Fulton Public Schools

Return to Learn Plan

as of 8-14-2020

FULTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS RETURN TO LEARN PLAN

Fulton Public Schools Families and Staff,

As we look to the upcoming school year, we are excited to see the return of our students. The past several months have brought uncertainty and hardship for many of our families. Throughout this next year, many things will remain uncertain but one thing remains the same, we will make all decisions with our student's health, safety, and education in mind. During this next year, we ask for your flexibility and understanding as we navigate these new territories together!

The following plan was created with input and guidance from district families, FPS staff, the Callaway County Health Department, Center for Disease Control, and the Missouri Department of Education and Secondary Education.

The following questions were the primary focus of this plan:
What do our students/families want/need?
What does our faculty/staff want/need?
What do CDC and DESE propose/recommend?

The climate of COVID-19 is ever-changing and as health experts learn more, this plan will likely evolve. FPS understands this and will continuously update and adapt as new recommendations come about. The guidance set out in this plan pertains specifically to our school settings and community. These operations may differ from guidance provided to the general public.

The recommendations included in this document are endorsed by the Callaway County Health Department and the Fulton Public School District and are subject to adjustment as conditions change.

Again, thank you for your support as we make decisions #forOURkids!

#TogetherWeCan

Goals of FPS Return to School Plan:

- Return to in-person learning as a district. The importance of in-person learning is well-documented in children and as such a primary goal for FPS. Beyond the educational impact, there has been substantial impact on social interactions, mental health, food security, and physical activity for children and families. Our goal is to return our students as close to a traditional educational setting as possible while putting in safeguards for their health and safety.

- Maintain and promote the health and safety of our students and community as a whole by utilizing information and guidance from the Callaway County Health Department, Department of Health and Senior Services, and the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education to adjust and progress through this plan.

Our Return to School Plan is built around the following foundational priorities:

- **Increased Sanitation Efforts (Pages 3-4)**

- **Parent Expectations (Page 5)**

- **Social Distancing (Pages 6-7)**

- **Staff and Student Screening Measures (Pages 8-10)**

- **Personal Protective Equipment (Pages 11-12)**

- **Face Covering Guidelines (Page 13)**

- **Limited Visitor Access to Buildings (Page 14)**

- **Virtual Education Options (Pages 15-16)**

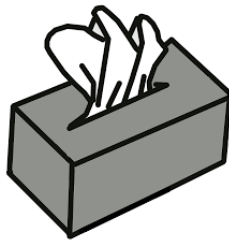- **Procedures for COVID-19 Infections (Pages 17-18)**

INCREASED SANITATION

- Additional custodial staff are being hired to aid in the increased sanitation and disinfecting of our schools.

- Fulton Public Schools Custodial Team members will undergo a thorough disinfectant and sanitation training including discussion of proper product use and a review of the CDC and State of Missouri health department cleaning expectations during school and after hours.

- During school hours, custodians will thoroughly clean high touch surfaces throughout the building on an ongoing rotation throughout the day, including bathrooms, water bottle fill stations, doorknobs, entrance/exit handles, handrails, walls, etc.

Keeping your child and family safe at home
Tips to help control the spread of illness

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.

Avoid touching your face with unwashed hands.

Avoid contact with people who are sick and stay home if you are sick.

INCREASED SANITATION

- Classrooms and other common spaces will be cleaned and disinfected regularly throughout the day.

- Cleaning materials and hand sanitizer will be placed in every classroom. Staff will be expected to support cleaning and disinfecting of classroom surfaces and supplies as needed.

- Hand washing stations with soap and/or hand sanitizer will be available in classrooms, commonly used areas, and at the entrances and exits of all buildings.

- Students and staff will have scheduled times throughout the day to wash/sanitize hands and supplies.

- Drinking fountains with refillable water bottle stations have been installed to be used for individual drinking containers such as cups or bottles as outlined by each school building.

