

Coronavirus: Information for Fulton County Schools Students, Employees and Families

Dr. Mike Looney, superintendent of Fulton County Schools (FCS), in collaboration with the Fulton County School Board (Board) is implementing proactive measures to minimize risk to students, employees, and families relating to the spread of the coronavirus, COVID-19. As a part of this effort, across-functional Executive Task Force (ETF) of senior district leaders was established to monitor and oversee FCS's ongoing response to the coronavirus.

The ETF will direct these proactive measures by providing guidance on **school attendance, school cleaning, student enrollment, student travel and re-entry, employee travel and re-entry, employee attendance, and facility rental**. FCS remains in close communication with the Fulton County Board of Health and other public health officials to make informed operational decisions. FCS is committed to keeping our students, employees, and families safe and informed with the most current recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

School Attendance

Students who provide written documentation from their healthcare provider advising them to refrain from attending school due to the coronavirus will be fully accommodated in accordance with [Board Policy JBD](#). Families of these students should coordinate with their school's administration for additional guidance.

For all other students, normal school attendance policies remain in effect.

Cleaning of School Facilities

The district continues to utilize products confirmed by the manufacturer to kill human coronavirus and other viruses. FCS will continue to clean and disinfect schools and facilities in alignment with guidance from the CDC. School leaders have been directed to provide adequate supply of soap and paper towels for student and employee use.

If warranted, the district is prepared to deploy additional resources to ensure our schools remain safe.

Enrollment of New Students from High Risk Areas

Prior to enrolling, new families to Fulton from countries with [travel advisories](#) for the coronavirus, as identified by the CDC or the [US Department of State](#), should telephone the school for instructions. School officials will work with district and community health officials to determine the appropriate registration and attendance plan for those students. Families arriving from high-risk areas should not visit school nor district facilities but should interact with the district by telephone or email.

Student Travel

Any school-sponsored or district-sponsored travel to locations with [travel advisories](#) for the coronavirus, as identified by the CDC or the [US Department of State](#), will be cancelled. The district will work with families to pursue refunds, if possible.

Currently planned school-sponsored or district-sponsored out-of-state travel which is non-refundable for students may be allowed if a trip is not to an area of concern as identified by FCS. District administration will review each trip on a case-by-case basis. If a student is not comfortable traveling, those individuals will be excused from the event and every effort will be made to release the student from any financial penalty for non-attendance. There will be no academic consequences for non-attendance on field trips.

Currently planned school-sponsored or district-sponsored out-of-state-travel will be reviewed by the ETF. Trips requiring air travel, events held in closed spaces, or events with 1,000 or more participants will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis.

Until further notice, new requests for international field trips will not be approved.

Until further notice, new requests for out-of-state field trips will not be approved.

The district is proceeding with caution regarding in-state travel. All in-state travel will be reviewed by the ETF. Trips requiring air travel, events held in closed spaces, or events with 1,000 or more participants will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis.

The district is proceeding with caution regarding in-county field trips. Events held in closed spaces or events with 1,000 or more participants will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis. Students who are exhibiting flu-like symptoms will not be permitted to participate in field trips.

Parents and guardians should verify that their phone numbers and email addresses are correct in Infinite Campus and ensure that notification permissions are set to receive messages.

Re-entry of Students Traveling

Parents and guardians should inform their schools by telephone or email if anyone in their household has traveled to areas from countries with [travel advisories](#) for the coronavirus, as identified by the CDC or the [US Department of State](#). Upon notification, schools will work with district and community health officials to determine the appropriate action regarding re-entry of those children into the school.

Employee Travel

All previously approved employee out-of-state travel is being reviewed. The ETF will review each trip on a case-by-case basis.

Until further notice, new out-of-state travel requests will not be approved, except in emergencies or mission critical employee situations as determined by the ETF and reviewed on a case-by-case basis.

Employees who are exhibiting flu-like symptoms will not be permitted to participate in field trips.

Re-entry of Employees Traveling

Employees should inform their supervisor by telephone or email if anyone in their household has traveled to areas from countries with [travel advisories](#) for the coronavirus, as identified by the CDC or the [US Department of State](#). Supervisors should notify the ETF. Upon notification, the district will work with community health officials to determine the appropriate action regarding re-entry to the workplace.

Employee Attendance

Employees not reporting to work due to coronavirus must provide written documentation from their healthcare provider. The district will continue to enforce [Board Policy GBRI](#).

Normal work attendance policies remain in effect.

Facility Rentals

School district facility rental agreements will continue to be honored at this time; however, lessees will be required to hire FCS custodial staff to ensure district protocols for sanitation and disinfection are followed to the level directed by the CDC. Additional costs associated with these procedures will be the responsibility of the lessee.

School and District Sponsored Events

Currently scheduled events occurring in closed spaces, or events with 1,000 or more participants will be reviewed by the ETF. All other events will be allowed to proceed as planned.

Until further notice, new school and district sponsored events occurring in closed spaces, or events with 1,000 or more participants will be reviewed for approval on a case-by-case basis by the ETF.

The district supports the event sponsor and school administrators' authority to postpone or cancel events.

The district will continue to update information on the [website](#). Please visit this webpage frequently for up to date information.