adjusted.
- In an effort to develop the most effective strategies Fayetteville City Schools has obtained feedback from parents, local health officials, state officials, and national organizations (ex: CDC and American Academy of Pediatrics.)
- We will be implementing a staggered schedule for all schools and students for the first week (August 2 - August 3) to limit the number of students in buildings each day, and orient students to new protocol.

Students will attend on the following days, depending on their grade level to allow for student training on protocols which will assist in maintaining a lower rate of illness including but not limited to COVID:

- Monday, August 2: grades 1st, 2nd, 5th, 6th, 9th and 10th
- Tuesday, August 3: grades 3rd, 4th, 7th, 8th, 11th and 12th
- Wednesday, August 4: All grades attend

*Please be aware that PreK and K will have a phase in schedule which will be communicated to parents

Academics

- Fayetteville City Schools will return to school for the first day of classes on August 2, 2021
- The health and safety of our students and employees, the academic instruction to help our students continue to learn, and our students' social and emotional wellbeing will be our priorities.

Classroom Procedures

- All school buildings will be opened at 7:00 AM
- Student drop off is discouraged until 7:15 AM to limit exposure
- Hand sanitizer will be provided in all classrooms and usage encouraged
- Teachers and staff will encourage good hygiene, including hand washing before and after classes/ activities.
- Desks and tables will be sanitized as frequently as possible.
- Desks will be spread out as much as possible.
- Mask are optional
- Signage indicates proper hygiene protocols

Custodial Service

- Cleaning practices will be enhanced to include more frequent and deeper cleaning.
- Each school will use an electrostatic disinfectant sprayer nightly to disinfect all classrooms and common areas.

School Nutrition & Cafeterias

- All cafeteria personnel will wear gloves while preparing and serving food.
- All tables will be disinfected before and after meals and between lunches

Staggered Schedules

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Transportation

- Bus service will continue to be provided.
- Assigned seating will be enforced
- Buses will utilize electrostatic disinfectant sprayer
- Extra-curricular trips will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis

Virtual Learning

There will be NO Virtual Academy however Homebound students, those testing positive for COVID who are quarantined, and students in unique learning scenarios may receive virtual instruction (refer to FCS board policy concerning virtual)

Visitors on Campus

- Anyone admitted into the buildings will be informed that if they have symptoms of COVID it is requested that they not enter (Symptoms will be posted)

- When parents/guardians check students out, those adults will use the buzzer system at the front door. Refer to specific school protocol for further details.

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COVID-19 Management Protocols

According to the CDC, the following are symptoms of COVID-19

- Fever (100.4 F or higher) or chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

This list does not include all possible symptoms. CDC will continue to update this list as we learn more about COVID-19.

- Confidentiality will be maintained in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPPA), and Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA).

COVID PROTOCOL

- Mask are optional based on CDC guidelines
- Signage indicates proper hygiene protocol
- Anyone (student or teacher) indicating to the school administration that they have tested positive for COVID will be asked to remain home for 10 days. Individuals may return to school after day 5 with a negative COVID test. It is important to note that COVID days (additional days given to employees in the 2020-21 school specifically for COVID issues) do not exist.

All sick days will be charged to the employee's accumulated sick time. They may return after five days with a negative test result.

- Those individuals deemed to be in direct contact with a positive person will be notified and asked to self-monitor for symptoms and respond accordingly. Parents will be notified if individual is a student.
- Direct Contact is considered within three feet for fifteen minutes
- All athletic team COVID protocols will follow TSSAA guidance
- COVID positive students will be able to continue instruction while quarantined (refer to FCS policy 4.212)
- FCS encourages students and employees to follow any and all health care professional instructions.
- In all illness, students who are sick should stay at home until symptom free for 24 hours.

***FCS COVID Response Update 1/10/2022**

Isolation Guidance for Cases

Cases, with symptoms, must isolate for a minimum of 5 days after onset of symptoms and may be released after they are without fever for 24 hours (without fever-reducing medication) and show improvement in symptoms.

Cases, without symptoms, should isolate for 5 days after being tested.

****Regardless of symptoms, cases should wear a well-fitting mask when around others for 10 days following onset of symptoms/testing.**

Quarantine Guidance for Close Contacts:

Close contacts **DO NOT** need to quarantine if they meet any of the following:

- Are ages 18 or older and have received all recommended vaccines, **including boosters**.
- Are ages 5-17 years and completed the primary series of COVID-19 vaccines.
- Had confirmed COVID-19 within the last 90 days and remain without symptoms.

Close contacts **SHOULD** quarantine if they meet any of the following:

- They are NOT vaccinated or have not completed a primary vaccine series.
- They are ages 18 or older and completed the primary series of recommended vaccine, BUT have not received a recommended booster shot when eligible.
- They received the single-dose Johnson & Johnson vaccine over 2 months ago and have not received a booster shot.

****If symptoms develop, close contacts must isolate and be tested for COVID-19. Close contacts should quarantine regardless of whether the case was symptomatic.**

NON-Household Contacts vs Household Contacts:

A household contact is an individual who shares any living spaces with a case, including bedrooms, bathrooms, living rooms, kitchens and etc. If the contact can separate from the case within the home, then they can follow the NON-Household guidance. If the contact cannot

separate from the case in the home, they are considered a Household Contact.

If a NON-Household contact meets the above criteria and is NOT REQUIRED to quarantine, the contact should wear a well-fitting mask around others for 10 days from the date of last close contact to a COVID-19 case. They should also get tested at least 5 days after their last exposure to someone with COVID-19. If they test positive or develop symptoms, they become a case and must isolate. If a Household contact meets the above criteria and is NOT required to quarantine, the contact should get tested 5 days after initial exposure to the case and again 5 days after the end of the case's isolation. The contact should wear a mask in public for 10 days following last exposure or until a negative test.

If NON-Household contact meets the above criteria and IS REQUIRED to quarantine, they should quarantine at home for 5 days and get tested on day 5. After that, they should self-monitor for symptoms and continue to wear a mask around others for 5 additional days. If symptoms develop, they must isolate and get tested. Household contacts required to quarantine and who cannot separate within the home should quarantine for the case's 5 day isolation period PLUS an additional 5 days. Afterwards, the contact must monitor for symptoms and wear a mask for 5 additional days.

*** Please note that Fayetteville City Schools reserves the right to alter this plan and respond accordingly based upon changing data. Any changes will be made available to the public.*

