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Consent Agenda Item (Action Item): Approve the “updated” Floyd County Schools Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity Service 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 updated Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity Service Plan includes updated recommendations based upon recent data, trends and recommendations as COVID-19 is concerned. The plan meets all of the requirements of the Kentucky Department of Education, the Kentucky Department of Health and the Floyd County Health Department.

Recommended Action: Approve the Floyd County Schools Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity Service Plan.

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Date: February 28, 2022



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 for long-term closures 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. No students will be added to the virtual program following the end of the third nine weeks. **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 are encouraged to receive the COVID vaccination if possible (we understand and respect that this is an individual/family choice.)
 - All students and staff are strongly encouraged to and recommended to wear masks/ facial coverings, however beginning on February 22, 2022, the wearing of masks and facial coverings will be **optional**. This decision is based upon the significant decrease in Covid related cases within the Floyd County School District. The recommendation for optional masking is fluid and

may need to be changed during various times of the school year if Covid related illness increases which causes a health and safety risk to students, staff, families and community members.

- Weekly, the District Covid Chart will be reviewed. The Superintendent in consultation with the local health department and with guidance from the Department of Public Health, Center for Disease Control and our Floyd County Team will make a decision if a temporary return to masks is needed.
- The Kentucky Legislature has also provided school districts with the option of Temporary Remote Learning (TRI) Days. TRI days are available to our schools who may need to close due to COVID. If a school utilizes a TRI day, students and staff in that school will be required to wear masks for the five school days upon return from TRI.
- All students and staff will be required to wear masks while the federal mandate is in effect for buses and transportation.
- Parents who still want their children to mask, can make that choice and simply continue sending your child to school with a mask. Masks will still be available at schools for students and staff that choose to continue masking.
- 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:

- Provide masks to students and staff as needed.
- Provide medical isolation rooms for students that become ill at school.
- N-95 Masks are provided for employees upon request.

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.*

Quarantines & Isolation

- The Floyd County Health Department will continue to quarantine those that are positive for COVID. Students and staff that test positive may return to school and work, following a 5 day isolation period. Those testing positive will return to school /work on Day 6 if they are symptom free.
- The Floyd County Health Department will continue to order family and community quarantines, which will be honored by the Floyd County School District. Students and staff may participate in the Test to Stay Program, during the quarantine period. A student or staff member must test negative for five consecutive school days. Students and staff not participating in the Test to Stay Program will need to quarantine for five days and present a negative test from a medical provider on day six.

District Transportation

- Effective February 25, 2022, CDC does not require wearing of masks on buses or vans operated by public or private school systems, including early care and education/child care programs. If masking is required at a later date by the CDC or the US Department of Transportation for buses we will comply with the regulation. .
- Distancing of 3 feet is recommended if possible without interfering with bus routing.
- Masks for both drivers and students were made optional per CDC on February 25, 2022..

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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