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2022-2023 School Operations and Safety Guidelines for East Feliciana Public Schools

These guidelines are subject to change based on the latest public health and safety guidance, Ready to Achieve! 2022-2023 School Operational Guidelines, and the needs of our community. They are current as of August 18, 2022.

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Dear East Feliciana Family:

Welcome back! We hope you have had a safe and restful summer. We are so excited for your return, and we can't wait to see what our students and our schools accomplish during this upcoming school year. As we continue to implement our district's strategic plan, we remain committed to prioritizing and protecting the safety of our community, identifying and meeting the comprehensive needs of each student, embracing innovation in meeting those needs, and regularly and clearly communicating with all stakeholders. Your ongoing feedback and attentiveness remain beneficial and essential in our decision making.

Protecting the safety of our students and staff is the foundation of our daily work. Towards that end, we have developed this safety and operations plan in consultation with the Louisiana Department of Education and public health and safety officials. Please note that this plan is a living document, and we will make revisions to it as we receive additional and new guidance from these officials. The latest version will always be available online at efschools.net.

Please let me extend once more a heartfelt welcome to this new school year. It is because of you that when I think of East Feliciana Public Schools, I have #HomegrownPride.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Keisha L. Netterville".

Keisha L. Netterville
Superintendent of Schools

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<p>Afterschool Programs</p>	<p>All afterschool programming shall operate in accordance with all safety guidelines outlined in this document. In consultation with regional public health officials, East Feliciana Public Schools will consider temporarily stopping these activities to control a school or program-associated outbreak or during periods of high COVID-19 Community level in accordance with LDOE's Ready to Achieve 2022-2023 School Operational Guidelines.</p>
<p>Assemblies</p>	<p>Physical distancing is encouraged at indoor and outdoor assemblies during high community levels of COVID-19. Where possible at these times, students should maintain a physical distance of at least three feet from other students and six feet from adults. Adults are encouraged to maintain six feet of distance from other adults. Wearing a mask during indoor assemblies is also encouraged. Students and adults should wash hands or use hand sanitizer before and after events.</p>
<p>Athletics and Performing Arts</p>	<p>All athletic activities shall adhere to guidance from the Louisiana High School Athletic Association. In accordance with guidance from the National Federation of State High School Associations, all performing arts programs should follow the same recommendations that are implemented for the rest of the school. Additionally, all outdoor activities shall adhere to guidance from the National Federation of State High School Associations, particularly those designed to protect students from heat-related illness and injury.</p>
<p>Child Nutrition Program</p>	<p>Students and adults should wash hands or use hand sanitizer before and after every meal. Students will eat breakfast and lunch in their classroom where possible. Whether eating in the classroom or the cafeteria, students should remain six feet apart from each other where possible. Disposable utensils shall be used. When entering the cafeteria, students shall follow designated entrance and exit flow paths and remain in a single-file line for food lines and disposal. Child nutrition program staff will clean frequently touched surfaces at least twice a day. Child nutrition program staff will practice proper hand hygiene, washing hands regularly with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.</p>

<p>Cleaning Protocols</p>	<p>Our custodial and maintenance staff will continue enhanced cleaning protocols for high-risk and high-touch areas (door handles, light switches, handrails, interior doors, door push plates, and flat surfaces). These surfaces, including bathrooms, will be cleaned at least twice per day. All classrooms will have disinfecting wipes and hand sanitizer. High-touch surfaces will be cleaned at least twice per day, including bathrooms. In accordance with LDOE's Ready to Achieve 2022-2023 School Operational Guidelines, staff will clean all surfaces at least once a day to reduce the risk of germs spreading by touching surfaces. If a facility has had a sick person or someone who tested positive for COVID-19 within the last 24 hours, the space will be cleaned and disinfected.</p>
<p>Drinking Fountains</p>	<p>Drinking fountains will remain closed. Students and adults are encouraged to bring their own water to school, and schools will continue to provide individual water bottles.</p>
<p>Elevator Usage</p>	<p>Individuals should wash their hands or use hand sanitizer after using the elevator. Custodial staff will clean elevator buttons frequently during the day.</p>
<p>Face Coverings in Schools</p>	<p>While face coverings are not required in East Feliciana Public Schools, East Feliciana Public Schools encourages individuals to observe masking recommendations from both the CDC and their primary care provider. Anyone who chooses to wear a mask is supported in their decision to do so at any COVID-19 Community Level, including low.</p>

