

FALL
2020

FAITH FELLOWSHIP CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

FALL 2020 REOPENING PLAN

TO KNOW HIM AND MAKE HIM KNOWN

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We have grown accustomed to a rapidly shifting landscape over the past few months, and more surprises undoubtedly lie ahead of us. But we go forward with our great God who goes before us and walks with us. There are no surprises for him. As events unfold, our school nurse will continue to monitor current health department information, CDC recommendations, and updated public health guidelines as these are issued.

We firmly believe that in-person classes deliver significantly higher levels of learning than on-line instruction. With that in mind, we plan to begin in-person classroom instruction for the coming school year on **TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8**. As in previous years, Thursday, September 3, will be an Open House for meeting teachers and receiving schedules, dropping off supplies, and getting locker assignments. Once again, in-person classroom instruction will commence on **Tuesday, September 8**.

Important Dates



Thursday, September 3

Back-to-School Open House, TIMES WILL BE STAGGERED, TBD



Tuesday, September 8

First day of school (in-person)
8:00am-2:05pm

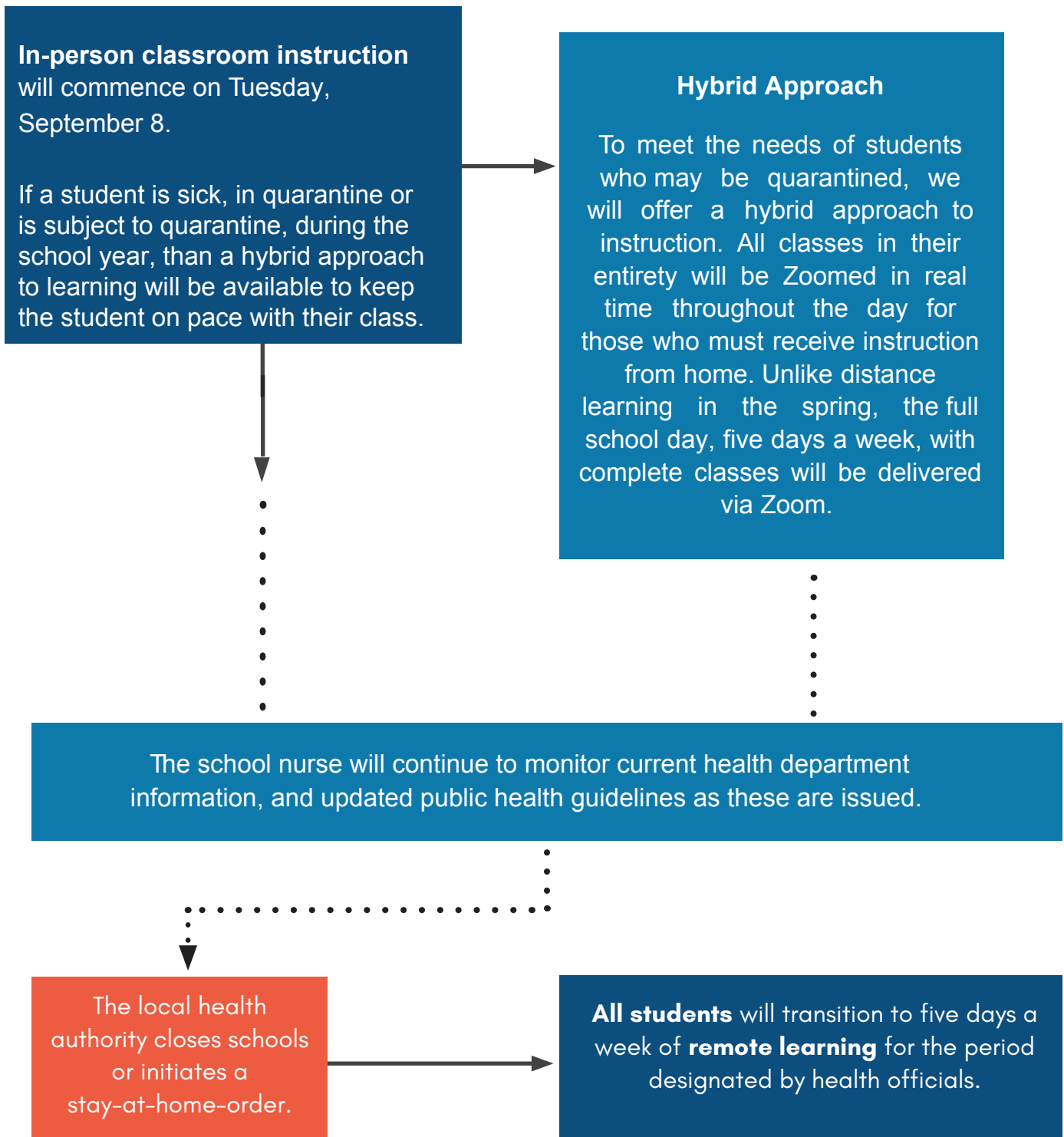
To properly safeguard our community during the resumption of on-campus learning, specific health precautions and safety procedures which are in accordance with health guidelines will be **required**.

