

# Fort Recovery Elementary School 2020-21 Reopening Plan



## PURPOSE

Create a safe, supportive, and academically effective learning environment for all returning students during the re-opening of FRES during the COVID-19 pandemic.

## PLANNING

This document is a combination of guidance and best practices outlined from several different organizations:

- [Ohio Dept. of Health – K-12 School Guidance](#)
- [Ohio Dept. of Education – Reset & Restart Guide](#)
- [FRLS Re-Fortification Plan for 20-21](#)

## OPERATING ASSUMPTIONS

- There are possible health risks associated with sending students to school that cannot be avoided.
- FRLS educational system must remain flexible and responsive to continuing public health changes. This plan is subject to change.
- FRLS will need to have the capacity to operate in various modes at different times, sometimes with minimum advance notice.
- The traditional school experience, as it was known prior to COVID-19, will be different.



## OVERVIEW

- The school year will begin as scheduled for 20-21. The **first day of school for students will be Tuesday, August 25<sup>th</sup>**. The school day begins at 8:15am and ends at 3:21pm. Students will be expected to attend school each day for the entire five-day week as normal. Open Building will be held Monday, August 24, 5:00 – 6:30 for students to find their new classroom and drop off any supplies.
- If needed, FRLS will use Emergency Remote Learning based on local and state health guidance. This is what we utilized last Spring during the school closure period. More information will be released as needed.
- Students not wishing to attend in-person classes may opt to enroll in the **Fort Recovery Virtual Academy**. This will be a 100% online option for students and is designed to be a year-long commitment. Contact your building principal for additional details regarding this program.

## GENERAL GUIDANCE

- Appropriate personal hygiene practices should be followed (ex: hand washing, cover face, etc.). Hand washing will increase in frequency
- Students are asked to bring their own water bottle each day. Bottle filling stations will be available throughout the building.
- Students are expected to follow all district protocol & posted signage as well as teacher-specific directions related to safety procedures.
- To limit the amount of large group gatherings in the hallway, students will not be permitted in the building before 8:00. Please do not drop your child off prior to 8:00.

## CLEANING PROCEDURES

- Custodial staff will sanitize “high touch areas” daily.
- No drinking fountains will be used. Students are encouraged to bring water bottles and water bottle filling stations will be made available.
- Hand sanitizer will be available in all classrooms and in several common areas of the building.
- Teachers will have spray bottles of cleaner available to them to use between classes or during times when students are out of the classroom.

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## DAILY OPERATIONS

### Daily Symptoms Check

Students and parents are expected to vigilantly monitor and self-assess daily for symptoms of COVID-19. If students are experiencing symptoms or have had possible exposure to COVID-19 they should stay home. Anyone with a 100 degree or above temperature will be asked to go or stay home.

### Sending Your Child to School

Assess your child each morning before sending him/her to school. If your child does not feel well and/or exhibits COVID symptoms please notify the office of their symptoms and their absence. DO NOT send your child to school on fever reducing medication. Students must be fever free for 24 hours, without taking any fever reducing medication, before returning to school

### Water Bottles

Students are encouraged to bring a water bottle each day. Drinking fountains will be turned off. Water bottle fill stations will be set up throughout the building.

### Limited Outside Contact

In order to protect our student population, we plan to limit the number of visitors/volunteers that enter the school building. All visitors entering the building must follow district safety guidelines and will be required to wear a mask. Also, we will limit large congregations of students and field trips outside of the district.

### Face Coverings

Fort Recovery Elementary School will follow the guidance of the Mercer County Health Department.

### Entrance Procedures

Students cannot enter the building until 8:00am. Students cannot linger or congregate in hallways. Students may go to their locker to get supplies but then must report directly to class.

### Flexible Attendance

In an effort to keep those with COVID symptoms home, we will follow all Mercer County Health Dept. guidelines for quarantine. Students that are quarantined will have access to school materials electronically to the best of our ability. Students will be expected to keep up with slightly modified coursework. There will be no attendance rewards given out to students this year.

## KEY SAFETY PRINCIPLES



### Assess Symptoms

Students and staff should conduct daily health checks prior to going to school. This includes taking their temperature and assessing their symptoms. Anyone with symptoms or a temp. above 100 degrees should stay home.

### Hand Washing

Hand washing should be done frequently. Wash hands thoroughly for at least 20 seconds with soap and water.

### Social Distancing

Try to keep yourself away from other people as much as possible. You should maintain a distance of 6 feet whenever possible.



- Fever or chills.
- Cough.
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing.
- Fatigue.
- Muscle or body aches.
- Headache.
- Loss of taste or smell.
- Sore throat.
- Congestion or runny nose.
- Nausea or vomiting.
- Diarrhea.

