



Forsyth R-III Schools

Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan

General Guidelines

The following guidelines will be in place for Forsyth R-III Schools as we begin the 2021-2022 school year. As we transition back to normal procedures, we will continue to communicate with parents and patrons of any changes in procedures that may take place. 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 24th. We believe that students learn best when they are receiving face to face instruction and learning experiences.

Level 1: Face to Face Learning (current planned status for August 24, 2021 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 not be required except for on district provided transportation based on CDC (Center for Disease Control and Prevention) guidelines.
- Hand washing/hand sanitizer will be available and frequently encouraged.

<p>Level 1:</p>	<p>Face to Face Learning Guidelines</p>
<p>Student Health</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All students and staff will be required to wear a facial covering while riding a school bus. • 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/1YFBHXBlwnEUQPUJC3IVhFC1NjA0I3b8N/view?usp=sharing • Students will be monitored for COVID-19 symptoms. 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>24 hours</u>, a negative COVID-19 test, a doctor’s note to return to school, or after 10 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.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Personal water bottles are encouraged. ● 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 routinely.
Staff Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 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>24 hours</u>, a negative COVID-19 test, a doctor's note to return to school, or after 10 days of quarantine. ● The workspace will be disinfected. ● All employees will routinely wash their hands for at least 20 seconds.
Building Operations	<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.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 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 may experience seating assignments to help with contact tracing if it is needed. ● Student hallway traffic will be scheduled to eliminate large groups traveling together.
Transportation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● All students are required to wear a facial covering while on the 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. ● Bus drivers have been properly trained in COVID-19 safety measures.
Social Distancing Best Practices	<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 may come to the office for late student check in or to check their student out. ● Classrooms will be organized to 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.
Attendance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Attendance will be reviewed to monitor absenteeism patterns among both students and staff to assess District health. ● Students and staff are encouraged to stay home when sick ● Students will be monitored for COVID-19 symptoms. If a temp of above 100 degrees is found, student will promptly be sent home.

<p>Action Plan if Confirmed Case</p>	<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. ● 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.
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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
- 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