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**FRANKLIN COUNTY COMMUNITY SCHOOL
CORPORATION**

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Franklin County Community School Corporation 2021-2022 Return to In Person Instruction

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Franklin County Community School Corporation (FCCSC) will return to in person instruction for grades PreK-12 on August 9, 2021. At this time, there will be no online option available for students.

FCCSC has worked extremely hard over the last sixteen months to ensure the safety of students and staff. Our goal is to continue to ensure school buildings are “Covid-Free” environments. We want our students, families, and staff to feel as comfortable as possible when returning to school in the fall. Decisions and guidance about the fall have been guided by the latest recommendations provided by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), the Indiana Health Department and the Franklin County Health Department.

The following measures may evolve and change according to guidance and recommendations from the CDC, the Franklin County Health Department and the Indiana Health Department.

School Bus Requirements

Face coverings are required on all school buses regardless of vaccination status per current federal CDC order. When this federal order is rescinded, students will no longer be required to wear face coverings on school buses.

K-12 Students and Staff Vaccinated

Face coverings are not necessary; use good judgement regarding social distancing; and no quarantine needed if identified as a close contact as long as they remain asymptomatic. Parents, students, and staff will be notified if they have been identified as close contact.

K-12 Students and Staff Unvaccinated

Face coverings are highly recommended (except when eating) and social distancing of at least 3 feet when possible. Students and staff will be notified if they are a close contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 and may choose to quarantine for 10 days. An asymptomatic close contact may return on day 8 with a negative COVID-19 test. COVID-19 testing will be available at each individual school building.

K-12 Student and Staff COVID-19 Positive

Students and staff that test positive for COVID-19, regardless of vaccination status, will be required to quarantine for 10 days following the onset of symptoms or a positive test result. Asymptomatic students and staff may return on day 8 with a negative COVID-19 test.

Clinical Space

Each school building will continue to provide space separate from the nurse's clinic where students or employees who are feeling ill are evaluated. COVID-19 symptomatic students will not be transported home on a school bus. If a student or staff member has a fever, for any reason, they must be fever-free, without the use of fever-reducing medications, for 24 hours before returning to school. COVID-19 testing will be available at the building level for students or staff members who are showing symptoms.

Symptoms of COVID-19







- Fever 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

Screening

FCCSC will rely on self-screening of all students and employees for COVID-19 symptoms and history of exposure. Any student or employee exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19 will be sent home immediately.

COVID-19 Screening for Parents

Every morning before you send your child to school please check for signs of illness:

<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	
	FEVER 100.4* OR CHILLS <small>*or school board policy if threshold is lower</small>		SORE THROAT		COUGH* OR SHORTNESS OF BREATH <small>*especially new onset, uncontrolled cough</small>
<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	
	DIARRHEA, NAUSEA OR VOMITING, ABDOMINAL PAIN		HEADACHE* <small>*particularly new onset of severe headache, especially with fever</small>		NEW LOSS OF TASTE OR SMELL

**May present with more than one symptom. This list does not include all possible symptoms.*

- 1 Does your child have any sign of illness above?
 - 2 Were you in close contact (within 6 feet for more than 15 minutes) with anyone confirmed with COVID-19?
 - 3 If the answer is **YES** to any of the questions, **DO NOT** send your student to school. Instead, begin isolation of your child and contact your healthcare provider. Have you been tested for COVID-19? Only a positive test or provider diagnosis can confirm if someone has a current infection.
 - 4 Please keep your student home until they meet the criteria on the chart on back of the page.
- ➔ If you have trouble breathing, chest pain, new confusion, inability to wake or stay awake or bluish lips or face **CALL 911!**



Confirmed Case of COVID-19 on School Property

When there is confirmation that a person infected with COVID-19 was on school property, FCCSC will perform contact tracing and inform close contacts of their possible exposure. Parents and staff will be notified via email and text message of all positive cases in school.

Preventive Measures

The three most important mitigation strategies to prevent the spread of COVID-19 are social distancing, frequent handwashing, and face coverings for those individuals who have not been vaccinated.

Student Attendance

An absence from school because of a quarantine, will be an excused absence.

Transportation

FCCSC has established the following protocols regarding student transportation to minimize the spread of COVID-19 and protect both students and drivers.

- Buses will be inspected for cleanliness and safety.
- Buses will be disinfected as much as possible.
- School bus drivers and students will be required to wear face coverings while on a school bus.
- Face coverings will be provided if a student does not have one.
- Students will be assigned a seat and siblings will be seated together.
- Students will be required to remain in their assigned seats for the duration of the school bus trip.
- The seat behind the driver will be unoccupied.
- Daily changes to a child's transportation schedule are not permitted.
- Guest riders will not be allowed to ride a different bus. (sleep overs, play dates, birthday parties, etc).
- Parents/guardians may only use one or two addresses to create a Monday through Friday bus schedule.
- In the event a permanent change in the student's bus schedule is needed, parents/guardians shall contact the transportation department.
- Daily changes to a child's transportation schedule will no longer be permitted, with the exception of becoming a car rider or walker for that day.
- Students are encouraged to social distance at bus stops.
- Students that have a temperature of 100.4 degrees will not be transported at the end of the school day.

Classroom Environment

The following modifications will be implemented when possible:

- Rearrange classroom desks or tables so students are facing the same direction to maximize space between students when possible.
- Students will be assigned a seat in the classroom, the cafeteria, and the school bus for contact tracing purposes.
- The use of face coverings are highly recommended for those not vaccinated.
- Students will be provided with multiple opportunities for handwashing.
- High-touch surfaces and objects will be cleaned throughout the school day.
- Hand sanitizer will be available throughout the building.
- Restroom breaks will be scheduled to avoid overcrowding.
- Latchkey will be offered at BES, MCS, and LES.
- Students are encouraged to bring their own water bottle.
- Limited sharing of supplies and equipment.
- Drinking fountains will be used and will be cleaned throughout the school day.

Cafeteria

The following modifications will be implemented when possible:

- Pre-packaged breakfast will be available for students and staff.
- Disposable napkins and silverware.
- Social distancing of 3 feet when possible.
- Hand sanitizer will be available.
- Frequent sanitizing of all kitchen equipment.

Visitors and Volunteers

Building administrators may limit visitors and volunteers in all buildings. Face coverings are highly recommended for those who have not been vaccinated. All visitors should perform a self check for COVID-19 symptoms prior to entering the building.

Athletics/Extracurricular

- Food-sharing will be eliminated.
- No sharing of water bottles, towels, clothing, etc.
- Hand sanitizer will be available.
- Frequent sanitization of equipment.
- Face coverings are highly recommended for those not vaccinated when indoors.
- Concessions will operate as normal.
- Families are encouraged to social distance as much as possible.
- Tickets will be sold at the gate for all events.
- Face coverings will be required on school buses.

Special Education

Annual case conferences will be conducted, regardless of school closure status. FCCSC will conduct case conference meetings in person unless the parent requests a remote case conference. Contingency planning to continue special education services if COVID-19 transmission requires intermittent or extended school building closures or a student quarantine will also be discussed.

Homebound Services

Students who were receiving services in a homebound placement pursuant to their IEP will remain in that placement until the case conference committee determines that a different placement is appropriate.

Special Transportation

If a student is being provided in-person services and requires special transportation, the IEP will reflect this need.