



***Fort Calhoun***

***Community Schools***

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# Fort Calhoun Elementary Guidelines for 2020-21 School Year

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**\*\*All plans are subject to change at any given time due to COVID-19 and directed health measures.**

# Fort Calhoun Community Schools Pandemic Plan

(Full plan is available on the school website)

## Tiered Responses

High Level ~ Virus	Medium Level ~ Virus	Low Level ~ Virus
Directed Health Measures that close the school building.	Directed Health Measures that could limit the school building capacity, or guidance from the health department.	No Directed Health Measures that limits the school's capacity.

<u>Type of Opening:</u>	<u>Attendance on Site</u>	<u>Measures taken to be in the school building</u>
<p><b><u>HIGH LEVEL</u></b></p> <p>High threat of Virus exists.</p> <p>No Students in school - Remote learning.</p>	<p>None - Access to the building and district will be closed.</p> <p>All Directed Health Measures (DHM) will be followed.</p> <p>Students engaged in remote learning.</p>	<p>As a district, we recognize this solution creates obstacles in establishing routines and transitions for our families, as well as establishing relationships with our students. In the event we need to transition into HIGH, FCCS has a detailed plan to educate our students.</p> <p>If allowable, special education students will be on site. Additionally, the district will work with students with IEPs and 504s to determine the applicable placement and delivery of required services.</p>
<p><b><u>MEDIUM LEVEL</u></b></p> <p>Elevated to moderate levels of the virus exists.</p> <p>Students in school</p>	<p><b>50%-100%</b> of students in session</p> <p>The number of students will be dictated by COVID-19 and the DHM.</p> <p>If allowable, grades PreK-6 and students receiving special education services will be</p>	<p>The following recommendations have been provided by the health department to maintain a healthy and safe environment for students.</p> <p><b>1. Mask Policy</b> <u>Fort Calhoun Schools Will Require a Mask</u></p> <p>*Masks will be issued to students to keep and to be kept clean.</p>

	<p>on site at least 5 days a week, with the exception of PreK, which is 4 days a week.</p> <p>This model could consist of alternating days and a hybrid educational system for all students grades 7-12.</p> <p>There will be no outside visitors, or groups during the school day.</p> <p>If school events are allowed, no spectators to limited spectators, to full capacity in attendance.</p> <p>Students with medical hardships could potentially learn from home during this time.</p> <p>Meals will be served in the grade-level designated areas and alternate sites.</p> <p>The district will work with families on a case by case basis.</p>	<p>*Parents/Students are welcome to provide their own mask if so desired.</p> <p>*Face Shields do not constitute a mask but may be worn in addition to a mask.</p> <p><b>Cohorting, or limited movement of students.</b></p> <p>a. Students in grade PreK-6 grades will be cohorted in a single class setting with limited movement. Teachers will move to the different classes, as needed.</p> <p><b>Good Hygiene</b> - Regular use of hand sanitizer and soap and water. The district will provide both, with regular times of use.</p> <p><b>Social distancing</b> - The district will promote and require social distancing throughout the day whenever possible.</p> <p><b>Self-monitoring and temperature checks.</b> Parents should check students at home for symptoms, staff will do the same. Any individual showing symptoms should remain home. Required temperature checks on all students and staff entering the building and throughout the day.</p> <p><b>No outside visitors/programs</b></p>
<p><b><u>LOW LEVEL</u></b> <b>Low to no threat of virus.</b></p> <p><b>Students in school</b></p>	<p>100% of students Regular schedule will resume District policies followed.</p>	<p>All district mandated cleaning procedures will resume. Staff and students that wish to continue to wear face coverings will be allowed to do so.</p>

# Daily Screening Processes, Protocols, & Information Regarding Illness

The Health Department has recommended the following questions to ask your student(s) each morning before they come to school. It is important for students and parents to screen every day.

## **DAILY SCREENING QUESTIONS:**

1. How are you feeling today?
2. Are you experiencing any of the following: fever, headache, chills, sore throat, nausea, new cough, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, loss of taste and smell?
3. Have you been diagnosed with COVID-19 or been around anyone that has been diagnosed with COVID-19?
4. Have you or anyone in your household been asked to self-quarantine at home by a primary care provider or public health official?

Please take your child's(ren) temperature every morning before coming to school. If they have a 100.4 degree temperature or above, keep them home and communicate with the school. This will go a long way to keeping our schools safer.

## **Watch for symptoms of COVID-19:**

People with COVID-19 have had a wide range of symptoms reported – ranging from mild symptoms to severe illness. Symptoms may appear 2-14 days after exposure to the virus. People with these symptoms may have 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. This list does not include all possible symptoms. CDC will continue to update this list as we learn more about COVID-19.

**IF YOUR CHILD RECEIVES SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION, THEY WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO RIDE IF THEY HAVE A TEMPERATURE OVER 100.4 DEGREES.**

## **Procedure for student illness during the school day:**

If your child becomes ill during the school day, the school nurse or school designee will notify a parent/guardian. If your child has symptoms consistent with COVID-19, they will be placed in a designated area that is safe for both themselves and other students until they are picked up from school. Students with COVID-19 symptoms will not be allowed to re-enter school. The school nurse will communicate with parents the expectations regarding return to school based on the current recommendations by the CDC and Three Rivers Health Department.

