

# Fort Frye Local School District



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## **Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan 2021-2022**

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School districts are required to design plans that address the safe return to in-person learning instruction and continuity of services to meet the needs of students. Fort Frye Local Schools provided face-to-face instruction, five days per week, to our students during the 2020-2021 school year. The health landscape in Ohio has improved significantly, and the spread of COVID was almost non-existent in our school system the last nine-weeks. Fort Frye Local Schools will offer in-person learning during the 2021-2022 school year using the guiding principles listed here. Students will only be considered for remote learning options if there are serious medical needs and/or unusual circumstances that qualify the student for such options and are approved by the Superintendent.

- Our school district will implement required safety protocols to the greatest extent possible, working closely with the Washington County Health Department.
- There will always be some level of risk present when students and staff members occupy our school facilities and grounds, and the district will be transparent in acknowledging this.
- The district recognizes the need for consistency in operations. However, individual differences in classroom sizes, school facilities and building operations may lead to some inconsistencies.

### Health and Safety Guidelines:

Fort Frye Local Schools will approach health and safety for the 2021-2022 school year through review of the recommendations from the Center for Disease Control (CDC), the Ohio Department of Health, the Ohio Department of Education, and the Washington County Health Department. Because of the impracticality and sometimes conflicting guidance that exists between agencies, the district will develop protocols that are best for Fort Frye Local Schools.

- Students and staff will be permitted to wear a mask if they deem it appropriate. Masks will be made available to staff members and students requesting them.
- Students will be seated and functioning in the classroom in a similar fashion as they were prior to the pandemic. Where it makes sense, teachers may space students 3-feet apart but there is no

expectation to limit instruction opportunities in order to social distance. Students will be in pairs, small groups, assemblies, etc., just as they were prior to the pandemic.

- The school nurses will provide resources and training on proper handwashing and respiratory etiquette. Teachers will provide opportunities for students to regularly wash and sanitize their hands.
- Classrooms will be cleaned daily, and hand sanitizer will be available in classrooms and hallways as well as school busses. Busses will be sanitized daily and between morning and afternoon routes.
- The district will follow all laws and cooperate with the Washington County Health Department if contact tracing and quarantine are required.
- The district can provide information to staff and families about health precautions and measures related to COVID-19.
- Prior to school starting, the school nurse will review all student medical cases and follow-up with the families of any students who might need accommodation as it relates to health and safety.

#### Continuity of Services:

In order to address learning loss resulting from lack of in-person instruction the spring of 2020, quarantine situations, and/or students enrolled during the 2020-2021 school year in the remote option, Fort Frye Local Schools offered tutoring services during the second semester of the 2020-2021 school year as well as summer academic programming in English Language Arts, Math, and Science. The district intends to offer similar services during the 2021-2022 school year.

Fort Frye Local schools is positioned as a 1:1 device district, meaning that all students K-12 have a Chromebook that can be assigned directly to them for learning. Academic support through Google Classroom will be provided to students in the event they experience a quarantine that impacts the ability to attend school. The district will continue to provide support for students to access the internet outside of the school buildings.

Fort Frye Local Schools continues to operate a very thorough student and staff wellness program focused on healthy minds, healthy bodies, and healthy relationships, which is aligned to the Ohio Social Emotional Learning (SEL). Students receive SEL-tiered instruction, with an even greater focus this school year on universal resources based on a universal screener that is being utilized for the first time. The district also renewed its contract with Life and Purposes Behavioral Health, Inc., which provides 6 full-time mental health workers.

The District will offer free breakfast and lunch to all students.

#### Bi-Annual Review and Public Input

This plan is available on the district website at <http://www.fortfrye.k12.oh.us/> and was developed with input by various stakeholder groups in public meetings. This plan will be reviewed at least bi-annually through December 2023. Any feedback or suggestions for revision can also be made by emailing Superintendent Dr. Stephanie Starcher ([stephanie.starcher@fortfrye.org](mailto:stephanie.starcher@fortfrye.org)).