



FRANKLIN COUNTY COMMUNITY SCHOOL
CORPORATION

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Franklin County Community School Corporation COVID Protocols for the 2021-2022 School Year

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On December 28, 2021, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) [announced new guidelines for isolation and quarantine periods for COVID-19](#) based on the latest information about the virus and the new Omicron variant. As a result, changes have been made to reduce the amount of time for isolation for those who test positive for the virus and the quarantine period needed for those who have been in close contact with someone who has tested positive.

The new guidelines are as follows:

I tested positive.

- Quarantine for 5 days from the day symptoms started or date of positive test.
- If after day 5, you no longer have symptoms or your symptoms are resolving and you have been fever-free for 24 hours without medication, you may return to school on day 6, **but will be required to wear a face covering day 6-10.**
- If you have a fever, stay home until your fever resolves.
- Students may resume extracurricular activities on day 6 if a face covering is worn. Face coverings are not required when playing or performing.

I am a close contact and I am unvaccinated.

- Quarantine for at least 5 days after exposure.
- Get tested on day 5 if you have no symptoms.
- If after day 5 you have no symptoms and you tested negative, you may return to school on day 6, **but will be required to wear a face covering day 6-10.**
- If you develop symptoms, get tested and stay home.

- Students may resume extracurricular activities on day 6 if a face covering is worn. Face coverings are not required when playing or performing.

I am a close contact, but I have been fully vaccinated, including the booster if eligible.

- You do not need to quarantine if you remain symptom-free.
- Test on day 5 if possible. .
- It is recommended that you wear a face covering for at least 10 days after your exposure.
- If you develop symptoms, get tested and stay home.

Face Coverings

Face coverings are still required on all school buses. Face coverings are highly recommended, but not required in the school building. Students and staff will be notified if they are a close contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19. A close contact is defined as any individual within 6 feet of an infected person for a total of 15 minutes or more within a 24-hour period.

The following apply to Franklin County Middle School and Franklin County High School and have been approved by the County Health Doctor.

1. Students who choose to wear a face covering at all times have the option to quarantine if they are identified as a close contact to a positive COVID-19 case.
2. Students who choose not to wear a face covering are required to quarantine if they are identified as a close contact to a positive COVID-19 case.

A close contact is defined as any individual within 6 feet of an infected person for a total of 15 minutes or more within a 24-hour period.

Clinical Space

Each school building will continue to provide space separate from the nurse's clinic where students or employees who are feeling ill are evaluated. COVID-19 symptomatic students will not be transported home on a school bus. If a student or staff member has a fever, for any reason, they must be fever-free, without the use of fever-reducing medications, for 24 hours before returning to school.

Confirmed Case of COVID-19 on School Property

When there is confirmation that a person infected with COVID-19 was on school property, FCCSC will perform contact tracing and inform close contacts of their possible exposure. Text messages will no longer be sent when someone tests positive for COVID-19. Parents and staff may follow the positivity rate in each building by visiting the COVID-19 dashboard on the

FCCSC website at <https://www.fccsc.k12.in.us/covid-19-response/>.

Symptoms of 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
- Abdominal pain
- Diarrhea

Screening

FCCSC will rely on self-screening of all students and employees for COVID-19 symptoms and history of exposure. Any student or employee exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19 will be sent home immediately.

Preventive Measures

The three most important mitigation strategies to prevent the spread of COVID-19 are social distancing, frequent handwashing, and face coverings.

Student Attendance

An absence from school because of a required quarantine will be an excused absence.

Transportation

FCCSC has established the following protocols regarding student transportation:

- Face coverings are required while on a school bus.
- Face coverings will be provided if a student does not have one.
- Buses will be inspected for cleanliness and safety.
- Buses will be disinfected as much as possible.
- Students will be assigned a seat and siblings will be seated together.
- Students will be required to remain in their assigned seats for the duration of the school bus trip.
- The seat behind the driver will be unoccupied.
- Daily changes to a child's transportation schedule are not permitted.
- Guest riders will not be allowed to ride a different bus. (sleep overs, play dates, birthday parties, etc.).
- Parents/guardians may only use one or two addresses to create a Monday through Friday bus schedule.
- In the event a permanent change in the student's bus schedule is needed,

- parents/guardians shall contact the transportation department.
- Daily changes to a child's transportation schedule will no longer be permitted, with the exception of becoming a car rider or walker for that day.
 - Students are encouraged to social distance at bus stops.
 - Students that have a temperature of 100.4 degrees will not be transported at the end of the school day.

Classroom Environment

The following modifications will be implemented when possible:

- Rearrange classroom desks or tables so students are facing the same direction to maximize space between students when possible.
- Students will be assigned a seat in the classroom, the cafeteria, and the school bus for contact tracing purposes.
- Students will be provided with multiple opportunities for handwashing.
- High-touch surfaces and objects will be cleaned throughout the school day.
- Hand sanitizer will be available throughout the building.
- Latchkey will be offered at BES, MCS, and LES.
- Students are encouraged to bring their own water bottle.
- Limited sharing of supplies and equipment.
- Water bottle fillers will be available.
- Students will use backpacks.

Cafeteria

The following modifications will be implemented when possible:

- Pre-packaged breakfast will be available for students and staff when possible.
- Disposable napkins and silverware.
- Social distancing of 3 feet when possible.
- Hand sanitizer will be available.
- Frequent sanitizing of all kitchen equipment.
- Assigned seats.

Visitors and Volunteers

Visitors and volunteers are permitted at this time. All visitors and volunteers should perform a self-check for COVID-19 symptoms prior to entering the building.

Parents dropping off student materials will not be given access to the building. All items will be left in the main office and will be delivered by office staff.

The following is allowed at this time, but is subject to change:

- Field trips.

- Vendor access.
- Parent drop off of student materials.
- Whole school assemblies remain suspended, but small group presentations may be allowed.
- Case conferences may be held virtually or in person.

Athletics/Extracurricular

- No sharing of food, water bottles, towels, clothing, etc.
- Hand sanitizer will be available.
- Frequent sanitization of equipment.
- Concessions will operate as normal.
- Families are encouraged to social distance as much as possible.
- Tickets will be sold at the gate for all events.

Special Education

FCCSC will conduct case conferences virtually or in person.