

FULTON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL 2021-2022 COVID MITIGATION STRATEGIES

This plan may be adjusted based on changing conditions or updated due to expectations/mandates from local, state, and federal agencies.

Instructional Options	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Traditional learning approach: Involves students attending school on a regular five day schedule while following current health and safety guidelines. Online learning (Approval Mandatory): (Bulldog Virtual Academy) Involves students receiving instruction using the internet in a home setting
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Faculty, staff, and students will be encouraged to social distance in hallways and other common areas. Assigned seating will be implemented when possible to assist with contact tracing (8). Students in classrooms shall be seated distanced 3 feet or greater to facilitate social distancing while in the indoor learning environment (3). 	Social Distancing
Masks, PPE, and Health Policies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students are encouraged to bring their own mask. Masks will be available for those that do not bring their own. Sharing or use of 'community supplies' in classrooms will not be allowed. Masks are mandatory for all in-person students, Fisd teachers/staff, and visitors while inside the buildings (2). Vaccination promotion literature will be posted in school buildings (1).
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Disposable food service items (utensils/dishes) will be used when possible. Food service items will be handed with gloves. Eating surfaces will be cleaned and sanitized between serving times. 	Food Services
Sanitation and Environmental Standards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Signs posted throughout the school facility encouraging proper hand and respiratory hygiene practices (6). Hand-cleaning supplies readily available (6). Scheduled cleaning and disinfection of bathroom and water fountain facilities twice during the school day. Daily cleaning and disinfection of facilities with special attention given to high-touch areas which will be cleaned and disinfected frequently during the school day (9). Hand sanitizer stations located throughout each school (6). Air filters in HVAC units changed monthly. Mobile air filters are in the school main offices and also at the Board of Education office. When possible and educationally appropriate, teachers will be encouraged to utilize outdoor classroom spaces (5). Classroom desks cleaned and sanitized daily (9).
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parents are to assess students for symptoms of Covid-19 and fever prior to being picked up on the school bus or brought to the school. Buses will load from back to front and offload from front to back. Passengers from same household seated together. Masks are mandatory for students and staff riding the school bus (2). Assigned seating on the bus to assist with contact tracing (8). Students will not be allowed to change pick-up/drop-off location unless registration information is officially updated. 	Transportation
Screening and School Exclusion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Each morning parents/guardians must attest that student does not possess any of the following symptoms: new and persistent cough, GI symptoms (vomiting/diarrhea), new loss of taste or smell, new rash, or has been exposed to a Covid-19 case during the prior 48 hour period (7). Students arriving at school or on bus that possess symptoms and/or have a temperature of 100.4 or higher will need to return home. Students meeting this criteria will be isolated for parents to pick up (7). Students must remain fever free for 24 hours with no other symptoms or use of fever reducing medicines before returning to school. If Covid-19 related and not fully vaccinated, quarantine may be discontinued when the local public health department determines the individual is safe to be around others, or: 1) After day 7 if the individual is symptom free and receives a negative Covid-19 test 5 days or later after the last date of exposure to the case, or 2) After day 10 without testing if the individual is symptom free allowing re-entry to in-person classes (8). Visitors to the school must attest that they do not possess symptoms of Covid-19, or been exposed to a Covid-19 case during the prior 48 hour period. Visitors must wear a mask while inside Fisd buildings. All visitors must also adhere to the Fisd visitor safety protocols. District 'Covid Team' meets at minimum twice weekly (during high rates of infection) to discuss community transmission rates and school Covid-19 protocols.

On Aug 10, 2021, new Covid-19 school guidance was issued for the 2021-2022 school year. The guidance operates its layers of protection dependent upon the sustained community transmission rate of Covid-19. It includes nine layers of recommended actions that districts can implement based upon that transmission rate:

1. Vaccination
2. Masks
3. Physical Distancing
4. Screening Testing
5. Ventilation
6. Handwashing & Respiratory Etiquette
7. Isolation
8. Quarantine & Contact Tracing
9. Cleaning & Disinfection

On August 10, 2021, Governor Beshear issued an executive order requiring all teachers, staff, students, and visitors to cover their nose and mouth with a face covering while indoors in all schools, as well as child care centers.

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Modifications to the above Fisd Covid Mitigation Strategies will be discussed by the Fisd Covid Team, with available consultation made collaboratively with local health or emergency administrators. Those modifications will be made public to the school community through Fisd social media.