



## **Fairview R-XI School Safe Return to In-person Instruction and Continuity of Service Plan (SRCSP)**

The global Coronavirus pandemic has introduced a new level of risk for in-person instruction and in-person gatherings. Fairview is designed to educate students through social, face-to-face interactions, in relatively close spaced and in large groups. As we move through this pandemic, we have learned that children are less vulnerable to infection and are unlikely to become seriously ill with COVID-19. The profound negative impact of loss of in-person schooling on the well-being of children has been well documented and thus we are preparing for the return to school for the 2021-2022 school year.

The content in this document will be updated as additional guidance is provided by state, local, and federal authorities. Please refer to this document often to stay informed about the most current guidelines and protocols our district will be following. Parents/guardians with questions or concerns or the need for the plan to be offered in a different language are asked to call the Fairview Superintendent's office at 417-256-1063.

### **Our plan for returning to school is built around the following foundational priorities:**

- Face Covering/Masks appropriate use
- Physical/Social Distancing Handwashing and respiratory etiquette
- Increased Sanitation Efforts
- Contact Tracing in combination with isolation and quarantine, in collaboration with the State and Local Health Departments
- Staff & Student Screening Measures
- Efforts to provide access to vaccinations
- Accommodations for Children with disabilities

### **FACE COVERING/MASKS APPROPRIATE USE**

Currently Face Covering/Masks are not mandated or required though are encouraged to be worn appropriately by anyone. Fairview School has and will continue to work with the local Howell County Health Department in following recommendations for appropriate mask use.

## **PHYSICAL/SOCIAL DISTANCING**

Fairview will strive to create an environment that supports health guidelines without interrupting the education of our students.

- The goal is to limit exposure to as few other students and staff members as possible.
- Staff and students must do their very best to maintain as much distance as possible from others within school buildings.
- Fairview will continue to adjust schedules and release time/start times to provide distancing and congestion in hallways when possible.
- Fairview will return to all students eating breakfast in the cafeteria prior to the start of the school day. We will continue to stagger lunch schedules.
- Fairview will continue to load and unload buses one at a time.
- Seating charts will be required in classrooms and on the bus to limit exposure and for contact tracing purposes in conjunction with local health departments if needed.
- Parents who can transport their students to/from school are encouraged to do so to help minimize the number of students riding the bus and allow for minimized contact.
- Parents should discuss the importance of social distancing with their students prior to the start of school. It will be difficult to ensure students maintain distance, but it is necessary for staff and students to understand the importance of doing so to prevent exposure.

## **HANDWASHING AND RESPIRATORY ETIQUETTE**

- Teachers and administrators will educate students on hygiene practices and encourage students to follow through with hygiene practices on a regular basis. An emphasis on both at home and at school hygiene will be presented including:
- Avoid touching your face with unwashed hands.
- Avoid contact with people who are sick and stay home if you are sick.
- Wash hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Use alcohol-based hand sanitizer if soap and water are unavailable.

- Cough or sneeze into your elbow or tissue. Throw the tissue in the trash. Wash hands or use hand sanitizer.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.
- Cleaning materials and hand sanitizers will be placed in every classroom. Staff and students will be expected to support cleaning and disinfecting of classroom surfaces and supplies as needed.
- Students and staff will have scheduled times throughout the day to wash/sanitize hands and supplies.

## **Increased Sanitation Efforts**

- Janitorial staff will maintain adequate supplies of personal protective equipment, soap, paper towels, hand sanitizer, and tissues throughout the school.
- Janitorial staff will clean frequently-touched surfaces and objects (e.g., tables, water fountains, door knobs, bathroom handles, and stool handles) with district supplied CDC recommended products. Computer safe disinfectant methods will be used for computers and keyboards.
- All employees should work to keep their classrooms as clean as possible by cleaning and disinfecting their workstations, surfaces they commonly use and other touchpoints. Teachers should also avoid using others' workstations, supplies, tools and equipment. Additionally, whenever an employee uses standard office equipment (e.g., printer or fax machine), it should be wiped down prior to and following use. Employees will be supplied with disinfectant and towels.
- Use virtual manipulatives/tools as much as possible.
- Limit multiple students touching/interacting with the same materials.
- Keep students physically distant within the classroom as much as possible.
- Support physical distancing between classes.
- Ensure students are facing the same direction as much as possible.

