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2021-2022 COVID-19 Response Plan

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Fennville Public Schools is releasing this document to communicate COVID-19 protocols for the 2021-2022 school year. **This document is subject to change with future orders or mandates from federal, state or county institutions.** The Board of Education remains committed to monitoring and responding to local data and making operational decisions in consultation with Allegan County Health Department. The Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent, in consultation with the Board President, to make urgent decisions adjusting this plan in response to local COVID-19 data and ACHD recommendations specific to Fennville Public Schools.

Instructional Model

What instructional models will be available to students for the 2021-2022 school year?

To best serve our community we will continue to offer a traditional, in-person, five days per week instructional model. If families are looking for online learning for students in grades 6-12 FPS has online curriculum available for students. However, this does not involve synchronous learning with a teacher. Therefore, we highly recommend in person instruction for all students. If a student in grades 6-12 needs an online learning option, there will be more requirements for engagement compared to last year. This will include a student-parent-school contract to guarantee students are prepared to engage, participate, and complete their online courses—and parents are prepared to support students in completing their work. In the 2021-2022 school year, if FPS online students are not completing their work remotely, the option will no longer be available and the student will need to return to in-person learning so we can ensure students receive the best educational opportunities to learn the content of their courses. If you have a K-5 student with a unique medical need that would prevent in-person attendance, please contact the school.

Masking

Will masks be required in school buildings for the 2021-2022 school year?

We respect the personal choices of parents and students regarding masks so at this time we are encouraging, but not requiring them when inside a school building. *This is subject to change with a local outbreak, or a local, state, or federal mandate.*

Will masks be required on buses for the 2021-2022 school year?

At this time there is a current CDC order requiring all persons – regardless of vaccination status – to wear masks on public transportation, including school buses. Fennville Public School's stance is that we will follow Federal, State, or County mandates or orders regarding COVID-19. Masking on buses will be required as long as the mandate is in place.

Distancing

Will any physical distancing requirements exist?

Fennville Public Schools will encourage students and staff to maintain social distance as much as possible to limit the need for quarantining due to exposure.

Vaccination

Will COVID-19 vaccination be required to attend school?

No, the COVID-19 vaccine is not on the list of required vaccines for Michigan students.



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Quarantine and Close Contacts

Will quarantines still be required upon close contact with a positive case?

All quarantines, due to COVID-19, will continue to be issued through the Allegan County Health Department. ACHD will continue to issue quarantines as they would for other communicable diseases based on the incubation/contagious period of the disease. Fennville Public Schools will assist with identifying students who were in close contact with a positive case per public health code. Close contact is defined as being within 6 feet of the positive case for a combined 15 minutes over a 24-hour period. *Students/Staff who are fully vaccinated will **NOT** be subject to quarantine as long as they remain symptom free based on current Allegan Health Department Guidance.* Those within the 3-6 foot range may be eligible for a modified quarantine based on the circumstances.

Vaccinated students/staff who have symptoms will be required to stay home but can return when symptom free.

COVID positive individuals will need to isolate for 10 days from symptom onset or positive test date and be symptom free in order to return to school.

Will entire classes or schools be quarantined if there is an outbreak?

Schools will remain open unless ordered to close by the Allegan County Health Department. While the health department values having students in school, it is possible that closures or full classroom quarantines could be issued depending on the size of an outbreak and the vaccination status of those affected. As with all communicable diseases, our school has a legal obligation to cooperate with public health investigations including assisting with identifying contacts of a positive case.

Will an entire athletic team be quarantined if there is a positive case on the team?

All quarantines, due to COVID-19, will continue to be issued through the Allegan County Health Department. The number of quarantines that occur will be based on the case investigation.

Who will notify parents if their child has been identified as a close contact of a COVID positive case?

The school is responsible for assisting the Allegan County Health Department with identifying and reporting any students and staff members that may have been exposed to any communicable disease. All quarantines are issued through the health department, but the school will continue to attempt to communicate to families if their child has been identified as a close contact. We want to make sure that parents receive this information as early as possible.

Testing

Will students need to be tested for COVID-19 to participate in sports or other activities?

No. At this time, there are no requirements to test students for COVID-19.

Daily Health Screening and Illness in School

Do I still need to health screen my student(s) before sending them to school?

Yes, we need all parents to screen their child for symptoms each day before going to school. Symptomatic students must be kept home. Keeping sick students home is our most powerful strategy to keep COVID-19 out of our school.



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Cleaning

Will FPS continue with the enhanced cleaning routine?

Fennville Public Schools will continue to clean high touch surfaces frequently. Buses will continue to be sanitized after each trip.

Ventilation

Thanks to the generous support of community, all school buildings have updated ventilation systems that allow us to bring in outside air and filter indoor air to limit the spread of illness in our buildings. This is a key factor that allowed FPS to have in-person learning during the 2020-21 School Year.

Reporting and Public Notices

Will FPS still issue notifications for positive COVID-19 cases in school?

Yes, we will continue to report when positive cases have been identified on campus. This information can be found on the FPS website:

www.fennville.org

Capacity Limits

Will attendance at activities be restricted to limit the size of gatherings?

At this time, there is no capacity limits on gatherings or events.

Visitors

Are visitors allowed in the school?

Because the number of cases of COVID-19 are currently high in our community, we will not allow visitors beyond conducting business in the school offices.