

# FREDERICK PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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## **Schools Reopening Plan**

**Revised 08/09/2021**

Frederick Public Schools recognizes that public school is fundamental to child and adolescent development and well-being and provides our students with academic instruction, social and emotional skills, safety, reliable nutrition, therapy services, school health services, opportunities for physical activity, and many other benefits. COVID 19 and its ever-changing pandemic have led to many school closures including FPS. The American Academy of Pediatrics “strongly advocates that all policy considerations for the coming school year should start with a goal of having students physically present in school.” (AAP, 2021) The goal of this plan is to implement policies and procedures to ensure the preparation, prevention of, and response to COVID 19 for students, school employees, and visitors to the best of our abilities. This plan may be adjusted if further mandates are received from the State Dept of Education or other appropriate agency. Frederick Public Schools will reopen for students on August 12, 2021 with the following guidelines:

### **Communication Plan**

District Wide we will use Remind app, Frederick Public School Facebook pages, Frederick Press-Leader and Frederick Public School website.

Principals to Parents will use Remind app (school site), Site Facebook pages

Teachers to Parents will use Google Classroom, Remind app (class)

### **Enrollment**

Enrollment of students is encouraged to be done online. Our online enrollment site is scheduled to be live by July 31. Parents may use your current username and password for our online gradebook to log in and complete enrollment. If you are a new student or do not remember your password, please email your building counselor Dana Norvell (9-12) [dnorvell@frederickbombers.net](mailto:dnorvell@frederickbombers.net) or Julie Treadwell (PK-2, 6-8) [jtreadwell@frederickbombers.net](mailto:jtreadwell@frederickbombers.net) or Britni Smith (3-5) [bsmith@frederickbombers.net](mailto:bsmith@frederickbombers.net) to get your login credentials for enrollment. If you do not have internet access, please contact your student’s school site for enrollment information. The gradebook link can be found at the upper left side of our district’s web page. [www.frederickbombers.net](http://www.frederickbombers.net) Enrollment of students should be completed by August 4. Make sure that a parent cell phone number and email address are included in enrollment. The enrollment has to be completed in the Student Records Portal application. If you are choosing the virtual option, please contact the appropriate building Principal for notification.

### **Preventative Measures for Students and School Employees:**

To prevent the spread of communicable diseases, especially during a pandemic or public health crisis, the district will implement the following protocol to control and restrict access to school property, activities, and events:

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Parents will be asked to screen their child before bringing them to school or putting them on a bus. The screening process consists of a few basic health questions and taking their temperature reading. The template for screening the student will be available on the Frederick Public School website. It is believed that this process should take very little time each morning. Staff will screen themselves using the same template.

The district may screen any individual who enters a school facility. The screening process may include taking temperatures, asking health-related questions, and isolating those that have symptoms of a communicable disease.

## **Health and Hygiene Precautions for Students and School Employees:**

- Students and school employees are generally recommended but not required to wear masks. In the Music Department, OSSAA recommendations will be followed that state:
  - Directors and students are recommended to wear masks, if not outside.
  - Singing and playing of instruments should be done outside if possible
  - If singing and playing are not possible outside, the next best option is inside with masks and social distancing recommended.
  - Shorter indoor rehearsals are recommended. Masks and social distancing are recommended and rooms should be allowed to clear between rehearsals.
  
- School employees will review the importance of hand washing and good hygiene with students on a regular basis. Students and staff are encouraged to use good hygiene practices and wash hands with soap and water for 20 seconds after using the bathroom. Washing hands or using hand sanitizers will be encouraged after use of other high touch areas.
- Students will use hand sanitizer before and after using computer lab equipment, Chrome books, or tablets.
- Classrooms will be sanitized daily. Restrooms will be sanitized throughout the day.
- Improve ventilation in classrooms with open windows when possible and updating HVAC systems.
- Teachers will have seating charts for each class to help with contact tracing.
- Common areas will be limited for use as much as possible. If used, the area will be sanitized at the end of each day.

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- Cafeterias may use a staggered schedule or allow eating in classrooms to limit the number of students in each area.
- For students who change classrooms, desks will be sanitized between classes.
- Classroom teachers will utilize space available to promote as much distance between students during instruction and all activities as possible.
- Appropriate accommodations for students with disabilities will be provided.
- Classroom teachers will discourage the sharing of personal items and supplies.
- We have installed touch less faucets in bathrooms.
- Water fountains will only be used in conjunction with water bottles or other containers with a lid and cap. Student and staff will not be allowed to use their mouth to get a drink at the fountains
- Bathroom high touch areas will be cleaned once in the mornings and afternoon.

## **Transportation**

- Buses will be sanitized after students arrive in the morning and again when buses return after school. Also before and after any trips.
- Social distancing should be used when possible.
- If weather conditions permit, vehicles windows should be open to promote airflow.
- Seating Charts will be used on buses.