## **Procedures for quarantine and/or exposure:**

Please contact the nurse's office for guidance. The school district is following all recommendations from Three Rivers Health Department with all situations.

# Protocols & Procedures To Enter and Exit the Elementary

Social distancing practices will be followed to ensure safe entry into the school building each and every day. Students or parents/guardians will not be allowed to congregate at entrance or exit areas.

**\*\* MASKS ARE REQUIRED PER THE DISTRICT WIDE POLICY\*\***

## **Students entering the elementary at 7:45 am:**

- All students are required to enter the school building in their assigned entrance/exit. Students will:
  - Enter the building with a facemask on.
  - Have their temperature taken at the point of entry. **Students will be sent immediately to the nurse's station and parents notified if they have a temperature over 100.4 degrees.**
  - Students after 8:05 am must enter through the front office.
  - Students participating in before school activities will have their temperature taken by the coach/sponsor as they enter the school building.

## **Designated areas upon arrival:**

- Students will be asked to go to a designated area (front of the building) prior to 7:45 am unless we can not accomplish social distancing.
- At 7:45 am, all students will report immediately to their classroom.

## **Access to locker/cubby:**

- Students will be allowed to put their materials in a cubby/locker upon arrival. Each student will have their own designated cubby/locker.

## **Exiting the building at the end of the day:**

- The procedure for student dismissal at the end of the day remains the same.
- Students will dismiss from their door assignment.
- Masks are required when students exit the building.
- Students riding the bus will be required to wear a mask.
- Students will not be allowed to congregate in any area of the building or outside of the building. Students must exit immediately unless they have a reason to still be in the building.

## **Assigned Door Assignments:**

- Preschool: Enter at the Preschool entrance off Monroe Street.
- Kindergarten: Enter at the entrance on the side of the building off Monroe Street. Take the preschool sidewalk and walk by the preschool entrance to enter the building.
- 1st grade: Enter in the front of the building.
- 2nd grade: Enter in the new addition entrance that faces the playground.
- 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> grade: Enter from the back doors of the building off of 10<sup>th</sup> Street.
- 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> grade: Enter from 10<sup>th</sup> Street by 6<sup>th</sup> grade classrooms.
- Masks are required when students exit their last hour class till they exit the building.

# Breakfast & Lunch Information

\*\*All food will be served by gloved and masked employees.

## **BREAKFAST PROCEDURES**

- Meals will be served in the students classroom.
- Wash hands prior to eating.
- Masks must be worn at all times unless eating or drinking.
- Assigned seating.
- Meals will be served to students or ready for pick-up. IF there is anything students grab themselves, it will be pre-packaged.

## **LUNCH PROCEDURES**

- Meals will be served in the students' classroom, lunchroom, and gym to ensure proper social distancing.
- Wash hands prior to eating.
- Masks must be worn at all times during lunch other than while eating or drinking.
- Assigned seating.
- Meals will be served to students or ready for pick-up. IF there is anything students grab themselves, it will be pre-packaged.

# Recess Procedures

## **RECESS PROCEDURES**

- Students will not be required to wear a mask but social distancing will be monitored.
- Students will be assigned a designated area(s) around the school within their classrooms with supervision.
- The playground will be utilized in a cohort manner with a schedule rotation; designated areas will practice social distancing as much as possible.

# COVID-19 FAQ's for Families

## **What is the school doing to disinfect and sanitize during the day?**

Students and staff will sanitize their hands upon entering the building, entering a classroom, and/or entering a new area. Students and staff will clean hands throughout the school day (at least 70% alcohol). The school will provide both soap and water and hand sanitizer. Staff will conduct high-touch surface sanitization throughout each day. This includes cleaning desks, door handles, workspaces, restrooms. All areas will be disinfected nightly.

## **What happens if there is a positive case of COVID-19 in my child's classroom/school?**

When a positive COVID-19 case is confirmed in a school, that individual will be excluded and allowed to return based upon current guidance from CDC at the time. Health Departments will work with the school to consider the following questions when determining how that case will impact others in their classroom and/or school building.

1. What is the level of community spread outside the school building?
2. Was the individual with COVID-19 wearing a mask most of the time?
3. Were other students and staff masked who were within 6 feet of the individual with COVID-19 for more than 15 minutes?
4. Was the individual with COVID-19 part of a cohort within the building or did they interact with a large number of students and staff throughout their day?
5. To what extent is the school community implementing other non-pharmaceutical interventions (hand washing, hand sanitizers, etc.)

The answers to these questions will help determine 1) the number of close contacts; 2) if the close contacts who are not symptomatic may stay in the classroom; and 3) the number of other students and staff who will need to be quarantined.

## **What happens if my child refuses to wear a mask when/where it is required?**

It is our belief students will meet our expectations to wear a mask. For willful disobedience, discipline for not following school rules will occur. A staff member will work with students individually before referring the student to an administrator.

## **How will social distancing be achieved in classrooms? Will students be able to interact with other students in the class?**

The desks/tables in the classroom will be configured to maximize safety. Students will all face the front of the room during instruction. Anytime students are asked to speak to another student in class as a part of a small group/partner, social distance will be attempted with a mask being worn.