

Full Time Opening for April 19, 2021

INTRODUCTION:

On Thursday, April 1, 2021, Governor Sununu, through Executive Order 89, mandated that all public schools return to five day a week in person learning by April 19, 2021. Additionally, the order required districts to continue to offer fully remote learning for those families requesting it. In response to that mandate, we have accelerated our planning from our tentative reopening date of May 4, 2021. The administration's plan for reopening on April 19, 2021 is outlined below:

SCHOOL HOURS:

We will continue to dismiss students one hour early each day at all three schools as we have been doing all year. This will provide teachers the time necessary to support our in person and remote learners.

FOOD SERVICE:

Food service will continue to operate out of the Franklin Middle School cafeteria. Morning food deliveries will continue for our remote students. The Middle School cafeteria window will be open for hot meals from 7:00AM-12:00 PM daily. Food service staff will continue to deliver breakfast and lunch to the elementary and high school daily.

MASK USAGE:

Masks will be required when six foot distancing cannot be maintained. Because we are transitioning to three foot distancing in classrooms, masks will be mandatory and scheduled mask breaks will be implemented. Each school's plan for mask breaks is detailed below.

TRANSPORTATION:

We will continue to encourage families that are able to, to provide their own transportation to minimize the number of students on each bus. However, our current numbers indicate that we will need to have 2 students per seat on the buses to accommodate families that require this transportation. Masks will continue to be mandated on all buses. The anticipated increase in traffic at parent drop offs and pick ups will be monitored and adjustments made as needed.

TEMPERATURE CHECKS:

We will continue to conduct temperature checks on students and staff at all three schools.

SANITIZATION:

We will maintain the cleaning protocols instituted at all three schools.

PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT:

A supply of PPE, including masks and hand sanitizer, will be monitored, maintained and made available as needed.

COVID RESPONSE:

We will continue to follow NH DHHS regarding exposures, contact tracing, and quarantine.

SCHOOL LEVEL RESPONSE:

Paul Smith Elementary School:

- Classroom Setups: Kindergarten and first grade classrooms have been housed with five, six foot rectangular tables allowing for three foot distancing and forward facing. Grades two and three have enough desks for all students enrolled in each classroom. The desks have been placed three feet apart.
- Remote Learning/Teaching will occur daily. Remote students will participate daily during morning meetings. Teachers will provide learning packets, daily assignments on Google Classroom, and will meet with all remote students five days a week the last hour of the day to support remote learners.
- Breakfast will be provided in the gym/cafe each morning. Breakfast is offered from 8:00-8:30AM daily. Students who require breakfast will either eat outside or in the cafeteria, with six foot distancing maintained.
- Lunch will be outside (weather permitting) on the field hockey field. If weather does not allow for outdoor lunch, students will eat in the classroom and the gym/cafeteria, maintaining six foot distancing.
- Recess: Students will participate in recess by house schedules. Students will have full use of recess equipment and fields while wearing masks.
- Mask breaks: All students will participate in at least 3 scheduled mask breaks per day including morning, end of recess, and afternoon. Individual student mask breaks will be provided as needed.

Franklin Middle School:

- Classrooms are set up according to rosters with a maximum of 21 students and/or staff to allow for paraprofessionals and 1 classroom teacher.
- Desks are arranged facing forward with at least 3 feet spacing.
- Students will remain in classroom cohorts with teachers circulating among the classrooms.

- We will keep our current 6 X 55 minute period schedule with 30 minutes for lunch. Fully remote students will continue to attend their current classes via Zoom receiving simultaneous instruction with in-person students.
- Direct instruction will be limited to a maximum of 35 minutes to allow for mask and screen breaks.
- Mask breaks: All students will participate in at least 3 scheduled mask breaks per day morning, mid-day, and afternoon. Individual student mask breaks will be provided as needed.
- Additional seating will be available in hallways and open classrooms to allow for 6 foot distancing during breakfast and lunch. Students may eat outside if weather permits. Each of our 4 wings has a separate entrance and exit.
- Teachers will continue to use the time from 1:30-3:00 pm to support individual learners, and plan lessons for in person and remote learners.

Franklin High School

- Classrooms are arranged with at least three feet spacing.
- Students will consume breakfast in their first period classroom while maintaining six foot distancing. Overflow space will be provided as needed in the cafeteria.
- Mask breaks: All students will participate in at least 3 scheduled mask breaks per day morning, mid-day, and afternoon. Individual student mask breaks will be provided as needed.
- Because students change classes, current sanitizing protocols will remain in place (iesanitizing desks each period, rotating use of bathrooms to allow for sanitizing during the day).
- Fully remote students will continue to attend their current classes via Zoom for attendance and instruction, complete daily assignments in Google classroom, and individuals will continue to schedule appointments with their teachers for additional support.
- Students will be eating lunch in their classrooms if 6 foot distancing can occur. If 6 foot distancing cannot occur in the classroom, classes will be scheduled for additional lunch seating outside when weather permits, and/ or in the gym, cafe or library.
- Teachers will continue to use the time from 1:30-3:00 pm to take their 30 minute duty free lunch, to support individual learners, and planning for remote and in person instructions.

CONCLUSION:

The Franklin School District is prepared to meet the mandate of the Governor's Executive Order # 89 to reopen schools 5 days a week beginning April 19, 2021.

