



Fairview R-XI School
Re-Entry: Reopening Plan

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 2022-2023 school year.

However, we must be attentive that this public health crisis has not ended. School administrators have worked to create protocols using the guidelines from the CDC, Howell County Health Department, and the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education to ensure the health and safety of our students and staff. Although planning for this “new normal” may create some inconveniences, if we work together as a community, we will help ensure that our students, staff and faculty stay healthy and will reduce the chance of significant educational disruptions.

Minimizing Building Access

- All entrances to school will be locked, and the lobby will be open only for conducting business at the office window.
- Only employees for student instruction or services will be allowed in the building during school hours. This includes all essential staff and district personnel.
- The school building will be closed to all visitors except when school business requires entrance to the building (e.g. IEP meetings, parent/teacher conferences, discipline conferences). These types of visits must be scheduled and pre-approved by the Principal or Superintendent.

Teacher Expectations

Teachers are expected to:

- Take temperature at home before arrival to school. Temperatures at 100 or above are considered significant.
- Complete the following checklist questions:
 - Do I have a fever of 100 degrees or higher?
 - Do I have a cough?
 - Do I have muscle pain?
 - Am I experiencing shortness of breath or difficulty breathing?
 - Do I have sore throat?
 - Am I experiencing a new loss of taste or smell?
 - If teachers are experiencing any of the symptoms they should not report to work. They will immediately call the principal and report symptoms.
- Take temperatures of students as they enter the classroom and then again after lunch.
- Assigned classroom seating
- Schedule frequent hand washing/sanitation opportunities during activities.
- To the extent possible, students will be spaced throughout the classroom to promote physical distancing.
- Teachers will be required to wear masks during transitions and in all common areas of the building.

Teachers will review new routines, and new procedures will be taught and practiced in all classrooms for arrival, dismissal and lunch protocols. The following procedures should be implemented by teachers in their classrooms and workspaces on a daily basis:

- 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.
- Limit the use of community supplies.
- Use virtual manipulatives/tools as much as possible.
- Limit multiple students touching/interacting with the same materials.

Student Expectations

Before reporting to school students are expected to:

- Take temperature at home before arrival to school. Temperatures at 100 or above are considered significant.
- Complete the following checklist questions:
 - Do I have a fever of 100 degrees or higher?
 - Do I have a cough?
 - Do I have muscle pain?
 - Am I experiencing shortness of breath or difficulty breathing?
 - Do I have sore throat?
 - Am I experiencing a new loss of taste or smell?
 - If student is experiencing any of the symptoms, please stay home. Have parent or guardian call the school to report the symptoms.
- Practice proper personal hygiene at all times.
- Use proper handwashing techniques and soap regularly.
- Use hand sanitizer or other cleaning materials throughout the day, especially if you have physical contact with other individuals.
- Because water fountains are easily contaminated and difficult to clean between each use, the district has installed water bottle filling stations which are much more sanitary. Therefore, students must have a water bottle at school. If you do not have a water bottle at home one will be provided.
- Do not share water bottles, silverware or food.
- Avoid exchanging items with others while on the bus or at school.
- Maintain social distancing as much as possible.
- Do not share lockers
- Do not leave personal items in classroom, halls, gym area, or locker rooms. These areas will be sprayed regularly and may damage left items.
- If you become ill or begin experiencing any of the symptoms listed, notify your teacher/or nurse immediately.

Arrival and Dismissal

Arrival and dismissal can provide a challenge with large numbers of students congregating, making it difficult to physically distance. During arrival, students will be asked to walk directly to their homeroom to discourage congregating in the hallways.

Additional considerations for families include:

- Drop students off as close to the school start time as possible and not too early as to avoid the gathering of students before doors open.
- Upon dropping your child off, please remind them that their first responsibility as they enter the building is to either wash their hands or use the hand sanitizer located in the entrance of building or in their classroom. Students will be expected to wash their hands frequently throughout the day.
- During drive thru parent pick up, students will be located in a designated area assigned by their grade.
- It is important that parents utilize the drive thru system for dropping off and picking up students instead of parking and walking students to the building. Again, parents will not be allowed in the building during this time, and cannot congregate in the lobby. The drive thru system is the safest place for those students who do not ride a bus, as there are staff members to help load and unload students.

Please be patient with district employees as they work to implement new protocols. Arrival and dismissal procedures may initially take more time than in previous years. Your understanding is appreciated.

Cleaning and Disinfecting

- 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.

Exclusion and Re-entry to School

As you can imagine, the fall and winter will present some challenges as COVID-19 symptoms may be similar to other cold and flu symptoms. Therefore, the school nurse will determine if symptoms meet the criteria for a concern of COVID-19. In the case that the school nurse determines the symptoms may be COVID-19 related:

- The student or staff member will be separated from other individuals in the building. Fairview recently constructed two areas in the nurse's office where students with fevers or symptoms can be isolated and monitored until parent's arrival.
- Parent will be contacted immediately to pick child up from school. All symptomatic students must be picked up within one hour. So please make plans in advance should the nurse have to call you.
- Siblings or others living in the same household as that child or staff member will also be screened.
- Information about testing locations will be provided to the family.

Returning to school after exclusion

Once a student or employee has been excluded from the school environment, they may return only when they satisfy the recommendations of the CDC. Currently those guidelines include the following:

UNTESTED – Persons who have not received a test proving or disproving the presence of COVID-19 but experience symptoms may return if the following two conditions are met:

1. They have not had a fever for at least 24 hours (that is one full day of no fever without the use of fever reducing medication); and
2. Other symptoms have improved (for example, when your cough or shortness of breath have improved).

TESTED – Persons who experienced symptoms and have tested positive for COVID-19 may return to school when the following three conditions are met:

1. They no longer have a fever (without the use of fever reducing medication); and
2. Other symptoms have improved (for example, when your cough or shortness of breath has improved); and
3. Isolated for 5 days after symptoms began, and mask another 5 after that.

TESTED WITH NO SYMPTOMS – Persons who have not had symptoms but test positive for COVID-19 may return when they have been isolated for five (5) calendar days since positive test, another 5 masked and then have been released by a health care provider.