

# Just the Facts: Safety Protocols/Recommendations for 2021-2022 School Year

## Mask Wearing

- Masks will remain optional when conditions allow.
- Face coverings will be required if local data exceeds high levels of community spread or mandated by a local jurisdiction.

## Physical (social) Distancing & Hand Washing

- Continue to keep a **physical (social) distance** of 3-6 feet between themselves and others to the extent possible. Staff and students should **wash their hands frequently** and cover their mouth/nose when coughing and/or sneezing.

## Reporting

- FCS student/parents must use the [Parent Reporting Portal](#) to make the COVID-19 report. The FCS COVID-19 Response Team will case investigate all reports in consultation with public health officials.
- The district will update positive COVID cases once a week on the FCS website.
- FCS will continue to utilize the Closing Matrix to switch to remote learning for classes, schools or clusters if warranted.

## Quarantine

- Per Georgia Department of Public Health ([GaDPH](#)), all persons with a positive COVID-19 diagnosis, or those who have had direct contact with an individual residing in the same household with a positive COVID-19 diagnosis, are required to isolate or quarantine.
- Students and staff who have had a direct exposure to COVID-19 while attending school or participating in school activities may be exempt from quarantine, providing they remain symptom free, wear a mask and don't test positive for COVID-19. If a student exhibits COVID-19 symptoms, they should not attend school.

## Facilities

- Before entering an FCS facility, all visitors must complete a Wellness Check screening.
- All athletes and band members will continue to be screened daily and coordinated in small groups, when possible, for contact tracing purposes. Temperature checks not be part of the protocols. FCS will open at full capacity for all athletic events/contests and concessions will be open.

## DID YOU KNOW?

- HVACs were adjusted to increase ventilation in accordance with CDC and industry recommendations, and MERV-13 filters, which are some of the highest EPA-rated air filters available, have been installed.
- Protective equipment such as clear acrylic partitions, enhanced cleaning products, safety signage, paper towel dispensers and hand sanitizer stations have been installed inside schools and administrative buildings for greater access.