



Forsyth R-III Schools

Reopening plan for the fall of the 2020-2021 school year.

General Guidelines

The following guidelines will be in place for Forsyth R-III Schools as we begin the 2020-2021 school year, and will remain in place until the COVID-19 pandemic subsides and normal guidelines can be reinstated. These measures may be updated or changed as new information becomes available. These guidelines will be followed to the extent possible to maintain student, staff and community safety. Decisions will be made in coordination with the Taney County Health Department.

Goal

Our goal is to keep students and staff healthy and provide a safe learning environment to the best of our ability. This effort will require cooperation among our students, staff, and families.

Resources

Return to Learn

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/10VtxGkux-PMfiV3Rh6uFHtax6peuDmtg/view?usp=sharing>

Facial Covering Protocols:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1YFBHXBlwnEUQPUJC3IVhFC1NjA0I3b8N/view?usp=sharing>

Forsyth R-III Schools is committed to returning to fully seated in-person learning on August 25th. We believe that students learn best when they are receiving face to face instruction and learning experiences. We do however understand that these are uncertain times and know that some families will have an interest in a virtual learning experience for their students. To accommodate this, families will have a choice to take part in a virtual instructional program. If a student elects to attend in a virtual format, they must remain in that virtual setting for the entire semester. To be eligible to participate in extra curricular activities, students must attend school on campus for seated instruction. Forsyth R-III Schools will be partnering with Edgenuity for our students who select full time virtual instruction. If you plan to elect the virtual instruction option, please contact your building office by Friday, August 7, 2020.

Level 1: Face to Face Learning (current planned status for August 25, 2020 start)

- School operations will be as normal as possible.
- Social distancing will be encouraged at all times and students will be instructed on appropriate hygiene practices and protocols.
- Facial coverings will be **required for students grades 5-12 and all Forsyth staff**. Facial coverings are recommended for all students. Facial coverings will be provided for all students and staff. Students and staff may use a facial covering of their own.
- Non-essential visitors will be limited. Therefore, we are unable to host guests to eat lunch/breakfast with students, volunteers, mentors, guest speakers, etc. We will re-evaluate this quarterly.

- Class meetings will be held only when social distancing may be achieved. No building wide assemblies will be held. This will be in place through first quarter and then reevaluated.
- No field trips will be taken during the first quarter. This protocol will be reevaluated quarterly.
- Hand washing/hand sanitizer will be available and frequently encouraged.

Level 1:	Face to Face Learning Guidelines
Student Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students entering 5th grade and above will be required to wear a facial covering. • It is recommended that all students wear a facial covering. • All students and staff will be required to wear a facial covering while riding a school bus. • For the required population, facial coverings will be optional once a person is at their final destination in the building or on the property IF social distancing can be maintained. • Facial coverings may be removed during: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Consuming food and drink, playing a sport, exercising or using exercising equipment while exerting themselves. ○ While working in settings which might increase the risk of heat-related illnesses. ○ While speaking, addressing a classroom or audience or performing where social distancing can be maintained. • Disposable facial coverings will be available for students upon request. • If a student has a documented health condition which makes wearing a facial covering unadvisable, the parent should communicate with the building principal. • Find our Facial Covering Protocols here https://drive.google.com/file/d/1YFBHXBlwnEUQPUJC3lVhFC1NjA0l3b8N/view?usp=sharing • Students will be monitored for COVID-19 symptoms daily. If found to have a temperature above 100 degrees, student will promptly be sent home. If students exhibit cough, shortness of breath, or at least two of the following symptoms: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Fever (Above 100 degrees) ○ Chills ○ Repeated shaking with chills ○ Headache ○ Sore Throat ○ New loss of taste or smell ○ Runny Nose/Congestion ○ & Other flu-like symptoms

