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**Consent Agenda Item (Action Item):** Approve the Floyd County School District Return to School Plan.

**Applicable State or Regulations:** KRS 162.90 Powers and duties of the local board

**Fiscal/Budgetary Impact:** No Budgetary Impact upon the District

**History/Background:** The attached "Return to School" document contains a recommended safe return to school for the students and staff of the Floyd County School District. The plan contains all the necessary requirements required by the Kentucky Department of Education, Kentucky Department of Public Health, the Floyd County Health Department and the Governor's office.

**Recommended Action:** Approve the Floyd County School District Return to School Plan.

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## **Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity Service Plan**

The Floyd County School District (FCS) is committed to in-person classes daily for the 2021-22 school year. As a result of this commitment, *we will not close in-person instruction unless required/mandated to do so by the Department of Public Health, the Local Health Department and/or the Governor.* This plan is developed to provide guidance for the safe return to in-person learning for the 2021-2022 school year. Please note this plan is subject to change based upon cases of COVID-19 associated with individual classrooms, schools, District and/or Community Spread.

### **Guiding Principles:**

- Honor and safeguard the health and safety of students and staff
- Maintain fidelity of instruction ensuring standards are taught and mastered by all students
- Support the social-emotional learning and teaching needs of students and staff
- Recognize circumstances may arise that will need to be accommodated
- Communicate effectively with all stakeholders

### **Instructional Models:**

FCS is committed to in-person classes during the 2021-2022 school year for all students. We understand that some of our families may consider a virtual option and parents/guardians can select the district virtual school program for their child. *It is important to note that this program is completely online.* Student progress will be monitored by teachers and staff assigned to the Virtual Academy. Students must remain in the online virtual model for one full semester. Families interested in the virtual program should visit the district website or contact your local school for more information. **Note:** If students are placed in quarantine due to exposure and/or a positive test, these students will then switch to synchronous learning during their time quarantined.

### **Guidance and Safety Expectations for In-Person Learning:**

*The safety and well-being of our students, staff and community is our number one priority.* We believe all students should have access to in-person learning daily and that this is essential to the academic and social/emotional well-being of our kids. The following recommendations are made to ensure we can continue in-person learning with a sense of normalcy during the 2021-2022 school year:

- All students, staff, and extended family receive the COVID vaccination if possible (we understand and respect that this is an individual/family choice.)
- Follow all mandates by the Governor's Office, the Kentucky Board of Education, Kentucky Department of Public Health as well as the Floyd County Health Department in regards to **masking/facial coverings**. If a mask mandate is not in place, Floyd County will utilize the Covid Dashboard to determine the extent of masking within the school district. Below are the definitions of use in regards to facial coverings when not under mandate:



- When Floyd County is identified as **Red** or **Orange**, masks are mandated for staff and students above the age of two inside all buildings as well as school buses (pending further guidance from the Center for Disease Control, Kentucky Department of Public Health and the Floyd County Health Department.)
- When Floyd County is identified, **Yellow** or **Green** masks will not be required but will be continued to be recommended within all buildings. Buses will continue to follow any guidance by the Federal Transportation Board. (Pending further guidance from the Center for Disease Control, Kentucky Department of Public Health, and the Floyd County Health Department.)
- Maintain a distance of 3 feet apart for students and 6 feet apart for staff to students, when possible, *without changing the schedule or physical use of space in the school*. An example would be to place desks as far apart as possible in each class. This recommendation should not prevent student group work, other instructional activities, having students at cap size in classes or eating and socialization during lunch. Student interaction is also essential to the well-being of our students.

**Floyd County Schools will also provide the following in an effort to reduce the spread of the virus:**

- Temperature checks as students, staff and visitors as they enter the building.
- Provide masks to students and staff as needed.
- Provide medical isolation rooms for students that become ill at school.
- Group students and have them move in “pods” as possible to reduce the number of contacts per day.
- Maintain current seating charts in all classes to improve contact tracing efforts to help ensure that only students and staff who are considered to be in close contact with infected individuals are quarantined.

**Additionally, the following safety prevention strategies will be implemented:**

- Frequent Handwashing
- Cleaning and Maintaining Healthy Facilities
- Isolation of students/staff at school who have a fever and/or symptoms of COVID including:
  - Fever or feeling feverish (e.g., chills, sweating)
  - New Cough
  - Difficulty Breathing
  - Sore Throat
  - Muscle aches or body aches
  - Vomiting or diarrhea
  - New loss of taste or smell
    - *Individuals with any of these symptoms should stay home and be tested for COVID*
    - *It is expected that all staff and students report a positive COVID case immediately to their administration.*
    - *It is expected that the school health professional and administration work collaboratively to consider other factors before sending a student or staff member home.*
- Unvaccinated individuals who are exposed to COVID are required to be quarantined (a close contact is someone who was within 6 feet of an infected person for a cumulative total of 15 minutes within a 24 hour period while the person was considered contagious)

- Seating charts will be maintained for contact tracing
- Fully vaccinated individuals DO NOT need to quarantine unless they have symptoms
- Unvaccinated Staff who are isolated/sick or are quarantined due to exposure will need to utilize their existing sick or personal days.
- Fully vaccinated people who have come into close contact with someone with COVID-19 should be **tested 3-5 days following the date of their exposure** and wear a mask in public indoor settings for 14 days or until they receive a negative test result. They should isolate if they test positive

### **District Transportation**

- Required by the Center for Disease Control Order, clarified by the Kentucky Department of Education on 7/19/21: All students must wear masks on school buses at all times.
- Distancing of 3 feet is recommended if possible without interfering with bus routing.
- A driver does not need to wear a mask if they are the only person on the bus.

**Athletics/Extra-Curricular Activities:** All guidance in this document is applicable to athletics/extracurricular activities. Athletics are also governed by KHSAA and must follow their requirements. Spectators may have additional requirements.

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