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 3 - August 6) to limit the number of students in buildings each day, orient student to new protocol, and prepare for distance learning routines that may be implemented at some point.

Students will attend on the following days, depending on their grade level:

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

- Fayetteville City Schools will return to school for the first day of classes on August 3, 2020
- 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.
- If your child should require a totally virtual learning option, due to a health reason or circumstances related to the COVID-19 pandemic, please see the Virtual Learning Academy Guide.

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.

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 plastic face shields and gloves while preparing and serving food.
- All tables will be disinfected before and after meals and between lunches
- Students will be encouraged to use good distancing practices
Staggered Schedules

The first week of school will follow a staggered schedule for the first week (August 3 – August 6) to limit the number of students in the building each day, orient students to new protocol, and prepare for distance learning procedures that may be needed if schools must be closed again. Students will attend on the following days, depending on grade level.

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

Transportation

- Bus service will continue to be provided, but out of an abundance of caution, we encourage parents/guardians to transport to and from school if possible
- If siblings ride the same bus they will sit together.
- Assigned seating will be enforced, and masks required on buses (masks provided if necessary.)
- Buses will be ionizer cleaned daily
- Buses will utilize electrostatic disinfectant sprayer

Virtual Learning Academy

Guidelines/ Expectations

1. I understand that by choosing virtual learning my student must remain in virtual courses through the end of the 1st Nine Weeks. Transitions from the Virtual Learning Academy to face-to-face classes can only occur at the end of each nine weeks.
2. I understand that my student will still be responsible for participating in
classroom assessments and all TNReady testing as required by the state
department.
3. I understand that my student will be accountable for both attendance
and course grades during virtual learning through measures such as
assignment completion, login time, online discussions, virtual class
meetings, etc.
4. I understand by filling out this waiver I agree to follow the rules and
regulations of the Virtual Learning Academy Plan for the 2020-21 year.

Visitors on Campus

- Unfortunately, due to current circumstances, and in the best interest of
students, visitors will be discouraged from entering school buildings
without an appointment. Parents/guardians needing to speak to a teacher
or administrator can make an appointment via email or phone call.
- Anyone admitted into the buildings will be screened for temperature and
health and will be required to wear a mask while in the building (will be
provided if needed.)
- Until further notice, parents/guardians will not be allowed to eat breakfast
or lunch with their students, and parents or guardians will not be allowed
to walk their students to the classrooms.
- 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.
Fayetteville City Schools
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.

- Temperature checks will occur for every student and adult entering the buildings daily until further notice.
- 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).
- **Protocol 1**- Student/ Employee exhibits symptoms or fever based on screening
  - Student must quarantine and be symptom free for 24 hours
- **Protocol 2**- Student tests Covid positive
  - Student must quarantine for 10 days and be symptom free for 24 hours
- **Protocol 3**- Student has *direct contact* with a Covid positive individual.

Revised January 13, 2021
TDH and CDC recommend a 14-day quarantine. CDC has proposed two alternative (but less effective) options to a 14-day quarantine: • after Day 10 (returning to regular activities on Day 11) without testing if the contact does not have symptoms. • after Day 7 (returning to regular activities on Day 8) if the contact does not have symptoms and if they test negative by a PCR or antigen test collected after Day 5. Persons must be responsible for securing verification of a negative test results if using this quarantine release option.

* Direct contact is defined as being within six feet of a Covid positive person for 15 minutes or more.
**CASES**

Isolate for a minimum of 10 days after illness onset. Release from isolation when without fever for 24 hours (without fever-reducing medication) and show improvement in symptoms. Some severely ill patients will need to isolate for at least 20 days.

Cases without symptoms must be isolated through 10 days after their specimen collection date.

Notes:
- L lingering cough should not prevent a case from being released from isolation.
- If a follow-up PCR test is positive, cases do not need to re-enter isolation as long as they have completed the minimum 10-day isolation and had symptom resolution for a minimum of 24 hours.
- If a case has been released from isolation and symptoms return, individuals do not need to re-enter isolation as long as they have completed the minimum 10-day isolation and had symptom resolution for a minimum of 24 hours.

**EXAMPLES**
- A case that is without fever and experiencing an improvement in symptoms on day 2 (and continues to do so) can be released after completing isolation through 10 days after symptom onset, returning to regular activities on Day 11.
- A case is without fever on day 2, but symptoms return on day 6. The case is without fever and experiencing an improvement in symptoms on day 12 and continues to do so for 24 hours. They can return to regular activities on Day 13, once they have been without fever and improving for at least 24 hours.
- An case that never develops symptoms during the 10-day isolation can return to regular activities on Day 11.

**PREVIOUS CASES:** Anyone who has had close contact with someone with COVID-19 and who meets the following criteria does NOT need to quarantine.
- Had COVID-19 within the previous 3 months and
- Has recovered and
- Remains without COVID-19 symptoms (e.g., cough, shortness of breath)

**NON-HOUSEHOLD CONTACTS**

Non-household contacts must be quarantined after exposure* to a case, regardless of whether the case was symptomatic. TDH and CDC recommend a 14-day quarantine. CDC has proposed two alternative (but less effective) options to a 14-day quarantine:
- after Day 10 (returning to regular activities on Day 11) without testing if the contact does not have symptoms.
- after Day 7 (returning to regular activities on Day 8) if the contact does not have symptoms and if they test negative by a PCR or antigen test collected after Day 5. Persons must be responsible for securing verification of a negative test results if using this quarantine release option.

Contacts should continue to self-monitor for symptoms and wear a face mask through Day 14. Mask wearing is especially important through day 14 and should continue beyond your quarantine period.

