



FCPS Reopening Safety Protocols

General Safety Procedures for Students and Staff

- [Student families](#) and [staff](#) will adhere to their respective self-monitoring forms available on our website.
- Visitors to our buildings will remain outside while schools complete the normal check in/out process.
- Washable face masks will be provided to all students and staff.
- Directional markers will be placed on the wall and/or floor in the hallways to assist in maintaining physical distance while traveling in the building.
- Students and staff will receive daily reminders to wash hands often (at least 10 times per day), refrain from touching their face, and wear a face covering as required.
- Students will be dismissed at the end of the day by class and provided take home meals for days they will not be in attendance.
- Please support our health district and do not spread misinformation on social media.

Face Masks

- Face coverings must be worn on the bus. Extras will be available. Face masks for students are preferred to face shields.
- Students will enter the building with a face mask. We will continue to work with our youngest students on this skill.
- Face coverings must be worn in the hallways and during all safety drills.
- Face coverings must be worn in the classroom when 6 foot distancing is not possible such as when moving around the room or during small group activities.

Elementary School Routines

- Students will first pick up their breakfast upon arrival and then report directly to their first class. Staff will assist.
- Lunch will be picked up by each class at a designated time.

High School Routines

- When arriving at school, students will report directly to the cafeteria for breakfast. After eating in the cafeteria, students will be dismissed by administration to report to class.
- Students will be called by class for lunch.
- Lunch will be eaten in the cafeteria following physical distancing guidelines. Students will be dismissed by administration to report back to class.

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What occurs when the school division is made aware of a positive case of COVID-19?

- When the school division is made aware of a positive case the school division will seek guidance from the Health Department.
- Because of privacy laws, the school division may not provide detailed information.
- The New River Valley Health District epidemiology team will be advising the school division.
 - The Health Department will be in contact with families and individuals that may have been exposed to COVID-19. If you are not contacted then it was determined that your child was not affected.
 - The Health Department defines exposure as being within 6 feet of an infected person for more than 15 minutes without a face covering.
 - The Health Department will also be talking with school division personnel regarding contact tracing.
 - Those who have had contact, based on the Health Department's finding, would need to stay home 14 days after the last exposure day.
- We will take every step necessary with guidance from the health department to keep our schools and community safe.

Where can I find more information about safety guidelines?

- FCPS follows guidance from the [Virginia Department of Education](#), [Center for Disease Control](#), [Virginia Department of Health](#), and [New River Valley Health District](#).
- We will keep you updated on our website, social media accounts, and app.