- Bus drivers will undergo sanitation training, and all school buses will be thoroughly sanitized daily.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends washing hands for at least 20 seconds to stop the spread of COVID-19.

FPS staff will be intentional and dedicated to teaching proper hand washing and hygiene.

Songs for a 20-second *Scrub

Song "Happy Birthday"

"Happy birthday to you,
Happy birthday to you,
Happy birthday dear (insert name)
Happy birthday to you"
(Sing twice)

Chorus "Let It Go" from Frozen

"Let it go, let it go
Can't hold it back anymore
Let it go, let it go
Turn away and slam the door!
I don't care what they're going to say
Let the storm rage on
The cold never bothered me anyway!"

**Chorus "Just the Way You Are"
by Bruno Mars**

"When I see your face
There's not a thing that I would change
'cause you're amazing
Just the way you are
And when you smile
The whole world stops and stares for a while
'Cause you're amazing
Just the way you are"

PARENT EXPECTATIONS

STAY WELL HORNETS

STOP

Not Feeling Well?
STAY HOME

BEFORE YOU DROP-OFF YOUR STUDENT AT SCHOOL OR BEFORE THEY GET ON THE BUS PLEASE DO THIS!!

Daily Self Assessment

- Have you been within 6ft of a person who is positive for COVID-19 in the past 14 days?
- Has a public health official or healthcare provider advised you to get tested for COVID-19?
- In the last 48 hours, have you had any of the following NEW symptoms?
  - Fever greater than or equal to ≥100.4 F
  - Cough
  - Trouble breathing
  - Chills
  - Muscle aches
  - Sore throat
  - Loss of smell or taste
  - Nausea, vomiting or diarrhea
  - Headache

6ft

SOCIAL DISTANCE

MASK UP!

IT'S A GREAT DAY TO BE A HORNET!

#FultonProud
#TogetherWeCan

SOCIAL DISTANCING

Fulton Public Schools 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.

- Assigned seats (with required seating charts) will be given within classrooms, when occupying common areas, and for riding the bus. Additionally, small groups will be utilized to the extent possible. This will assist with contact tracing purposes in conjunction with the local health department if needed.

- Personal, clear dividers have been purchased for each student attending FPS.

- Students will go immediately to designated areas upon arriving at school and will not congregate in hallways.

- Modifications within the school day will be made as needed (for example, elementary teachers for classes like art or music will come to primary classrooms to limit the amount of movement within buildings, recess times will be staggered, etc).

- Modifications to meals will be made as needed (for example, some students may eat meals in the classroom, some students may eat meals in other common areas to limit the number of students in the cafeteria). If eating meals in the cafeteria, the number of students will be limited and students will be seated with fellow students from their small groups to minimize exposure.

SOCIAL DISTANCING

- The practice of students sharing supplies such as scissors, crayons, markers, pencils, etc. will be discontinued.

- Desks in classrooms will be spaced as far apart as possible to allow for social distancing, non-essential furniture and other soft surfaces such as carpets and seating will be removed for sanitation purposes.

- In-school gatherings such as assemblies, rallies, school parties, dances, etc. will not be held unless social distance can be maintained and students can remain with limited small groups.

- Special arrangements for access into buildings outside of regular school hours (such as tutoring or extra/co-curricular activities) will be arranged by staff members and supervised accordingly.

- Additional details and guidelines regarding extra/co-curricular activities and competition will be released at a later time pending specific guidance from the Missouri State High School Activities Association.

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.

Modifications to bus loading and unloading procedures will be made, hand sanitizer will be available to students for boarding and unloading from the bus, students will be assigned seats to limit exposure. Students will only be able to ride the bus they are assigned to, except in true cases of emergency or childcare.