*Exposure means contact with a case during the time period beginning two days prior to case's symptom onset (or specimen collection date if case never experiences symptoms) through the end of the case's isolation period.
**HOUSEHOLD CONTACTS**

A household contact is an individual who shares any living spaces with a case. This includes bedrooms, bathrooms, living rooms, kitchens, etc. Household contacts must be quarantined after exposure to a case, regardless of whether the case is symptomatic.

**When does quarantine start?**

Household contacts must quarantine as long as they are exposed to the case, and for a 7-14 day period beyond their last exposure.

If the contact can separate from the case within the home, then they are considered no longer exposed. Separation must include:
- The case must never be in the same room as household members.
- The case cannot share plates, cups, dishes or phones with household members.
- The case should have their own bathroom. If that isn't possible, the household must conduct daily cleaning.

If the contact cannot separate from the case within the home, the contact must quarantine for the case’s (minimum) 10-day isolation period plus an additional 7-14 days.

**When does quarantine end?**

Once exposure is no longer occurring (either the case has completed their 10-day isolation or the case and contact have separated within the home), then quarantine can end:
- after Day 14, as recommended by TDH and CDC
- after Day 10 (returning to regular activities on Day 11) without testing if the contact does not have symptoms.
- after Day 7 (returning to regular activities on Day 8) if the contact does not have symptoms and if they test negative by a PCR or antigen test after Day 5.

Contacts should continue to self-monitor for symptoms and wear a face mask through Day 14. Mask wearing is especially important through day 14 and should continue beyond the quarantine period.

**If a household contact develops symptoms of COVID-19, they become a case. They should begin isolation as a case and consider getting tested.**

**Notes:**
- Household contacts will often need to remain at home longer than the initial case.
- If a case has been released from isolation and symptoms return, household contacts do not need to restart the 10-day period as long as the case has completed the minimum 10-day isolation and had symptom resolution for a minimum of 24 hours.

### EXAMPLES

- A case is without fever and experiencing an improvement in symptoms 2 days after symptom onset and continues to do so for 24 hours. The household contact must quarantine during the case's 10-day isolation period and must remain quarantined through 10 days after the end of the case's isolation (20 days total). The household contact can return to regular activities on Day 21.
- A case is without symptoms. The household contact must quarantine during the case's 10-day isolation period and must remain quarantined through 10 days after the end of the case's isolation (20 days total). The household contact can return to regular activities on Day 21.
- A case is without fever and experiencing an improvement in symptoms 12 days after symptom onset and continues to do so for 24 hours (day 13). The household contact must quarantine during the case's 13-day isolation period and must remain quarantined through 10 days after the case's isolation period ends (23 days total). The household contact can return to regular activities on Day 24.
- A case is able to isolate within the home. The household contact has no close contact with the case since they isolated. The household contact must quarantine through 10 days after last contact with the case. The household contact can return to regular activities Day 11 after last contact with the case.
- A household contact develops cough and fever during quarantine. They must now begin isolation as a case.
### Public Health COVID-19 Return to School Decision Support Algorithm

Symptoms of COVID-19 include the following: new cough, difficulty breathing, loss of taste or smell, fever (>100.4°F), chills, congestion/runny nose, nausea/vomiting, diarrhea, sore throat, headache, myalgia, fatigue. 

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<th>No exposure with 1 low-risk symptom</th>
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<td>Return to school ≥24 hrs after improvement in symptoms</td>
<td>Testing and/or Evaluation by Healthcare Provider</td>
<td>Probable case—isolate and notify public health</td>
<td>Quarantine</td>
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<td>Symptomatic students/staff are to isolate IF a COVID-19 test is pending</td>
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<td>Notify public health. TDH and CDC recommend a 14-day quarantine. Acceptable alternatives to a 14-day quarantine include:</td>
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<td>Negative test</td>
<td>Medical evaluation without testing; alternative diagnosis</td>
<td>Isolate</td>
<td>If symptoms develop, obtain test and isolate.</td>
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<td>PCR Test?</td>
<td>Return to school after ≥24 hrs fever-free and improving symptoms</td>
<td>Isolate for 10 days from symptom onset AND ≥ 24 hr fever-free AND improving symptoms</td>
<td>Continue to monitor for COVID symptoms through Day 14. Mask wearing is especially important though Day 14, and should also continue beyond the quarantine period.</td>
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<td>Return to school after ≥24 hrs fever-free and improving symptoms</td>
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<td>Antigen Test?</td>
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<td>A close contact meeting the following criteria need not quarantine:</td>
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<td>Conduct PCR Testing. Stay isolated until PCR Results are available.</td>
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<td>- Diagnosed with COVID-19 within 90 days of exposure AND</td>
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1. **High risk symptoms**
2. **Low risk symptoms**
3. Exposure defined as within 6 feet of a case for ≥15 minutes.
4. "Test" refers to SARS-CoV-2 PCR or antigen test. Antibody tests are not approved for return to school.
5. Consult CDC guidance if severely ill or immunocompromised.
6. Consult CDC guidance if household contact.
7. Examples of acceptable diagnoses would include fever due to urinary tract infection, strep throat confirmed by a positive strep test, rash from poison ivy, etc. Diagnoses of respiratory and viral conditions such as allergic rhinitis, seasonal allergies, upper respiratory tract infection (URI), pneumonia, pharyngitis without positive strep test, viral illness, etc., **DO NOT** exclude the diagnosis of COVID-19 and **DO NOT** justify return to school.

Adapted from Washington University 8/18/20