## **CONTACT TRACING IN COMBINATION WITH ISOLATION AND QUARANTINE, IN COLLABORATION WITH STATE AND LOCAL HEALTH DEPARTMENTS**

Faculty, Staff and Students who have come into close contact with someone who tests positive for COVID-19 should closely monitor for any COVID-19 symptoms and should follow all instructions given by the local health department related to contact tracing. Fairview School will work collaboratively with the local health department in vetting contact tracing for at school

exposures. When students are kept home due to illness, a representative of the school will ask additional screening & entry questions regarding symptoms to confirm whether COVID-19 is a factor.

## **PROCEDURES FOR COVID-19 INFECTIONS**

Students or staff who display symptoms of COVID-19 while at school will be provided a disposable mask and moved to a designated sick area within the school building to minimize contact with others until they go home. Contact tracing is a core disease control activity. It has been used for decades to slow or stop the spread of infectious disease. Contact tracing is used by health departments to prevent the spread of infectious disease. In general, contact tracing involves identifying people who have an infectious disease (cases) and people who they came in contact with (contacts) and working with them to interrupt disease spread.

If Fairview receives official notification of a student or staff member testing positive for COVID-19 *who attended school the day they test positive or exhibited Covid symptoms at school*, the school or classroom impacted (or area determined to be impacted) could be closed for the remainder of the day, or longer if necessary, to allow for contact tracing by the local health department. This includes asking people with COVID-19 to isolate and their contacts to quarantine at home voluntarily. If a building is closed, all school activities at that building will be cancelled or rescheduled.

- Students and staff who are identified as a close contact of the positive case will not be permitted to return to school until after they have been released by the local health department. This includes siblings and other household members.
- Students and staff who are not identified as a close contact of the positive case will be permitted to return to school after contact tracing by the local health department is complete.
- Students and staff may be contacted to assist with contact tracing efforts, review assigned seating charts, and to determine which individuals the positive case had contact with while contagious.

While local health departments are not permitted to share the names of positive COVID-19 cases unless permission is granted by the individual, if the school district becomes aware of an official positive COVID-19 case that could impact a school building, staff and families will be notified as soon as possible.

## **STAFF & STUDENT SCREENING MEASURES**

- Fairview School does not provide Antigen Testing on site though faculty, staff, and students can go to their respective doctor or local testing facility for antigen testing.
- Perfect attendance will not be incentivized by Fairview in 2020-2021. Learning opportunities will be provided for all students who stay home due to illness.
- Student temperatures will be taken before entering the school or school bus each day. These temperatures are to be taken with no touch forehead thermal readers or thermal

cameras when available. Anyone experiencing a temperature at/above 100.4 will immediately be moved to a designated sick area within the school building to minimize any further contact with others until they are able to go home. Here they will be given a mask to wear as they await departure.

- Students and staff who are sent home with a temperature must be fever free for 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medications and may return to school if accompanied by a doctor's note with a diagnosis not related to a respiratory illness, influenza or COVID-19 (such as pink eye, strep throat, ear infection, etc.).
- Students and staff must be fever free for 72 hours without the
- use of fever reducing medications if not accompanied by a doctor's note for a diagnosis. *Fever reducing medications include Tylenol, Acetaminophen, Motrin, Ibuprofen etc.*
- *Fairview School will practice ongoing collaboration with the local health department on any changes to protocols for screening of Covid 19.*

## **STAFF & STUDENT SCREENING MEASURES**

Students and staff who experience symptoms related to COVID-19 should not come to school.

### **COVID-19 symptoms include the following:**

- HIGH FEVER OR HEADACHE
- NEW CONFUSION, INABILITY TO WAKE OR STAY AWAKE
- RUNNY NOSE, LOSS OF TASTE OR SMELL
- BLUISH LIPS OR FACE
- COUGHING OR SORE THROAT
- PERSISTENT CHEST PAIN OR PRESSURE
- CHILLS
- SHORTNESS OF BREATH
- FATIGUE
- NAUSEA, VOMITING, OR DIARRHEA
- MUSCLE OR BODY ACHES

Symptoms may appear 2-14 days after exposure to the virus. People with these symptoms may have COVID-19.

## **PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT**

Masks will not be required to begin the school year, however, this may change from day to day as local cases of Covid are confirmed. Masks are CDC recommended and encouraged but may become mandated/required as the situation warrants.

## **SCHOOL BUS**

- The CDC requires masks on all public transportation including the school bus. Mask will be made available on the bus.
- Modifications to bus loading and unloading procedures will be made, hand sanitizer will be available to students for boarding and unloading from the bus, and students will be assigned seats to limit exposure.