STAFF & STUDENT SCREENING MEASURES

- **Individuals who come in contact with persons who have been tested and are awaiting their results, or with persons who have tested positive, must follow the high risk or medium risk categories of this protocol:**

COVID Infection: Degrees of Contact by Individuals	Individual's Response to Contact
HIGH RISK If contact was: ● Direct and inside ● Extended contact with positive case (person to person for more than 30 minutes)	● Remain at home 14 days
MEDIUM RISK If contact was: ● Direct and inside but little time in contact with positive case, ● Moderate social distancing (person to person for less than 30 minutes, mostly 6 ft. apart)	● Usually self-monitor ● Frequent handwashing ● Temperature scan, face mask in presence of others
LOW RISK If contact was: ● Indirect, outside ● Able to maintain social distance consistently	● Frequent handwashing ● No other actions necessary

- When students are kept home due to illness, the school attendance secretary will ask additional screening & entry questions regarding symptoms.

- Perfect attendance will not be incentivized by buildings as our preference is for anyone who is sick to stay home. Learning opportunities will be provided for all students who stay home due to illness.

- Thermal cameras will be installed at the entrance of every building to scan all who enter for elevated temperatures. Anyone experiencing a temperature at/above 100.4 will immediately be moved to a designated area and screened for additional symptoms to determine if they need to be sent home.

- Where appropriate, handheld thermal temperature readers will also be used in buildings at additional entrances, by parent educators before meeting with families, for activities purposes, etc.
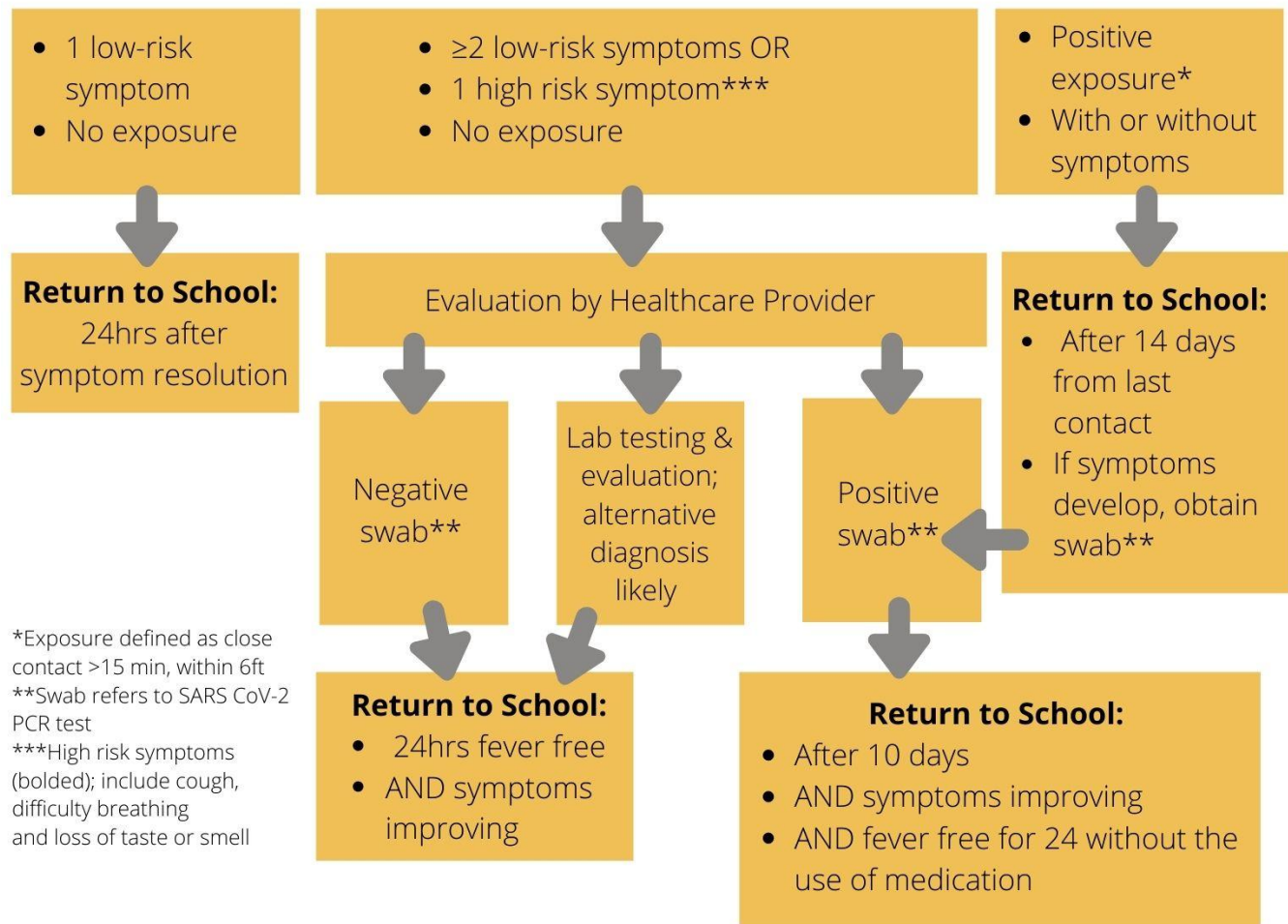
STAFF & STUDENT SCREENING MEASURES