<p>Field Trips</p>	<p>Field trips can occur in accordance with all safety guidelines outlined in this document. Outdoor field trips opportunities should be prioritized, if possible. All field trips must be approved by the superintendent.</p>
<p>Hygiene Protocols</p>	<p>In accordance with LDOE's Ready to Achieve 2022-2023 School Operational Guidelines, East Feliciana Public Schools will continue to teach and reinforce proper handwashing to lower risk of spreading viruses. All employees and students should wash hands with soap and water or sanitize hands during key times in the day, including before and after eating and after recess. Employees should teach, monitor, and reinforce hand hygiene and covering coughs and sneezes to help keep individuals from getting and spreading infectious diseases.</p>
<p>Hygienic Supplies</p>	<p>School employees will be provided adequate access to hygienic supplies, including soap, hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol, disinfectant wipes or spray, paper towels, and tissues. Face coverings will also be provided when needed. The quantity of these supplies will be in accordance with the employee's role and the number and age of students or adults served by that employee.</p>
<p>Monitoring Students and Adults for Symptoms of COVID-19 and other illness</p>	<p>Students and adults who are sick should stay home (regardless of illness), and schools will not admit into the school building anyone that shows signs of being sick. With permission from a parent or guardian, RKM's school-based clinics will continue to be able to conduct COVID-19 screening for anyone with COVID-19 symptoms. All students and staff who test positive, regardless of vaccination status, should complete at home isolation in accordance with guidance from the CDC included in the Ready to Achieve 2022-2023 School Operational Guidelines. Schools will isolate anyone that shows signs of being sick after arrival to school, regardless of illness. The isolation area will be cleaned after it is occupied by any sick student or adult.</p>

<p>Playground and Athletic Equipment</p>	<p>Playground and athletic equipment shall be cleaned as necessary, depending on frequency of use. All surfaces should be cleaned at least once a day.</p>
<p>Responding to Positive Cases of COVID-19</p>	<p>All East Feliciana Public Schools will adhere to the Louisiana Department of Health's reporting guidance outlined in the Ready to Achieve 2022-2023 School Operational Guidelines. East Feliciana Public Schools will also continue to monitor COVID-19 Community Levels in East Feliciana Parish. In the event of high COVID-19 Community Levels or identified school-wide or core group outbreaks, East Feliciana Public Schools will partner with regional public health officials to identify additional appropriate actions that may be necessary.</p>
<p>Restroom Usage</p>	<p>Students and adults should wash their hands for at least 20 seconds with soap and water or use hand sanitizer after using the restroom.</p>
<p>Student Drop Off and Pick Up Processes</p>	<p>Schools will continue to have a single entry and exit point that promotes building security and enables the flow of students to move in a single direction. Immediately upon entrance to any school facility, all individuals must check in at the main office. Students shall enter and exit all school facilities in a single file line and shall be supervised in sanitizing their hands with hand sanitizer with at least 60 percent alcohol. Schools may conduct temperature screenings at their discretion.</p>

<p style="text-align: center;">Student Programming Determinations</p>	<p>An alternative 100% virtual program for students in grades 9-12 will be offered on a case-by-case basis for students who maintained a high level of academic performance in a virtual model during the 2021-2022 school year. Student placement in this program will be made in consultation with the parent or custodian of a student and will take into consideration the student's unique academic, social, emotional, familial, and medical needs of a student, as identified by the student's parent or custodian. Temporary alternatives to East Feliciana Public Schools' in-person education program for students in Pre-K-8th grade will be determined on a case-by-case basis through the district's Homebound program and shall be made in consultation with the parent or custodian of the student, taking into consideration the student's unique needs as identified by the parent or custodian. Due to the academic, social, and emotional needs of students at this grade level, East Feliciana Public Schools shall prioritize to the maximum extent possible accommodations that allow for Pre-K-8th grade students to attend school in person.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Transitions During the School Day</p>	<p>Schools will designate lanes of the hallway as flow paths to keep students separated and to minimize congregation of students. Students will walk and face one direction unless separated by a barrier.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Transportation</p>	<p>While face coverings are not required on school buses, the CDC recommends that people wear masks in indoor public transportation settings like school buses. Hand sanitizer will be provided to all bus occupants, and school buses will be disinfected with a CDC approved chemical after each route. Windows shall be kept open when it does not create a safety or health hazard. Seating charts will be kept and consistently enforced.</p>

**Visitors to School
Facilities and
Building Security**

All entrance and classroom doors should remain locked at all times. Entrance to any classroom or school building should occur only at a door with a designated key card entry. All other doors should be used as emergency exits only. All visitors to any school campus should use the entrance buzzer outside the main office immediately upon arrival to campus in order to check in. No visitors with symptoms of illness shall be admitted to an East Feliciana Public Schools facility. All visitors should wash or sanitize hands upon entry into a school facility. Schools may also conduct temperature screenings at their discretion. To maintain the security of facilities and the safety of students, school principals may limit the campus access of nonessential visitors. Essential visitors are individuals who must enter schools in order to conduct visits in accordance with Louisiana law or policy. Essential visitors include, but are not limited to, individuals who conduct CLASS observations, individuals who observe teacher candidates as part of the teacher preparation quality rating system, and individuals who provide essential supports and services including, but not limited to, early intervention, special education, or mental health consultation. Essential visitors must observe all safety guidelines, including check-in processes.