## **LIMITED VISITOR ACCESS TO BUILDINGS**

- In order to minimize the exposure of all students and staff to others outside of their assigned small groups, non-essential visitors and parents will have limited access to the building.
- Open house and Parent teacher conferences will be held but will look different in 2021-2022.

## **ACCESS TO VACCINATIONS**

Fairview School is not a vaccination site. We have and will continue to work with the local health department and area health providers in providing access to Covid 19 vaccination opportunities at local facilities.

## **ACCOMMODATIONS FOR CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES**

### **STUDENTS with PHYSICAL DISABILITIES or PHYSICAL CHALLENGES**

Students who may have a physical disability or physical challenge needing assistance (such as help washing hands, inability to wear a mask) efforts of assistance or accommodations will be extended in an effort of meeting the needs of these students.

## **VIRTUAL and AT HOME EDUCATION**

In-seat education is viewed by Fairview to be superior to virtual instruction. However, some students and families may not feel comfortable sending their students to receive in-seat instruction due to elevated risk factors or compromised immunity. Fairview has options for families such as this. One option includes virtual learning. Families may apply to participate in virtual education via Launch, an online education platform Fairview has access to or any of the approved Virtual Education Providers (MOCAP). Any student who has an Individualized Education Plan (IEP) Fairview will coordinate with the Special Education Team to schedule a review of the student's IEP to align accommodations and needs to be met. Launch has a rigorous K-12 curriculum that is aligned with the Missouri Learning Standards, is currently used by over 270 districts across the State of Missouri, and is staffed by certified educators who live and work in partner districts.

For more information about Launch, families can speak with Fairview school administration. Enrollment for Launch in the fall 2021 semester is time sensitive. If you are interested please contact school administration.

- Students approved for virtual education will have a 14 calendar day window to transfer back to in seat instruction if so desired. Otherwise, they must remain in the Launch program for the duration of the semester for which they were approved.
- Students approved for virtual education for the first semester of the 2021-2022 school year can return to in-seat enrollment for the second semester if so desired or may remain virtual for the duration of the school year.
- If a student is not successful with Launch/Virtual Education Provider, they may not be approved for future semesters.
- If a student is deemed to be in a high risk category for a small window of time (taking care of an infirmed family member) other options may be pursued including homebound education. Details of homebound education are developed on a case by case basis and often look different from student to student. Homebound education may require attendance of a small group instruction on campus or home visits from educational staff. On-line homebound instruction is also allowed in some cases. Homebound logistics will be arranged directly with the student's school staff.
- Students approved for virtual education will be issued a technology device by Fairview School for use with Launch.
- Students approved for virtual education will not be able to participate in extracurricular activities.
- Students on quarantine will be expected to maintain academic status. We understand that a student on Covid Quarantine may be in any state from very sick to asymptomatic. Students who are feeling too ill are not expected to keep up with their studies. Asymptomatic students, including those who have recovered from Covid, are expected to keep up with their studies. Fairview provides opportunities for these students.
- Teachers will make use of online resources including google classroom to provide instruction and assignments for their students. These assignments will be graded and scores will be used to assess student learning. Fairview has increased its bevy of online opportunities. Early Lit. Instructors will explain these resources to students at the beginning of the school year.
- Students with no internet access will be given other opportunities. In some cases, a flash drive loaded with instructional resources and assignments will be sent home. Families may be able to access google chrome books to use with the flash drives to provide the same capabilities as the internet would otherwise provide. Families will be able to use the schools wi-fi by parking their cars outside of the school (after school hours) and using an unblocked visitor internet connection.

## **PERIODIC REVISION**

Fairview plans on meeting with stakeholders to review our initial SRCSP during our August 17<sup>th</sup> Open House. Fairview will then revisit the plan with stakeholders during our October Parent teacher Conferences to make changes if needed. The LEA will then review and revise, if necessary, the SRCSP every six months.

Stakeholders included in review and revision:

- Students
- Families
- School and district administrators and
- Teachers, principals, school leaders, other educators and school staff
- Civil Right organizations

Stakeholders representing the interest of:

- Children with disabilities
- English learners
- Children experiencing homelessness
- Children and youth in foster care
- Migratory students
- Children who are incarcerated
- Other underserved students

## **SOCIAL, EMOTIONAL AND MENTAL NEEDS**

Fairview will be contracting with a licensed therapist who specializes in relationship issues, isolation, and anxiety to address specific needs associated with Covid.