



Fort Calhoun Community Schools District Reopening Plan for Fall of 2021

In regard to the start of the 2021 - 2022 school year and the district's approach to Covid-19 related protocols at Fort Calhoun Community Schools, with the increase in vaccinations, a better understanding of the Coronavirus and a decrease in active cases in the state of Nebraska and Fort Calhoun Community Schools, we will maintain the approach to social distancing and other protocols when possible, however, the use of masks will be optional.

As we progress through next school year, FCCS will continue to maintain our relationship and stay in constant contact with Three Rivers Health Department, as well as review recommendations from the Center of Disease Control and the state of Nebraska. As related to Covid-19, in the event of required, or necessary updates, or changes, the district will communicate those actions as quickly as possible to our families. Please keep in mind that based on recommendations from the State and Three Rivers Health Department, these protocols may change at any time. Any changes to this plan will be communicated with families through email and/or phone calls through our school messaging system.

The chart below outlines Fort Calhoun Community Schools approach to the start of the 2021-2022 school year.

Capacity	Participation in academic experiences and activities/athletics will be at full capacity.
Masking and Face Coverings	Masking at FCCS is optional, not required. Masking is recommended by the CDC, but not required. Proper wearing of a mask should cover under the chin and over the nose. Keep in mind that individuals who test positive or are exposed to a positive COVID person will fall under Three Rivers Health Department isolation and/or quarantine protocols.
Vaccinations	Covid-19 vaccinations are not required for students and/or staff to attend school. Vaccinations are available in several locations. Check with Three Rivers Health Department for locations. https://www.threeriverspublichealth.org Keep in mind that individuals who test positive or are exposed to a positive COVID person will fall under Three Rivers Health Department isolation and/or quarantine protocols.
Remote Learning	Remote learning will not be an option for the 2021-2022 school year.

Good Hygiene Practices	Regular use of hand sanitizer and soap and water, as well as promoting respiratory etiquette (coughing, sneezing into sleeves, etc). The district will provide opportunities and encourage good hygiene, etiquette and work to reduce the spread of illness. To assist the district, parents should encourage students to maintain good hygiene at all times.
Food and Drink	Students should not share food and drink.
Cleaning	To reduce the spread of COVID - 19 and other viruses, the district will continue to engage in routine cleaning practices.
Bussing	Busses will be cleaned daily. Masking is optional, not required.
Lunch	All cafeteria procedures will resume as normal. Wash/Sanitize hands before entering the cafeteria line is recommended. Cleaning between lunch groups. All students will return to eating in the cafeteria space.
Extra Curricular Activities	The district will follow all guidelines provided by the NSAA and NDE.
Visitors	All school visitors need to check in the office before moving throughout the building.
Playground and Outdoor Activities	Normal use of playground equipment will be allowed. Outdoor activities will be allowed as normal.

Use of schools by Outside Groups	While in the current protocol, the school may be used by outside groups as normal and must follow the district's facility use agreement.
Screening for COVID-19 and other Illnesses	Students and/or parents should check for COVID related symptoms and other illnesses at home, prior to arrival at school. Parents should follow CDC guidelines keep students at home if any of the following symptoms are experienced: * 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 If at school, students exhibiting symptoms related to Covid - 19, or other significant illness, will be screened by health office personnel and may be sent home.
Social Emotional Approach	In regard to social-emotional mental health and related needs, FCCS will continue to monitor, provide necessary guidance to parents and students to assist in possible trauma resulting from the Pandemic or any other emergency. Please contact the building counselor for further information.
Exposure or COVID Diagnosis	For the protection of everyone, individuals diagnosed with, or have been exposed to, COVID-19 should contact FCCS and Three Rivers Health Department. Individuals who test positive or are exposed to a positive COVID person will fall under Three Rivers Health Department isolation and/or quarantine protocols and CDC guidelines.