

2021-2022 FCPS Face Mask Updates

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- Strongly recommends that students under 12 wear face masks in school and on buses.
- Recommends that staff and visitors wear face masks in FCPS buildings.
- Recommends that students 12 and up wear face masks in school and on buses.



Benefits of Wearing a Face Mask

Masks provide an extra layer of protection from COVID-19, even for vaccinated individuals. Any student wearing a mask who is identified as a close contact to someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 will not have to quarantine as long as the individual testing positive was also wearing a mask.



Health and Safety is our TOP Priority

The health and safety of students and staff remain a top priority for FCPS. Therefore, FCPS will continue to work with local health officials and monitor local health metrics. Additionally, FCPS will continue to implement the following COVID-19 mitigation strategies:



Return to Work/School from Quarantine

- If a student or staff member is placed in quarantine, the return to work/school can occur after 7 days if the individual has no symptoms and has a negative PCR (not a rapid test) test result that is administered on or after day 5

OR

- If the individual has no symptoms they may return after day 10

Mitigation Strategies

- All employees and students should complete a daily self-health assessment.
- **All employees and students must stay home when they are sick.**
- Frequent hand washing and/or use of hand sanitizer will be encouraged.
- Social distancing shall be maintained to the extent possible, particularly indoors.
- Contact tracing will be used for any suspected cases of COVID-19.
- Any individual not wearing a mask who is determined to be close contacts of a person infected with COVID-19 will be instructed to quarantine.



Mitigation Strategies

Cleaning the Air You Breathe



This facility has invested in air purifying technology to provide you with fresher, cleaner air.



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What's in the Air?

This facility is utilizing Needlepoint Bipolar Ionization (NPBI) technology from Global Plasma Solutions to clean and sanitize the indoor air – providing a safer and healthier environment for you.

The technology works inside the HVAC system to:

-  Reduce Particles
-  Neutralize Odors
-  Kill Pathogens



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Breathe Easier, the Air is Being Cleaned

Potential Benefits of Good Indoor Air Quality:

-  Controls indoor air allergens and pollutants
-  Reduces odors
-  Better space humidity and temperature control
-  Lowers utility bills
-  May reduce or improve symptoms of respiratory illnesses



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Mitigation Strategies

- Masks may be mandated for students, staff, and visitors by direction of the Division Superintendent or designee if the rate of new positive cases of coronavirus is at or above one percent* (1%) of the total student or staff population in a calendar (seven day) week at a particular school, department, or across the school division. (*One percent and above is considered a high rate of new infections by the Virginia Department of Health.)
- Masks may be mandated if the number of absentees due to illness or quarantines is at or above ten percent* (10%) of the total population of students or staff at a particular school or department. (*Ten percent is more than double the standard absentee rate of five percent or less.)

Vaccine Information

For more information on securing an appointment for a vaccine, please visit: [vaccines.gov](https://www.vaccines.gov) or contact the Fauquier County Health Department at 540-347-6400.