## **Daily Self Checklist and Isolation Procedures**

Criteria and Protocol for Students and COVID 19: (These are subject to change with additional guidance from the Oklahoma State Dept of Health)

To protect student health and prevent the spread of COVID-19, FPS encourages parents to check for the following symptoms/risk factors before sending their children to school:

### 1 of the Following Symptoms

Fever >100.4 degrees  
Sore Throat  
Cough  
Difficulty Breathing  
Diarrhea or Vomiting  
New Loss of Taste or Smell

### 3 or More of the Following Symptoms

Stuffy Nose  
Runny Nose  
Muscle/Body Aches  
Fatigue  
Chills  
Nausea  
Loss of Appetite  
Elevated Temp but <100.4 degrees  
New Onset of Severe Headache

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- It is recommended that students/staff who have been sent home due to the above symptoms receive a negative COVID-19 test and/or Doctor's release before returning to school. Students who have had a fever (100.4) should be fever free for 24 hours with no fever reducing medication.

## **Exposures and Contact Tracing**

Should a school be made aware of a possible COVID-19 exposure in a building, the school administrators will contact trace as was practiced during the 2020-21 school year. The end result of that contact tracing will be a notification to the appropriate parents stating that their student had close contact with an individual who has since tested positive for COVID-19. We ask that parents who receive such a notification monitor their child's health and contact their family physician should the child develop symptoms.

In regard to communication regarding contact tracing:

- If there is a confirmed case of COVID-19 with a staff member, parents of students at that school building will be notified **ONLY** in the event their child has had possible close contact with the affected staff member.
- If there is a confirmed case of COVID-19 with a student, parents will be notified **ONLY** in the event their child has had possible close contact with the affected student.
- If there is a confirmed case of COVID-19 with a student or staff member within an extracurricular activity, parents will be notified **ONLY** in the event their child has had possible close contact with the affected individual.

## **School Positive Scenario:**

### **Case: Student or Staff Positive for Covid-19**

- **Determine isolation for the positive case**
- **Identify and notify close contacts per OSDH quarantine guidelines**
- **Quarantine for close contacts recommended, no longer required per OSDH**
- **Assist students, staff, and families with quarantine dates and testing dates.**

Students and/or parents should notify the school so that teachers can be notified of a student being placed on a temporary distance learning model. The school may be contacted by local health officials if deemed necessary for contact tracing. Any transition of a class, building site or the district to distance learning would be made in conjunction with the local Health Department.

Individuals with COVID 19 who have symptoms and were instructed to care for themselves at home may discontinue isolation under the following conditions: (SYMPTOMS BASED STRATEGY)

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- At least 24 hours have passed since recovery defined as resolution of fever without the use of fever reducing medications and improvement in respiratory symptoms (coughing, shortness of breath) and,
- At least 10 days have passed since symptoms first appeared.

Individuals with COVID 19 who have not had any symptoms and were instructed to care for themselves at home may discontinue isolation under the following conditions:

- At least 10 days have passed since the date of the first positive COVID 19 diagnostic test, assuming no subsequently developed symptoms since the positive test. If symptoms develop, the symptom-based strategy should be used. Note, because symptoms cannot be used to gauge where these individuals are in the course of their illness, it is possible that the duration of viral shedding could be longer or shorter than 10 days after their first positive test.

## **Vaccinations**

Frederick Public Schools is working closely with the local Health Department in informing staff and families of available vaccination clinics in our area. To schedule a vaccination please go to the following web address: <https://vaccinate.oklahoma.gov/en-US/>

## **Coordination with Health Department**

Frederick Public Schools is committed to continue coordinating information for vaccinations or contact tracing with the following:

Melanie Curry, Community Health Epidemiologist,

Kallie Clemmer, RN, Coordinating Nurse Tillman County Health Department, and  
Brandie Combs, MPH, Regional Director District 5.

Tillman County Health Department Contact Information is 580-335-2163 or 1500 N. Main, Frederick, OK 73542

## **Social Distancing and Gatherings**

Frederick Public Schools will work to reduce sustained close contact while students are at school. Social distancing at all times is not feasible during a school day. Face masks or cloth coverings are not required (at this time) but the school will provide one reusable/washable cloth face mask to all students and staff at no cost. Other face masks will be furnished by the students and staff.

## **Assemblies**

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Large gatherings such as assemblies, pep rallies and class parties will be evaluated on a case by case basis. Factors involved with having a large gathering will include the current health situation at the school, in the community, how many grades will attend and if visitors will be allowed.

## **Learning and Academics**

The best learning environment is for students to be at school with their peers and school staff. It is our goal at Frederick Public Schools to have in person, traditional school as many days as possible throughout the school year. However, we understand that interruptions to the school year will probably be unavoidable. In an effort to better connect with our students and sustain learning regardless of the situation, the following measures are being taken. There could be multiple scenarios for delivery of education during the school year including traditional, distance and virtual. There may also be various methods of school closures including by classroom, grades, site or district. Frederick Public Schools will make every effort to get information out to parents as soon as possible.