	<p>the student will be sent to the nurse’s office for evaluation. If a student's symptoms are determined to possibly be COVID-19 related, the student will be sent home.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Students may be allowed back at school with one of the following: symptom free for <u>72 hours</u>, a negative COVID-19 test, a doctor’s note to return to school, or after 14 days of quarantine. ● Staff will be trained on healthy hygiene practices so they can teach these to students. ● Ensure handwashing strategies include washing with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Strongly encourage hand washing during all the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ After going to the bathroom. ○ After playing outside. ○ Before eating. ○ After blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing. ● If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer. ● Remind students to not touch their eyes, nose or mouth. ● Remind students to not share cups, eating utensils, food or drinks with others. ● Personal water bottles are encouraged as drinking fountains will not be accessible. Each student and staff will be provided a water bottle. Bottle fill stations will be available. ● Students will be active in sanitizing their work and play areas/equipment to help disinfect throughout the day. ● Workspaces will be sanitized between classes and groups.
<p>Staff Health</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Facial coverings will be required when social distancing is not possible. Mask or face shields will be provided. ● Staff members are to take their temperature and monitor for symptoms prior to starting to work daily. ● If staff exhibit cough, shortness of breath, or at least two of the following symptoms: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Fever ○ Chills ○ Repeated shaking with chills ○ Headache ○ Sore Throat ○ New loss of taste or smell ○ Runny Nose/Congestion ○ & Other flu-like symptoms <p>Staff member will be sent to the nurses’ office for evaluation. If a staff member’s symptoms are determined to possibly be COVID-19 related, the staff member will be sent home.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff may be allowed back to work with one of the following: symptom free for <u>72 hours</u>, a negative COVID-19 test, a doctor’s note to return to school, or after 14 days of quarantine. • The workspace will be disinfected. • All employees will routinely wash their hands for at least 20 seconds.
<p>Building Operations</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Custodial department is implementing a specified sanitation plan using approved cleaning products across the district. • Custodial Department will ensure adequate supplies (e.g., soap, paper towels, hand sanitizer, tissue) to support healthy hygiene practices throughout each facility. • Individuals encouraged to sanitize hands upon entry and exit of all buildings. Hand sanitizing stations will be available to do so. • Routinely clean and disinfect surfaces and objects that are frequently touched periodically throughout the day. Items to consider: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Doorknobs ○ Light switches ○ Classroom sink handles ○ Countertops ○ Lockers ○ Playground equipment • Clean with effective cleaners that are typically used for those cleaning surfaces. Use all cleaning products according to the directions on the label. • Provide disinfectant wipes to teachers, staff, or students (grades 5-12) so that commonly used surfaces (e.g., keyboards, desks, remote controls) can be wiped down before use. • Increase airflow and ventilation as weather allows. (Open windows, use air conditioning where available, etc.) Encourage use of outdoor learning spaces. • Post signs encouraging good hand and respiratory hygiene practices. • Students should keep their own supplies to limit sharing supplies when possible. • Students will experience seating assignments to help with contact tracing if it is needed. • Student hallway traffic will be scheduled to eliminate large groups traveling together. • Indoor facilities will be unavailable for public use/rent unless being used for Forsyth student groups. This will be reevaluated quarterly.

<p>Transportation</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● All students are required to wear a facial covering while on the bus. ● Parents are encouraged to provide their own transportation to/from school when possible to decrease the number of students per bus. ● All drivers and staff members will wear a facial covering while on the bus. ● Students will be separated on the bus where feasible, but social distancing cannot be guaranteed. ● Students on buses will be required to wear facial covering when social distancing cannot occur. ● Buses will be appropriately disinfected after each use. ● Buses will have hand sanitizer dispensers installed. Students are expected to use hand sanitizer upon entry and exiting the bus. ● Bus drivers have been properly trained in COVID-19 safety measures.
<p>Social Distancing Best Practices</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● For students who do not ride the bus, parents are expected to drop off their child at the parent drop off locations. Parents/guardians will not be able to walk their child to their classroom. Please call ahead if an appointment is necessary. ● Parents may come to the office for late student check in or to check their student out. ● No field trips will be taken during the first quarter. This protocol will be reevaluated quarterly. ● For the duration of the Face Covering Ordinance issued by the City of Forsyth, facial coverings will be required by spectators at all school events. ● Classrooms will be organized to allow for social distancing. ● Student meals will be served in a setting that will allow for social distancing. ● We will have two health stations available if isolation is needed. Masks will be provided to students who exhibit symptoms of COVID-19. ● Non-essential visitors will be limited. Therefore, we are unable to host guests to eat lunch/breakfast with students,

	<p>volunteers, mentors, guest speakers, etc. We will re-evaluate this quarterly.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We will limit student access to other buildings as much as possible.
Attendance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student attendance incentives have been paused. • Attendance will be reviewed to monitor absenteeism patterns among both students and staff to assess District health. • Report daily attendance and absenteeism rates to Taney County Health Center to monitor trends and/or about large increases in student and staff absenteeism if necessary. • Students and staff are encouraged to stay home when sick • Students will be monitored for COVID-19 symptoms daily. If a temp of above 100 degrees is found, student will promptly be sent home.
Action Plan if Confirmed Case	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If a student or staff member tests positive for COVID-19, the Taney County Health Department will be notified. Targeted disinfecting will take place. Communication and re-entry will be determined based on guidance from the Taney County Health Department with the intent to resume school the following day. • Monitor exposure, absenteeism, and symptoms within classroom/building to determine further action, based on the guidance from the Taney County Health Department. • Identify student exposure in relation to direct contact with others and facility exposure for targeted cleaning. • Perform targeted cleaning and disinfection of frequently touched hard, non-porous surfaces, such as counters, appliance surfaces, tabletops, doorknobs, bathroom fixtures, toilets, drinking fountains, phones, technology, and any other surfaces that are visibly necessary. • Inspect areas to determine readiness for re-entry. • Consult with the Health Department prior to re-entry.

If extenuating circumstances arise, there is opportunity for our District to implement level 2 or level 3 learning plans. Additional information will be provided if necessary.

Level 2: Blended Learning

- Classes may take place online for one or more days due to a rapid increase in number of local cases and/or higher than normal absence rates due to COVID-19

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- Restrictions on school activities will be in place
- Capacity and attendance limits may be established for events or school activities

Level 3: At-Home Learning

- All classes are online and will follow the district's Emergency Alternative Methods of Instruction plan
- Classwork done independently and required for grades/credit
- School buildings will be closed and only designated staff can enter
- All activities will be canceled or rescheduled