*NOTE:

This guide is intended as a living document and will be periodically updated in order to ensure the most current guidelines are in place.

Reopening Approach

- If a student is exposed to COVID-19 during the school year, to meet their needs, we will offer a hybrid approach to instruction.
- If the local health officials close schools we will transition to remote learning.



Social Distancing

Grades PreK-6

- The playground is closed (PE and recess will use athletic fields).
- Individual desks instead of group tables will be used, when social distancing isn't possible.
- The idea of the "cohort" will be utilized, whereas groups of students (ie. one grade level) will remain together during the school day. No more than 20 students will make up a cohort. There will be no intermingling across cohorts.

Grades 7-12

- Chapel will take place in the gymnasium, adhering to proper social distance guidelines.
- When students are in common areas, such as hallways, and can not maintain proper social distancing, a solid color mask must be worn.
- Masks are not mandated during instruction or during meals.

Grades PreK-12

- All fall field trips are canceled (virtual tours are encouraged).
- All elementary classes will eat lunches will be in classrooms or outdoors.
- Lunch times will be staggered.
- No parent lunch volunteers for first semester –teachers will monitor.
- The number of people in the restroom at one time will be limited.
- Classroom seating will be reconfigured to maximize distancing.
- Use of shared supplies will be minimized.
 - Individual use of pens, pencils, and basic office supplies
 - Art supplies will be individualized
- Student drop-off and pick-up (by parents) will ONLY occur on the Moore Avenue (playground) entrance to the building (before 8am).
- The parking lot entrance is reserved for bussed students and staff families only (and students should they arrive after 8am).
- **We have to limit contact and entry of parents/guardians into the building, to the greatest extent possible.**

Personal Hygiene



- Handwashing emphasized
 - ✓ Students and staff will be encouraged to wash their hands frequently and whenever soiled
 - ✓ Hand-sanitizer stations will be placed in common areas
 - ✓ All classrooms will have hand-sanitizer dispensers
 - ✓ No-contact paper towel dispensers are used in bathrooms



- All staff and students are required to wear masks as they enter and exit the building.
- Students in grades 7-12 will wear masks when changing classes and/or in the hallways.
- Masks are optional during instruction.
- Teachers are not required to wear masks during instruction provided they maintain six feet social distancing guidelines
- Student's face masks will be solid colors only (no logos, pictures, designs, etc.).



- All students are to bring water bottles from home.
- Water fountains will only be used to fill water bottles.
- Paper cups will be available for students who forget to bring a water bottle from home.



- Students are encouraged to avoid touching their faces, particularly eyes, nose, or mouth to reduce risk of exposure.

Cleaning



- Nightly cleaning of all classrooms by our staff.
- Frequent cleaning of **high touch areas every day.**
 - ✓ This includes water fountains, handrails, doorknobs, keyboards used by multiple persons, phones, light switches, sink faucets, and restroom facilities
- Restrooms cleaned twice during school day.
- Supplies of anti-bacterial sanitizing wipes distributed to every classroom.

Athletics

Interscholastic sports are not permitted at the time of publication of this guidance, and additional information on athletic activities is forthcoming.



