

# SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

## District Crisis Management Team

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## CLASSROOM PRECAUTIONS

- All teachers will be given hand sanitizer, disinfectant, and paper towels.
- Classrooms cleaned/disinfected thoroughly at the end of each day.
- All unnecessary furniture removed
- Wearing masks is recommended but not mandatory. This is a personal choice.
- Water fountains will be sanitized and available for use.

## SCHOOL PRECAUTIONS

- Plexiglass may remain installed at front office reception areas and lunchroom cashier's table at the discretion of the employee.
- Students should practice safe hygiene by washing hands often and whenever reentering classrooms. Employees will emphasize this.
- Students will have hand sanitizer available to them in all classrooms.
- Each school will have a CRISIS RESPONSE TEAM: Principal and/or AP, health aid, guidance, foreman, and at least one teacher. The principal will be the liaison to the District and will notify the Human Resource Department of any concerns, questions, illnesses related to COVID.
- Schools will post signage about safe hygiene and social distancing.
- Students are encouraged to bring their own water bottles and will be allowed to use them in classrooms.
- Water fountains will be sanitized and available for use.
- All classrooms will have seating charts.
- Guests and volunteers are prohibited from being inside a school building or campus unless approved by a principal and considered vital to the education of a student.
- If an employee is quarantined by the Wakulla Health Department due to exposure to a positive student, the Wakulla County Covid Leave may be used.
- ⊕ Social distancing should be used as much as possible.
- ⊕ Masks are recommended to be worn during meetings in closer settings with larger numbers of participants.
- Students who have a temperature at 100 or higher after coming to school will be isolated until he/she is checked out. The student will not be able to return to school until he/she has gone 24 hours without a fever and without medication.
- Students who exhibit other signs of COVID-19 will be sent to the clinic. The health aid, with support of the Health Department and administrators, will determine if the student should be sent home and isolated until the student is checked out of school. If the student returns to school and continues to exhibit signs of COVID-19, he or she may be required to have a doctor's note to return to school.
- Any employee with a temperature of 100 or higher will be sent home and asked to remain home until fever free for 24 hours without medication or approval to return to work from a medical professional.
- Specific procedures for student arrival and dismissal at each individual school will be developed and reviewed with employees by their administrators.
- Students are not required to wear masks
- Parents who drive their children to school are asked to remain in their car until the school's drop off location is reached. Parents should not park to walk their children to the school's entrance.

## BUS TRANSPORTATION AND STUDENT DROP-OFF PRECAUTIONS

- Each bus will have four seats reserved at all times unless occupied by an ill student.

## SPECIFIC TO ELEMENTARY

- Elementary students' learning environment will be in one classroom with limited transitioning. Grades 3, 4, and 5 may change classes as a whole at the discretion of each school's principal.
- One class will be assigned to one adult at P.E. and classes will be separated while at P.E.

- One class at a time at recess or in one general area. Classes will not combine or interact.
- Parents will not be allowed to walk their children to class on the first day of school.
- Kindergarten parents who plan to bring their child to school on the first day, are asked to begin bringing them at 9:30 so that they can be escorted to class by a school employee.
- Lunch and breakfast will be eaten in the cafeteria with same class during lunch.

### **SPECIFIC TO SECONDARY**

- Lunch and breakfast will be eaten in the cafeteria; an additional lunch period has been added to the high school to reduce the number of students in cafeteria. The students will not self-serve food items.
- Lockers may be used by students after participating in an application process.

### **AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS**

- It is the responsibility of the Senior Citizens to enforce all safety precautions.

### **QUARANTINE**

- Those who have been vaccinated WILL MOST LIKELY not have to be quarantined if exposed and have no symptoms, but the Health Department is the only agency who has the authority to make that decision.
- Teachers, administrators, and other school support staff WILL MOST LIKELY not have to be quarantined if exposed under the following conditions:
  1. The employee wears a mask for the 10-day quarantine period while at work
  2. The employee social distances him or herself from others. Social distancing is 3 feet.
  3. The employee has no symptoms.
- Students may return to school on day 11 of a quarantine under the following conditions:
  1. The student has no symptoms when returning to school.
  2. The Health Department has provided a return date.
  3. The parent and student monitor for symptoms.
  4. Recommendations: face masks worn and social distance (3 feet)

### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

- If a student or employee tests positive what are the procedures? The employee and the parents of students will notify the WCHD and receive directions on how to proceed. The WCHD will do contact tracing and notify any person who the WCHD believes to be at risk of being infected. Each situation may have different procedures. The WCHD has employees trained on how to specifically handle contact tracing. The District will rely on the expertise of the Health Department and their trained medical staff.
- If a teacher has a student whom he thinks is showing signs of COVID, what are the procedures? As with any child appearing to be ill, that child should be sent to the clinic.
- Employees feeling ill/having COVID like symptoms are asked to remain home and seek medical attention or advise.

### **OPEN HOUSE**

Students who are “rising to the next school’s grade level” (kindergartners, sixth graders, ninth graders) and students who were not enrolled in the Wakulla County School System and new to the school are invited to attend the Open Houses offered.

**THESE PROTOCOLS AND PROCEDURES WILL CONTINUE TO BE RE-EVALUATED**