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PLANS FOR HEALTH, SAFETY, AND LEARNING DURING COVID-19

1st SEMESTER, 2021-2022

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Learning options for the 2021-2022 school year

After the 2020-2021 school year, Flagler Schools announced the learning options available for the following year. They are:



Traditional, In-Person Classes

On-campus, in-person classes five days a week with health and safety precautions in place.

- Transportation to and from school is offered.
- State assessments on campus.
- School-based teacher.
- Attendance is taken daily.
- Students follow a daily schedule.
- Students are actively engaged in face-to-face classes.
- Use strategies such as spacing seating further apart or in the same direction.
- Work with the local health department on providing a safe, secure, and sanitary learning environment.
- Face coverings are optional for all staff and visitors, and students.



iFlagler Virtual School

Virtual instruction through iFlagler

- Some live lessons, but students work according to their own schedules as long as they maintain the required pace.
- Requires a semester commitment.
- State assessments and some local diagnostics are on campus.
- iFlagler local teacher is assigned.
- Attendance is taken weekly.
- Students work independently.
- Students are engaged in class through independent work and interactions with teachers.

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COVID-19 SYMPTOMS*

- Fever or chills (100°F or greater)
- Dry cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea
- Productive cough
- Abdominal pain
- Runny nose

*The CDC continues to update this list as it learns more about COVID-19. Find out more: [Symptoms of Coronavirus](#)

Guidance Documents:

Florida Department of Education
<https://bit.ly/FloridaDOE>

Florida Department of Health:
<https://floridahealthcovid19.gov/>

CDC Recommendations
<https://bit.ly/CDCrecommends2021>

American Academy of Pediatrics
<https://bit.ly/AAPrecommends>

Health and Safety Measures

Steps Taken to Safeguard Student, Staff Health



Riding the bus

Buses will run at normal capacity. Students will be assigned seats. High-touch areas will be disinfected regularly.



Student Expectations

Students are encouraged to bring their own school supplies to limit the sharing of those supplies during class. Students will be reminded frequently to wash their hands or use hand sanitizer and be aware of personal space. Hand sanitizer is available.



Extracurriculars

These programs will continue under normal operating procedures.



Field Trips

Off-campus field trips will be allowed.



Campus Safety

Classrooms, including surface areas, will be disinfected regularly.

Classroom furniture and desks will be spread out to allow for maximum space between students. Strategies such as spacing seating further apart or in the same direction are encouraged.

State-mandated school-wide safety drills will be conducted as normal.



Breakfast and Lunch

Every effort will be made to maximize the distance between students in our cafeterias. The menu will offer wrapped food items as available. Each school has increased outdoor eating areas, where possible.



Drinking Fountains

Drinking fountains have been turned on. Additional bottle filling stations have been installed. Students should bring water bottles to school to stay hydrated. There will be no sharing of water bottles.



Medically Vulnerable

Medical care plans will be followed for medically vulnerable students.



School Nurse

Protocols are in place for students visiting the nurse to limit exposure to illness. Students with COVID-19 symptoms will be separated from normal clinic operations, and parents/guardians will be required to pick up their child immediately and asked to confer with their family health care provider.



Restrooms

When possible, restroom breaks will be managed to minimize the number of students in the restroom area at one time. The restrooms will be cleaned routinely, throughout the day.



Recess

In Pre-K through 6th grade, recess is allowed, with outdoor activities encouraged.



Face Coverings

Face coverings are optional and will be provided to students and staff if requested.



Parents/Visitors

Parents and visitors are allowed on campus, per normal District visitation procedures.

On-campus mentoring programs will resume in person.



Use of Facilities

The use of our facilities by outside groups beyond the school day is allowed. These groups must follow our current Use of Facilities guidelines.



Sports

Sports teams/programs will operate as normal.

Locker rooms/equipment will be regularly disinfected.



Before/After Care

Our Extended Day program, run by Flagler Technical College, as well as Boys and Girls Club activities or 21st Century activities will continue as normal.