Nurse Assessment & Return to School Guidelines

The return to school guidelines below will be used to allow for a student/staff member's re-admittance to school in the **ABSENCE** of a known condition causing their symptoms.

Screen all students for potential COVID-19 symptoms or exposure:
Any new **cough, difficulty breathing loss of taste/smell**, fever (≥100.4°F), congestion/runny nose, nausea/vomiting/diarrhea, sore throat, headache, myalgia, or exposure to COVID-19 positive person?

- 1 low-risk symptom
- No exposure

- ≥2 low-risk symptoms OR
- 1 high risk symptom***
- No exposure

- Positive exposure*
- With or without symptoms

Return to School: 24hrs after symptom resolution

Evaluation by Healthcare Provider

Return to School:
- After 14 days from last contact
- If symptoms develop, obtain swab**

Negative swab**

Lab testing & evaluation; alternative diagnosis likely

Positive swab**

*Exposure defined as close contact >15 min, within 6ft
**Swab refers to SARS CoV-2 PCR test
***High risk symptoms (bolded); include cough, difficulty breathing and loss of taste or smell

Return to School:
- 24hrs fever free
- AND symptoms improving

Return to School:
- After 10 days
- AND symptoms improving
- AND fever free for 24 without the use of medication

Return to school guidelines following a positive COVID-19 test

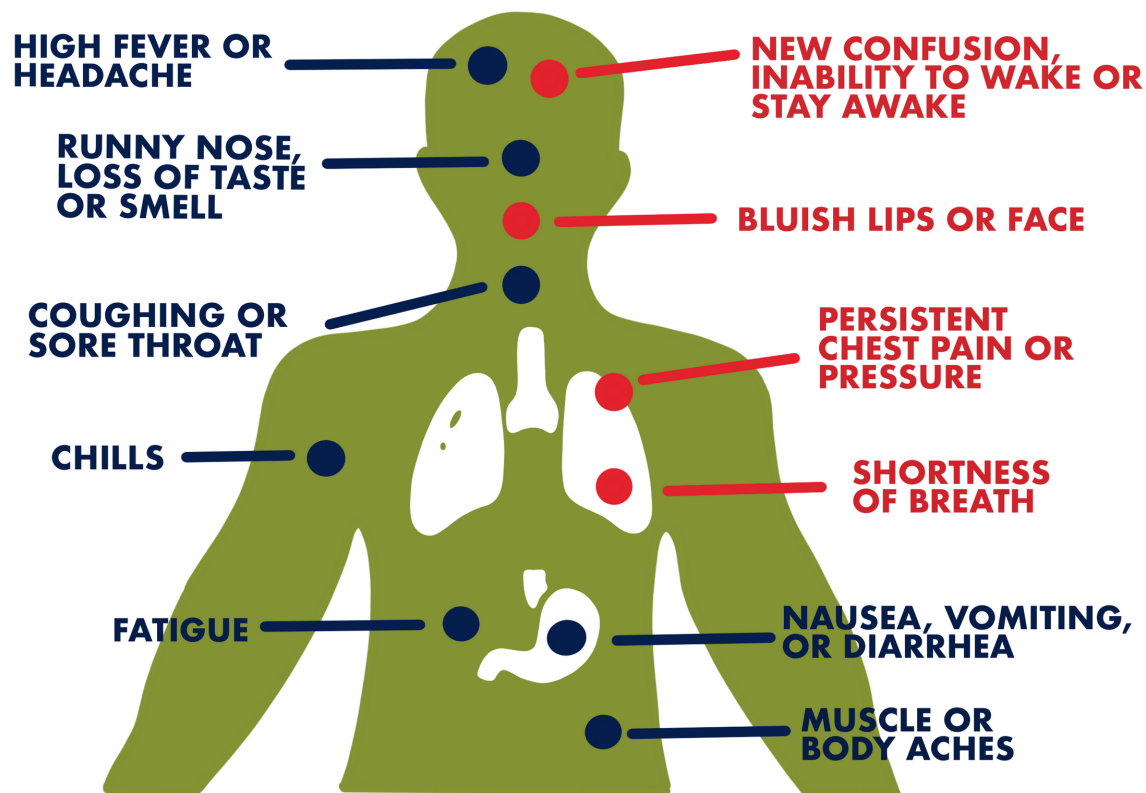**Persons with COVID-19 who HAVE symptoms:**
- Must be fever free a minimum of 24 hours without fever-reducing medication
- AND have an improvement in symptoms (cough/shortness of breath)
- AND be at least ten (10) days since symptoms first appeared

Persons infected with COVID-19 who NEVER develop COVID-19 symptoms:
- May return 10 days after the date of their positive test

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

RUNNY NOSE, LOSS OF TASTE OR SMELL

COUGHING OR SORE THROAT

CHILLS

FATIGUE

NEW CONFUSION, INABILITY TO WAKE OR STAY AWAKE

BLUISH LIPS OR FACE

