

Fayette County Schools COVID-19 Guidance

The following guidance is offered based on recommendations from the Alabama Department of Public Health (ADPH) and the Centers for Disease Control (CDC). The Fayette County Board of Education respects the rights of parents / guardians to make the best decisions for their child(ren).

1. Fayette County Schools expects all students to attend in-class instruction for the 2021-2022 school year.
2. Vaccinations will be provided for employees and students 12 and older who wish to participate. Fully vaccinated individuals are not considered close contacts of a positive case even if they are within 6 feet for 15 minutes or longer.
3. Social distancing of at least 6 feet indoors will be expected.
4. Cleaning and disinfecting of all classrooms will continue to be done on a daily basis.
5. Wearing a mask is **recommended** for students and employees.
6. Due to the **CDC order** that masks are required on all public transportation, including school buses, **all students and bus drivers will be required to wear a mask while on a bus.**
7. School nurses will continue to be required to report the names of COVID positive students and employees to the ADPH. These positive cases will isolate 5 days from the date of the positive test (day 0 is the swab date). If on the 5th day, the positive person has no symptoms and has been fever free for 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medication on the 5th day and can implement strict mask use for an additional 5 days they may return to school or work. If the positive person does not meet these requirements and cannot implement strict mask use they will be required to isolate at home for the full 10 days.
8. If a student is a **close contact** (within 6 feet for 15 minutes or more, not wearing a mask, and not vaccinated) the parent / guardian will be notified. A letter will also be sent home with the student. The parent / guardian must monitor the student for symptoms of COVID and, if they become symptomatic, they must remain at home. It is recommended that the student see a healthcare provider for testing and care if they are symptomatic.
9. If the student or employee has a positive COVID case in the household, the student or employee will isolate 5 days from the date of the last exposure to the positive case (day 0 is the last day of contact with the positive case). If on the 5th day, the exposed person has no symptoms and has been fever free for 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medication on the 5th day and can implement strict mask use for an additional 5 days they may return to school or work. If the exposed person does not meet these requirements and cannot implement strict mask use they will be required to isolate at home for the full 10 days. If the exposed person in the household has been fully vaccinated and is asymptomatic the student or employee may return to school or work implementing strict mask use for 10 days.
10. All students and employees should practice frequent hand washing.
11. All students and employees who have symptoms of COVID should remain at home and it is recommended that they see their healthcare provider for testing and care.

Please recognize and remember that COVID and its variants remain a threat outside of the school setting. Vaccinations, masking, social distancing, and frequent handwashing are the best tools to combat this pandemic in all of our society.

This guidance is subject to change if there are public health orders released.

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Fayette County Schools
2021-2022 COVID Mitigation Procedures

- Maintain 6 ft. distance when possible
- Use disinfectant spray at least once per day in all areas where students are touching surfaces or gather in large groups.
- Remind students of frequent handwashing and the use of hand sanitizer.
- There are no restrictions on outdoor activities, including P.E.

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