Family Events

On-campus events such as "Meet the Teacher" and open house, as well as PTO, SAC, and other after-school activities will be held in person.

Planning ahead

Families, staff should be prepared for changes at any time

While school may be in session this year, the COVID-19 public health crisis has not ended. The health situation in our state changes daily. Surges or even smaller localized cases of COVID-19 could make changes to the school plan unavoidable. Flagler Schools leaders will continue to work closely with county health officials and other government officials while making decisions to maintain the safety and health of its learning environment.

Families and staff need to be prepared for any range of scenarios that could happen, depending on the nature of the situation and the extent of the community spread of COVID-19.

In the event a school is required to close, all students in the district or affected school would switch to Remote Learning for the required length of closing. Should normal school operations be disrupted, options could include the following and are dependent on conditions at the time:

- One or more schools going to a school-based virtual model due to a localized outbreak while others remain in session.
- 100% school-based virtual for all schools

Daily health assessments

All Flagler Schools staff and students are asked to conduct a health self-assessment ([view here](#)) prior to arriving on one of our campuses or sites. Staff and parents/guardians are asked to review the list of COVID-19 symptoms daily to determine if you should go to school/work or stay home.

(see the list on page 1)

Any staff member or student who is sick or displays symptoms of COVID-19 should stay home to prevent the spread of illness.

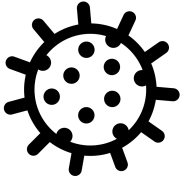
Important: Students or staff who have tested positive for COVID-19 must have clearance from the DOH or a medical doctor before returning to campus/site.

If a staff member becomes ill during the day, they will be sent home. If a student becomes ill during the day, he/she will be moved to a separate area. Their emergency contacts will be called and given instructions to pick them up immediately in a safe manner. Contact information, including emergency contacts, needs to be up-to-date in Skyward. Please contact the student's school registrar if updates are needed.



→ **Make a family plan**

- Make a plan now. Families and staff should work out a schedule to cover childcare needs or seek out childcare resources that are available on a last-minute basis.
- Students who are issued a take-home device should carry it back and forth between home to school every day.
- Make a plan for what to do if you or someone in your home gets sick.



A student or staff member tests positive for COVID-19...

...NOW WHAT?

1. School officials are notified

2. Contact tracing begins

- a. The Flagler County Department of Health will begin the process of contact tracing. They determine who should quarantine/self-isolate. Flagler Schools does not perform contact tracing.
- b. Any person determined to be in close contact by the Flagler County Health Department will be notified and provided recommendations on the next steps by the health department.

An example of the type of work the contact tracing team will engage in when there is a positive case includes:

- Developing a timeline to determine when the person who tested positive for COVID-19 started experiencing symptoms to accurately calculate the 48-hour period before the person began to experience COVID-19 symptoms.
- Identifying students and staff who meet the CDC definition of having “close contact” (within a 6-foot space for at least 15 minutes) with a person testing positive for COVID-19.
- Work with families of students who are under quarantine so their educational services can continue.

3. Communicating with the community

- a. Flagler Schools will communicate with families and staff only about positive cases among students and staff in its schools.

- b. If a student or staff member has tested positive, Flagler Schools will make this information available each day on our district website. This information will also communicate the next steps with families and staff who may be directly impacted and how it impacts regular school operations as soon as the district is able. You can [find this information here](#).
- c. The district will NOT communicate if a family member of a student or staff member has tested positive, but will still take appropriate quarantining steps for the impacted student or staff, per CDC guidelines.
- d. Due to laws protecting student and staff privacy, no identifying information about the student or staff member testing positive will be released to the public. Any Flagler Schools students or staff who are identified as having been in close contact (as defined by the CDC) with the individual will be notified as part of the contact tracing process and instructed on what steps to take.

4. Keep Learning Going

- During any school closing, Flagler Schools will continue to provide instruction and learning opportunities. If a student tests positive for COVID-19, the District will continue to provide instruction and learning opportunities.

