



Farmington Central CUSD #265

212 N. Lightfoot Road

Farmington, IL 61531

School Reopening Plan 21-22 School Year

*SCHOOL YEAR GUIDANCE MAY CHANGE THROUGHOUT THE YEAR
BASED ON CDC, ISBE, AND IDPH GUIDELINES. THIS IS A WORKING
DOCUMENT AND MAY BE REVISED THROUGHOUT THE 2021-2022
SCHOOL YEAR.*

Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) issued a return to In Person learning for the 2021-2022 school year

Medically Fragile Students

In-Person & Remote Learning for Medically Fragile Medically fragile refers to those students who are at an increased risk of severe illness or live with someone at an increased risk of severe illness. For the 2021-22 school year, per Illinois State Board of Education guidelines, students who are medically fragile (or live with someone who is) and have a verified doctor's note will be able to engage remotely. Elementary remote students will be provided grade level appropriate instructional content and access to teacher support. Junior and high school classes will be streamed for those who are medically fragile or live with someone who is considered medically fragile and verified with a doctor's note.

Quarantining & Contact Tracing

The district works with local health departments when a person within the school tests positive or is symptomatic for COVID-19. Parents of students in close contact will be notified that their student was near a student or staff member who tested positive. Close contacts without symptoms will not be required to quarantine unless directed by the local Health Department. According to IDPH guidance, the County Health Department is the final arbiter of issues regarding contract tracing and quarantine. Families will want to monitor for any emerging COVID-19 symptoms. Anyone exhibiting symptoms would then fall subject to the IDPH Decision Tree. The most recent Decision Tree dated 5/4/2021 denotes the following as symptoms: Fever (100.4 F or higher), new onset of moderate to severe headache, shortness of breath, new cough, sore throat, vomiting, diarrhea, new loss of sense of taste or smell, fatigue from unknown cause, muscle or body aches from unknown cause. Students who have to quarantine, at any level, would be able to have access to their academics through each classroom teacher's policies and procedures.

Mitigation Measures

For the 2021-2022 school year, Farmington Central CUSD #265 will continue to be diligent in our cleaning strategies to assure a sanitized environment for all. We will provide hand sanitizer or hand washing stations throughout the campus in Mitigation Levels 1 and 2 and encourage all to utilize them. Seating charts will be used for classrooms and buses. The use of masks will need to be worn while traveling on district transportation per public transportation requirements, but optional while on campus. Social distancing will be utilized to the greatest extent possible.

The mitigation levels outlined below will determine our day-to-day operations for the coming school year. Changes to our mitigation levels will be dependent upon an on-going analysis of positive COVID-19 cases as reported by the COVID Dashboard maintained by Northwestern University. We will use all data available for zip codes in the Farmington School District, specifically 61531 (Farmington), 61536 (Hanna City), 61569 (Trivoli), Yates City (61572) to make our determination. The District intends to begin the school year at mitigation level 1 based on the current COVID cases in our school district.

Mitigation Level 1 - Minimal Positivity rates of less than 10% for more than 10 consecutive school days):

Farmington Central metrics indicate minimal transmission

- Masks recommended if closer than 3 ft for more than 15 minutes
- 3-ft between students when possible
- Quarantines for students/staff per local health department directive.
- Implement remote learning for classes, grade level or building if needed.

Mitigation Level 2 - Moderate Positivity rates of 10%-19.9% for more than 10 consecutive school days):

Farmington Central metrics indicate moderate transmission.

- Masks recommended if closer than 3 ft for more than 15 minutes
- 3-ft between students when possible
- Quarantines for students/staff per local health department directive.
- Implement remote learning for classes, grade level or building if needed.

Mitigation Level 3 - Substantial Positivity rates of 20+% for more than 10 consecutive school days):

Farmington Central metrics indicate substantial transmission.

- Masks required for all students and staff
- 3 ft between students in all circumstances
- School-wide screening from 2020-2021 in place
- Quarantines for students/staff per local health department directive.
- Implement remote learning for classes, grade level or building if needed.

****The District will continue to evaluate and make changes as guidance frequently changes from the CDC, IDPH and ISBE.***

Lockers & Drinking Fountains

Students will have access to lockers and drinking fountains with additional sanitation precautions.

Lunch and Recess (K-5)

Students will resume utilizing cafeterias during the 2021-22 school year. Students will be socially distanced to the greatest extent possible and students will have recess on a daily basis.

Shared Materials

Shared materials may continue to be utilized during the 2021-22 school year, however, this will be resumed with increased sanitation measures.

Music Curriculum and Physical Education

Curriculum within these instructional areas will resume with extra consideration given to social distancing and increased sanitation measures.

Visitors

Visitors to campus will be limited to those deemed necessary by building administration and department leaders.

Extracurricular Activities

Students who are using remote learning will NOT be able to participate in any extra-curricular or on-site activities. This includes all athletics, all in-person learning, and special courses such as band, choir, and driver's education. Quarantining or symptomatic students will not be able to participate in any extra-curricular or onsite activities until they return to in-person learning with medical documentation approving their return.

Field Trips and All-School Assemblies

Field trips that align with instructional outcomes and/or are an extension of the learning environment will be permitted during the 2021-22 school year. All-school assemblies may be possible per administrative approval but both field trips and assemblies will be optional for students to attend.

School American Rescue Plan (ARP) and Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) PLAN

The district is continuously analyzing data to identify evidence-based interventions that will address learning loss. The interventions may be inclusive of after school tutoring, enrichment programming, parental liaison services, and social opportunities. Additional training and development for staff will be available in an effort to overcome the lost education opportunities for our students and to better support their social/emotional needs. Furthermore, the sanitation and ventilation efficiencies of the campus will be improved upon.