PERSISTENT CHEST PAIN OR PRESSURE

SHORTNESS OF BREATH

NAUSEA, VOMITING, OR DIARRHEA

MUSCLE OR BODY ACHES

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

RED DOT SYMPTOMS
Emergency warning signs for COVID-19. If you or someone you know is showing any of these signs, seek emergency medical care immediately.

Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT

Social distancing will be enforced throughout the school day. Students and staff are expected to avoid close interactions and minimize exposure to every extent possible.

- 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.

- Students in grades 3-12 will be required to wear a mask or face covering in any instance where social distance cannot be maintained (such as passing periods in the hallways, lunch lines, etc.) PreK - 2 grades will be strongly encouraged to wear a mask/face covering.

- Students in grades 3-12 will be required to wear a mask while riding the bus. PreK - 2 students will be strongly encouraged to wear a mask while riding the bus.

- Staff members will be expected to wear a mask or face covering in any instance where social distance cannot be maintained including arrival and dismissal time.

- The use of masks or face coverings will not be prohibited in any instances throughout the school day where a student or staff member chooses to wear them.

- Due to possible medical related concerns, we understand that not all staff and students will be able to wear masks for long periods of time. Exceptions can be evaluated with building administrators and school nursing staff.

- Existing student and staff dress codes will apply to masks/face coverings that are worn.

- Fulton Public Schools will follow any health department or city ordinances and reserve the right to implement stricter requirements related to face coverings.

- View CDC guidance and recommendations on face coverings here (see cloth face coverings section).

PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT

WHEN TO WEAR
A FACE COVERING

🤔 **ASK YOURSELF?**
Can I maintain a
safe distance from
others?

YES!

← →

Facial coverings are not necessary, but staff and students can wear them if they choose.

NO! 👎

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Grades 3-12 will be required to wear a mask while riding the bus; PreK - 2 will be strongly encouraged.

FACE COVERING GUIDELINES

Who?

PK-2-strongly encouraged, 3-12 required - We understand that students with certain medical conditions will be unable to wear a mask. FPS will require a doctor's note if you wish for your student to not wear a mask due to heath concerns. Questions and concerns can be addressed with the Health Services Director at ljacobs@fulton58.org

When?

**On the bus and when can't social distance.
**PE- Face coverings will be worn unless social distancing can be maintained or strenuous activity is taking place. Classes will take place outside as much as possible.
**Choir-The recommendation from DESE and DHSS is to distance 6 ft and wear a mask when inside. Classes will take place outside as much as possible.
**Band-When within the building, masks to be worn at all times unless playing instrument. During outside practice, masks to be worn unless playing instrument or able to social distance by 6 ft. Classes will take place outside as much as possible.
**Recess-Masks can be off with social distancing. Students will be limited to cohorts.

FPS will provide:

3 cloth masks per student in grades 3-12.
Students can also use their own face coverings.

What is considered as a face covering?

Nose and mouth must be covered: gaiter, bandana, mask
Disposable masks will be available.

What is NOT considered a face covering?

A face shield is an extra precaution - not a face covering per CDC guidelines. Masks with one-way valves or vents are not approved by the CDC as face coverings.

When can we take off face coverings?

The student's day will be structured to allow for breaks from face coverings. Students will be allowed to request breaks from face coverings as needed. When students are socially distanced by 6 ft, they may remove face coverings.

What will FPS do if a student isn't wearing a face covering and should be?

**Ask them to put on the mask/face covering.
**If the student continues to refuse, an administrator will be notified.
**If the student continues to refuse for the administrator, a parent will be contacted.
**If the student continues to refuse for the parent, the student will be sent home.

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 not be permitted beyond the secure vestibules or entrances at school buildings. Due to these restrictions, traditional Open House events will not be held at schools this fall.

- Any essential visitors who do enter the building will be required to enter through the main entrance, provided with a mask while in the building, scanned by the thermal temperature cameras, and will be tracked in a visitor log to include symptom screening questions, date and time of visit, where in the building they travel to, and which, if any, students or staff they have contact with.

- These restrictions will apply during the school day but may differ somewhat for evening activities, which are optional to attend.

ESSENTIAL VISITOR SCREENING QUESTIONS

? Have you been experiencing any of the COVID-19 symptoms?

? What is the date and time of your visit?

? Where in the school building are you visiting?

? Which students and/or staff in the building did you have contact with?

VIRTUAL EDUCATION

Families who do not feel comfortable sending their students to receive in-seat instruction may apply to participate in virtual education via Launch, an online education platform which was used by Fulton Public Schools for summer school this year.

WHAT IS LAUNCH?

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.

HOW DO I APPLY?

Families can apply online for virtual education <u>HERE</u>. The DEADLINE to enroll is Tuesday, August 18 at NOON. Please allow up to 2 weeks to receive detailed information about your child's virtual instruction.

- Students approved for virtual education will begin on August 24th and will have until September 1st 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 2020-2021school 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, they may not be approved for future semesters.

VIRTUAL EDUCATION

- Grades from Launch courses will be transferred to Fulton Public Schools and will factor into the student's GPA.

- Students approved for virtual education will be issued a technology device.

- Students approved for virtual education can participate in extracurricular activities as long as they meet MSHSAA requirements.

- To help us secure student materials and plan for a successful student-experience, we are asking that all virtual course requests be made no later than August 10, 2020.

