

# Franklin Local School District



## **“Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan”**

*Disclaimer: This is a fluid document that may require revisions depending on situations that arise during the school year. This document was created cooperatively by members of the Franklin Local Board of Education, Administration, and the unions representing the district's certified and classified employees.*

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1. We will continue to consider guidance from the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Ohio Department of Health (ODH), Ohio Department of Education (ODE), Ohio High School Athletic Association (OHSAA), and our local health departments on items including but not limited to:
  - **Masks**
    - CDC guidance on universal and correct wearing of masks will be considered as we establish policies and/or protocols.
  - **Physical Distancing**
    - Students are encouraged to physically distance at a distance of 6 feet as often as possible.
  - **Handwashing and Respiratory Etiquette**
    - Handwashing will be encouraged multiple times throughout the day for students and staff.
    - Multiple hand sanitizer stations will be located throughout each building.
    - Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when coughing or sneezing;
    - Use the nearest waste receptacle to dispose of the tissue after use;
    - Perform hand hygiene (e.g., hand washing with non-antimicrobial soap and water, alcohol-based hand rub, or antiseptic handwash) after having contact with respiratory secretions and contaminated objects/materials.
  - **Facility Cleaning Protocols including Building Ventilation Systems**
    - Desks will be sanitized between each class session where new students enter the room.
    - Each room will be disinfected at the end of each school day by custodial staff.
    - High traffic areas:
      - Sanitized throughout the school day by school staff.
      - Disinfected after each school day by custodial staff.
    - Playgrounds will be sanitized after every recess, equipment will be sanitized.
  - **Protocol for Suspected/Confirmed COVID-19 Cases**

- **Communications when a staff member/student has been diagnosed with a COVID-19 positive case**
  - The Health Department will notify the district of positive cases as well as any contact tracing needs.
  - The school nurse or superintendent will then provide this information to the Health Department.
  - Staff notification will follow as appropriate.
  - The school district will cooperate with the Health Department's work in contact tracing (anyone within 6 feet of the positive case for longer than 15 minutes).
  - A 10-day isolation may be required of any staff member or student who tests positive with COVID-19. We are using the CDC recommended "Symptom-Based Criteria" for return to work:
    1. Fever-free off fever reducers for 24 hours, and
    2. Improving symptoms, and
    3. At least 10 days have passed since the onset of the symptoms. (20 days if the employee has been severely ill or hospitalized.)
  - Exemption from school will also include anyone who lives in the same residence as a person who has tested positive or is exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19; therefore, they would not be able to attend school during this time if the family is placed under quarantine as determined by the local health department.
- **Staff/Student health issues that are NOT diagnosed as COVID 19**
  - The duration of home stay for an employee or child sent home with a fever is fever free (without medication) for 72 hours (three full days) AND improvement of all other symptoms for 72 hours.
  - Temperatures will be taken upon return. If a staff/student tests positive for Covid-19, they and their families will be isolated for 10 days for the positive case as defined by the health department. The health department will perform all contact tracing.
  - To return to school, the child must be transported to school by the parent or self-transported and must be assessed by the school nurse or building principal.
- **Staff/Students who become ill at school**
  - Students who show symptoms of a possible COVID-19 case (fever greater than 100, cough, shortness of breath, fever, chills, muscle pain, headache, new loss of taste/smell) will be placed in a separate room and supervised by school staff until they can be transported home.
  - Staff will be sent home by administration if exhibiting symptoms of illness.
- **Diagnostic, Screening and Vaccinations**

**Symptom Checklist for Sick Students**

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Fever of or greater than 100.4

\_\_\_\_\_ Sore Throat

\_\_\_\_\_ Difficulty Breathing (different than their normal if asthma student)

\_\_\_\_\_ New onset of abdominal pain, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea

\_\_\_\_\_ New onset of headache (different kind with migraine kids)

If 2 or more of these symptoms are marked, the child will need to be masked and placed in the isolation room. The student will be evaluated and assessed by a school nurse and their guardian may be notified of immediate need for pick up from school.

STUDENT ILLNESS FORM

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Your student was seen in the office today for: \_\_\_\_\_ Temperature at school:  
\_\_\_\_\_

Time: \_\_\_\_\_

According to school policy, your student should not return until at least \_\_\_\_\_ AND is symptom/fever free for \_\_\_\_\_ hours without medications. A fever is defined as a temperature 100.0 or greater.

OR Your child will be required to have a doctor's note to release you back to school.

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

- Vaccinations are readily available at many area locations. Assistance is provided as needed through our school nursing staff.
  - Transportation
    - School buses will be sanitized after each route (morning & afternoon).
    - FLSD will make every attempt to:
      - Seat siblings or those in the same household together.
      - Maintain the most distance possible during transportation.
      - Seating charts will be required (contact tracing).
      - In the event State policies require school districts to use alternative schedules, the district may adopt minimum requirements for transportation to reduce the number of students who are eligible for school district transportation.
  - Accommodations to all health and safety policies can be made for children with disabilities.
2. The Franklin Local School District intends to provide in-person instruction for all students in all buildings beginning August 2021.
    - All academic services will resume to their pre-COVID operations.
    - To address academic struggles caused by the COVID disruption, we are offering extended learning opportunities in the form of expanded summer school opportunities for students in grades PreK-6, and afterschool services for students up through grade 8.
    - To address students and staff social, emotional and mental health needs, the Franklin Local School District will partner with a mental health services provider to increase the mental health services available to our school community.
  3. The most recent review of our Continuity of Services Plan was on June 18, 2021. We will continually review the plan and adjust as we see deficits that need addressed.
  4. The Franklin Local School District took input from stakeholders at our regularly scheduled BOE meeting on June 17, 2021. We will continue to communicate our plans and take input from our school community stakeholders.