## **Virtual**

- Frederick Public Schools will be offering an option for students to attend school virtually. Online classes will be through Odysseyware at the HS, through Study Island, Exact Path, and Odysseyware in grades 3-8.
- Frederick Public Schools will be offering a Virtual Learning option for PK-2 using Wonders Reading, Edmentum, Renaissance, and Exact Path.
- An adult learning coach (parent, guardian, etc) should be available 3 hours per day to help the student reach their goals.
- Computers and wifi hotspots will be available based on need and subject to approval of paperwork on policy FNCD-R
- A student enrolled virtually may return to regular during the 1<sup>st</sup> 10 days or at the semester break. It is in the student's best interest to work on all subjects equally. This will help ensure that the student is on track if they choose to return to regular school.
- The teacher assigned to each student will ensure that the OAS standards are taught. A pacing guide is used to create a timeline for the OAS standards for the school year.
- Student attendance will be in accordance with policy FDC-R1 and is based on completion of assignments in a timely manner. An FPS teacher will be available to meet with the student and family virtually a couple of times per week and will be responsible for evaluating submitted work and assigning grades.
- Students may choose full time virtual or full time regular school. A blended option is not available.
- Virtual education has already been in place at the HS level through Odysseyware.

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- Some of the advantages of FPS providing virtual education to your student include:
  - A virtual education experience with educators that know your child.
  - Meals are provided each day. Students are responsible for picking up the meals.
  - Upon graduation you will walk across the stage and graduate with your classmates.
  - Your student is much more than just a number.

## **Distance Learning (Virtual) if school is closed**

- Computers and wifi hotspots will be available based on need and subject to approval of paperwork on policy FNCD-R
- Student attendance will be in accordance with policy FDC-R1 and is based on the completion of assignments in a timely manner. At least 2 grades per week, per subject will be taken.
- Teacher will communicate daily with students.
- Teachers will assign lessons daily.
- Parents will be requested to provide a quiet learning environment daily.
- Parents will be requested to communicate with the teacher at least weekly.
- Parents will be responsible for students turning in their work as directed.
- Students who check out devices should use them for school only.
- Students will be responsible for working each day.
- Students will be responsible for completing and turning in work on time.
- Students and parents will be responsible for keeping school devices in good condition and returning them in working order.
- If a school site is closed due to COVID 19 no extracurricular activities will take place at that site. If the District is closed due to COVID 19 no extracurricular activities will take place in the District.

## **Outdoor Events**

- Masks are recommended.
- Please practice social distancing.
- Seating at Football will be available on the hills, on the north wall and on the visitor's side if space permits.
- Hand sanitizer will be available.

## **Indoor Events**

- Masks are recommended for everyone
- Social distancing is recommended.
- Player seats spaced 6 feet apart
- Benches and equipment sanitized between games

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## **Concession**

- Masks and gloves are recommended for those handling non packaged food.
- Move prepared food to tailgate area.
- Separate person handling money

## **Miscellaneous Information**

- All 6-12th grade students will take Semester Tests. There will be no exemptions this school year. We want students to stay home if they are ill or show symptoms. Incentives for perfect attendance at this time are not warranted.
- In accordance with school policy, if students are ill or show symptoms of illness and stay home, they can be counted present for that school day if they meet the attendance requirements for distance learning. (Policy FDC-R1)
- Any criteria or protocol for students with COVID 19 may be revised as new guidelines or recommendations are released by the Oklahoma State Department of Health.

Even after working on this document over a year, there are probably situations that will come up throughout the year that might not have been contemplated. Frederick Public Schools is committed to working with families and students to address unforeseen situations so we can continue to provide a safe and successful learning experience for our staff and students. This plan is the product of endless hours of collaboration, meetings, and recommendations, with federal and state officials. It is our desire to give our students a school experience that is as normal as possible in these unprecedented times. At any point in the future, there may be a necessity to revise this plan. If that happens, students, parents, and staff will be notified of any changes as soon as possible. Any school closure will happen because of accurate information provided by appropriate officials. Please be mindful that misinformation, speculation and gossip does not help the over 850 students and 100 employees of Frederick Public Schools. If there is a positive case that affects our school, we are confident that our local health professionals will give us the guidance we need to make informed decisions about possible school closure situations. We ask that you are sympathetic and non judgmental to individuals and families that become infected with COVID 19. There shouldn't be a negative stigma attached to those who contract COVID 19. We should be supportive of the individual and help them. Many people during this pandemic have become infected while following all the health and safety guidelines. People are often scared of the unknown. There are still many things that medical experts are learning about COVID 19. We appreciate your confidence and support for our school system.

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