

Fort Recovery Middle School

2020-21 Reopening Plan



PURPOSE

Create a safe, supportive, and academically effective learning environment for all returning students during the re-opening of FRHS 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 2020-2021. The **first day of school for students will be Tuesday, August 25th**. The school day begins at 8:18am and ends at 3:21pm. Students will be expected to attend school each day for the entire five-day week as normal. Students will not be allowed into the building before 8:00 a.m. Once in the building, students are not to congregate in the hallways.
- 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, etc.)
- Masks are required to be worn by all staff and students. Mask breaks will be scheduled, and other exceptions will be in place, such as, but not limited to, Phys. Ed. classes, restrooms, bus stops, outdoor recess, outdoor classes, and when eating or drinking.
- Hallway traffic and restroom use will be monitored and structured to allow less social contact.
- Students are expected to follow all district protocol & posted signage as well as teacher-specific directions related to safety procedures.

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 and students are expected to clean shared materials (ex: desks, tables, etc.) regularly.



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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.

Social Distancing

Teachers will limit group and/or partner activities. Classrooms will be arranged to facilitate social distancing (ex: plexiglass shields, desks rearranged, etc.). Seating charts will be utilized where appropriate to minimize exposure and assist in contact tracing if needed.

Limited Outside Contact

In order to protect our student population, we plan to limit the number of visitors 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

Use of face coverings can reduce the spread of respiratory droplets that carry and spread COVID-19. As per the statewide mask mandate issued on 8/4/20, all students in K-12 (and staff members) will be required to wear face coverings while at school.

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.

