



Fairport Harbor Exempted Village School District

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Hello Skippers,

I hope everyone reading this has enjoyed a happy and healthy summer and is as excited as I am to begin the 2021-2022 school year. Along with this excitement comes the realization that we must continue taking precautionary measures to manage life in the presence of the Coronavirus.

We continue to work closely with the Lake County Health Department and stay current on the latest guidelines from the [Ohio Department of Health](#), [Center for Disease Control](#) (CDC), and other health authorities. As a result, the following measures are in place as we begin this school year:

- Student schedules have been created so that 3 ft. social distancing can be maintained. Class sizes will return to more typical sizes this year, but we'll ensure we do not have any overcrowded classrooms. Our teachers are still going to maintain physical distancing to the extent possible.
- Classrooms and all surfaces will be thoroughly cleaned and disinfected in the evening before each new school day. Bathrooms will be cleaned and sanitized multiple times throughout each day. We will post and continue to communicate expectations for cleanliness to all staff.
- Hand sanitizer dispensers and handwashing stations are in place throughout each school.
- All staff will be required to conduct at-home screening and self-monitoring for symptoms of Covid-19 before arriving at school each day.
- Parents will be advised to perform at-home screening and monitoring and keep students home if symptomatic.
- Notification will be provided to anyone potentially exposed to COVID-positive people.
- Plexiglass barriers will be returned to high-traffic areas.
- Per Federal Mandate regarding Public Transportation, face coverings/masks will be required for all bus riders for all school activities ([Federal Mandate](#)).

To mitigate the spread of coronavirus, the following protocols are recommended:

- Become fully vaccinated if you are eligible.
- Stay home if you are not feeling well or are symptomatic.
- Quarantine if you have been exposed to a COVID-positive person.

- **Masks in School (Recommended not Required):** These are recommendations and not mandates about mask-wearing. Ultimately, whether to wear a mask or not will be a choice for parents and caregivers to make with their children. Though we will continue to provide masks upon request, we do not intend to require masks to be worn in school. Echoing the health department and CDC, we are recommending that students and staff wear masks while in school (regardless of vaccination status) to help keep everyone safe. We know our students handled wearing masks in school remarkably well last year and that wearing masks not only cuts down on other people's exposure if someone contracts COVID-19, but can also potentially help reduce time out of school for quarantines, which are directed by the Health District.

The measures above highlight the procedures and protocols in place today based on the current information available to us.

No Cost Breakfast & Lunch Meals Continue for All Students Through June 2022

Since March 2020, Our nutrition services staff has served more than 425,000 grab-and-go style meals to our community's families. This year, thank you to the USDA's National School Lunch Program, ALL of our students can receive one breakfast and one lunch meal per day at no cost. Again this is for all of our students, regardless of a family's income. We are still encouraging families who qualify for free and reduced assistance to fill out the annual application so they may receive the school fee waiver and other applicable benefits.

Our priority is to keep our students and staff as safe as possible, providing an outstanding and enriching educational experience. Should further measures need to be considered and implemented, we will promptly provide information regarding such changes. As always, thank you for your support and commitment to the Fairport Harbor Exempted Village Schools.

Our district is one hundred years old and still going strong! I think we can make 2021 the best year yet, and I know you do too.

Sincerely,

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