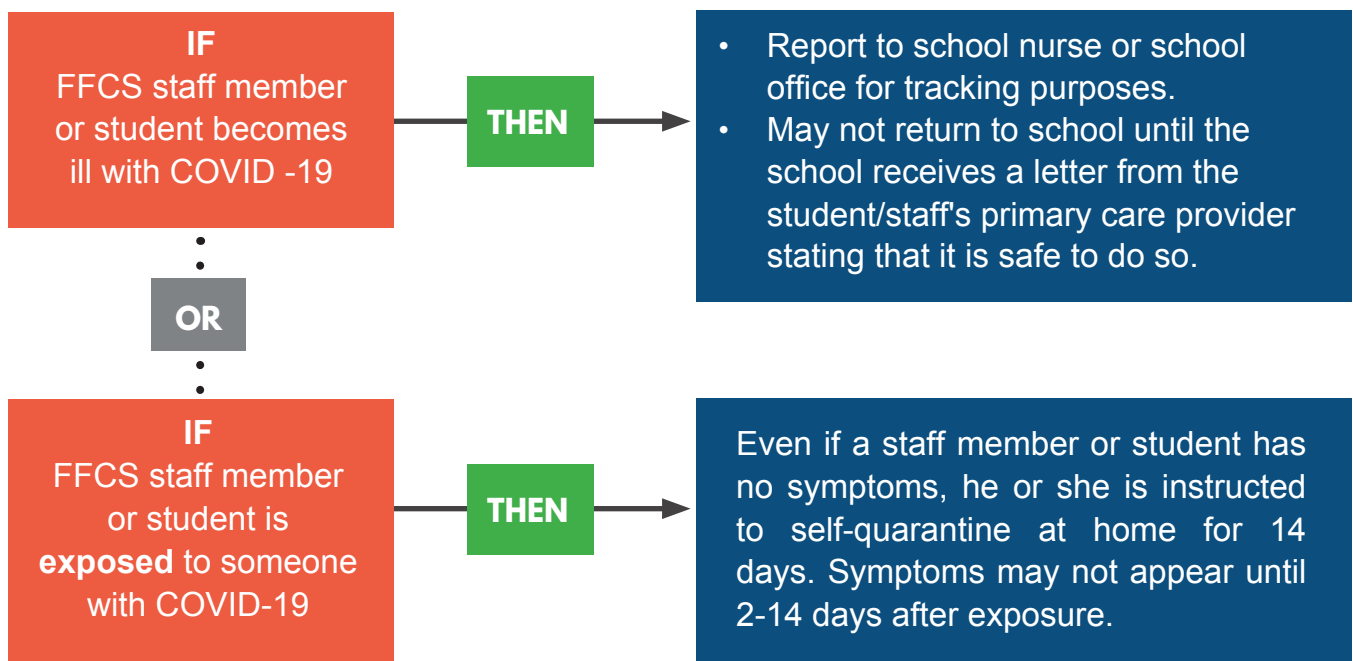
- *Current-year physicals will be required for athletic participation.*
- *Temperature and symptom checks required prior to each practice or game.*

Health Screening



- Parents are urged to take students' temperatures at home before coming to school.
- All staff and students will have temperatures taken before entering buildings in the morning.
 - ✓ Anyone with a temperature over 100° F will be denied entry or sent to the Nurse's Office to await pick-up.
 - ✓ Students awaiting parent pick-up will wait in a designated area.
 - ✓ Parents are asked to keep children home if temperature is elevated over 100° F
- The school nurse will monitor students for COVID-19 symptoms daily.
- Staff will use a daily screening questionnaire.

What if an FFCS staff member or student **becomes ill** with COVID -19 or is **exposed** to someone with COVID-19?



Nurse's Office

Our school nurse, **Dawn Johnson**, will be the designated staff person responsible for responding to COVID-19 concerns for staff and families. She will oversee the communication system for staff and families to self-report symptoms and will, with the principals, initiate notification of exposures and closures.



Nurse's Office Procedures

- Disinfect between every client visit.
- Mark areas to ensure social distancing of 6 feet inside the Health Clinic.
- Have a triage area, outside of the clinic, so that students with flu-like symptoms can be sent to the Isolation Room.
- Provide ventilation in the Health Clinic with open window and use a fan.



Isolation Room

- Provide staffing for the Isolation Room, with separate restroom, for individuals with flu-like symptoms.
- If individuals must go home from the Isolation Room, nurse will make sure the student has a mask on and escort the student to the car of the family. This will prevent the parent from having to come into the school building.



Medications

- Medications will be dropped off by parent by appointment only, to prevent overcrowding in the clinic.
- Students will wear a mask while traveling to and from the clinic.

Health Clinic, Cont.



Communications

- Maintain clear communication with the Jefferson County Health Department, FFCS employees, and FFCS families about on-going policy adjustments and/or illness outbreaks
- Provide educational materials to staff, students, and families about how to stop the spread of COVID-19, symptoms of COVID-19, and what to do if you feel sick.



Tracking

- Our school office and the nurse will be the contact if students become ill with COVID-19.
- The school office and the school nurse will maintain tracking of absences and illness in the school community.
 - Assist the local health department with contact tracing of those exposed by being less than 6 feet away for longer than 10 minutes of COVID-19 positive individuals.
 - Avoid identifying the infected person when contact tracing.
- Respect the private health information/identity of each individual in the school who becomes ill.

How You Can Help



We ask that all of our families support FFCS's health and wellness protocols by **keeping children at home**:

- when they are not feeling well
- have COVID-like symptoms
- have potentially been exposed



In addition, we are asking families to perform daily temperature checks of their children before coming to school. If a student has a temperature of 100° F or higher, he or she should stay home.



We covet your continuing prayers for the health and safety of our community, especially for our students and staff as we begin a new school year together.

We look forward to seeing you all soon. God bless you!