MORE ABOUT LAUNCH

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Launch's full-time virtual offerings include:

- 6 hours of daily teacher-supported virtual programming
- 25:1 student-teacher ratio
- Full-time teacher support
- Daily workbook activities
- Personalized learning, including individualized support, can be accessed
- ELA, Math, Science, & Social Studies instruction
- 5 Related Arts courses (1 hour of each per week): Physical Education, Music, Art, Coding, & Information Literacy

See the Course Catalog for elementary, middle, and high school at fueledbylaunch.com/courses/

All students doing full-time virtual instructions in grades 8 - 12 must review and align their ICAP to include virtual programming with their counselor.

MIDDLE SCHOOL
Launch's virtual offerings include:

- Complete, Comprehensive Core Content Offerings
- Multiple world language offerings
- Engaging exploratories
- Live teacher tutoring available

HIGH SCHOOL
Launch's virtual offerings include:

- Complete, Comprehensive Core Content Offerings
- AP, Honors, and dual credit opportunities
- Expansive credit recovery opportunities
- Live teacher tutoring available

PROCEDURES FOR COVID-19 INFECTIONS

- Students or staff who display symptoms of COVID-19 while at school will be moved to a designated area within the school building to minimize contact with others until they go home.

- Positive cases within FPS will be reported on the FPS website at www.fulton58.org under the Return to Learn tab.

- **If your child was found to be at a sufficient risk for exposure through contact tracing completed by the Callaway County Health Department, you will be directly contacted by them.**

- If a building is closed, all school activities at that building will be canceled or rescheduled.

WHAT IS CONTACT TRACING?

Contact tracing is used by health departments to prevent the spread of infectious disease.
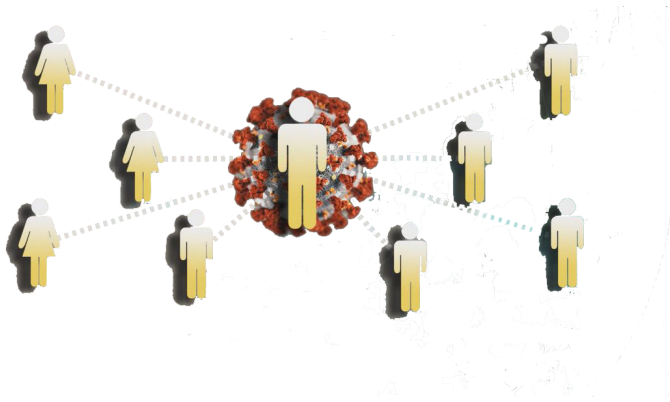
In general, contact tracing involves identifying people who have an infectious disease (cases) and people who they came in contact with (contacts) and working with them to interrupt disease spread.

This includes asking people with COVID-19 to isolate and their contacts to quarantine at home voluntarily.

Contact tracing is a core disease control activity. It has been used for decades to slow or stop the spread of infectious disease.

Source: The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

PROCEDURES FOR COVID-19 INFECTIONS

- 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.

CONTACT TRACING INVOLVES:

INTERVIEWING people with COVID-19 to identify everyone they had close contact with during the time they may have been infectious.

NOTIFYING contacts of potential exposure.

REFERRING contacts for COVID-19 testing.

MONITORING contacts for signs & symptoms of COVID-19.

CONNECTING contacts with services they might need during the self-quarantine period.

Source: The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

ONLINE RESOURCES

CDC: Coronavirus Symptoms

CDC: How to Protect Yourself & Others

CDC: When and How to Wash Your Hands

CDC: How to Wear Cloth Face Coverings

CDC: Social Distancing

CDC: Checklist for Parents & Teachers

DHSS & DESE School Reopening Guidance

Callaway County COVID-19 Website

The Fulton Public School District's back to school plan for the 2020-2021 school year is subject to change if local conditions warrant a tightening or loosening of any of the proposed guidelines.