

Flat Rock-Hawcreek School Corporation



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Re-entry Plan for Hauser Jr./Sr. High and
Hope Elementary

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Plan Overview

Flat Rock-Hawcreek School Corporation continues to work closely with the Bartholomew County Health Department, representatives from Columbus Regional Hospital, and members of the Bartholomew Consolidated School Corporation leadership team to maintain a comprehensive re-opening plan for the 2020-2021 school year. Considering the very fluid nature of this situation, FRHC will continue to monitor guidance from the Indiana Department of Education, Indiana State Department of Health, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

While our plan focuses on mitigating the spread of COVID-19 in our educational setting using the most recent guidance and research, it is important to understand that administration completely expects to have to modify and adapt this plan as we move forward. We will continue to make the necessary changes and updates to ensure that our schools are as safe as possible.

We understand that each member of our “Jets” family has been impacted differently by the global pandemic and we will continue to be as flexible as possible during the upcoming school year. This plan will serve as a living document that will provide a framework for safely re-opening but will not include every building level consideration. Building level administration will communicate detailed information regarding day to day operations as well as any changes as they become necessary.

Enrollment Options for 2020-2021 School Year

Flat Rock-Hawcreek School Corporation plans to return to in-person teaching and learning as scheduled on Tuesday, August 4, 2020. At this time, we do not plan to make any changes to the current calendar. Virtual learning options will continue to be made available for students that are not able to attend on campus due to extenuating circumstances related to COVID-19.

FRHC has a new student management system called Skyward that will allow students and parent greater access to student records including but not limited to attendance, grades, and discipline. While we are excited about this change and upgrade, we understand it does not come without challenges. All returning students will receive information mid-July with directions for accessing the student online registration portal using Skyward. Representatives will be available via email and phone to help through this process.

When registering, parents will have two options for enrolling their student/s.

Option #1 - Traditional (5 days per week) in-person instruction

Option #2- Full time virtual option through each building's eLearning platforms

- Parents/students that request the virtual option should be advised that eLearning will not look the same as it did in the spring. Virtual learning at the end of the 2019-20 school year was designed and developed to respond to the very sudden and unexpected closure caused by COVID-19. FRHC's virtual model moving forward will provide a level of rigor and expectation comparable to that of the traditional classroom. More specific virtual option details will be provided by each school.

Health Protocols and Procedures

Recognizing the Symptoms

State statute gives public school districts the authority to exclude students who have a contagious disease such as COVID-19 or may transmit it after exposure (IC 20-34-3-9). In addition, the local health department has the authority to exclude students from school and may order students and others to isolate or quarantine (IC 16-41-9-1.6). As such, districts/schools are encouraged to work closely with their local health departments. It is important for parents, students, and staff to understand the [symptoms](#) that could impact exclusion from school.

All sick employees and students should stay home. Following the CDC guidelines, employees and students will be excluded from school if they test positive for COVID-19 or exhibit one or more of the following symptoms:

- A fever (over 100.0° F) or chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Repeated shaking with chills
- Muscle Pain
- Headache
- Sore throat
- New loss of taste or smell
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea
- Congestion or running nose

*please note that this list does not include all possible symptoms associated with COVID-19

Return to School After Exclusion

Flat Rock-Hawcreek Schools will follow the CDC guidelines for return to school after an exclusion.

COVID-19: When a student, faculty or staff member can return to school



Individual	Symptomatic	No Symptoms
Not Tested with Alternate Explanation (strep, influenza, etc. as determined by a provider)	May return to school after 24 hours resolution of fever AND note (including email and fax) from provider stating the individual has an alternate diagnosis and the provider believes it's appropriate for the patient to return to school.	N/A
Not Tested Without Alternate Explanation	Must remain home for at least 10 days from the first day symptoms appeared AND 72 hours fever-free without fever-reducing medicine and with improvement of respiratory symptoms.	N/A
Tested and Negative	If no alternative explanation, <i>isolate</i> for at least 10 days from the first day symptoms appeared AND 72 hours fever-free without fever-reducing medications and with improvement of respiratory symptoms. The test may have been a false negative. The individual can return to school if tested negative AND with a note from the provider stating they believe the patient to have an alternate diagnosis and it's appropriate for the patient to return to school. <i>(ISDH strongly recommends the time-based strategy versus the two-test strategy, which is under review by the CDC.)</i>	May proceed with attending school. EXCEPTION: A known close contact (within 6 feet of a confirmed case for more than 15 minutes) must complete a 14-day <i>quarantine</i> , even if test results are negative for COVID-19.
Tested and Positive	Must remain home in <i>isolation</i> for at least 10 days from the date symptoms began AND 72 hours fever-free without fever-reducing medications and improvement of respiratory symptoms.	<i>Isolate</i> at home for 10 days from the day the test was taken. <i>*If the individual develops symptoms, then isolation time starts on day 1 of symptoms (see symptomatic tests positive.)</i>
Close Contact (within 6 feet for more than 15 minutes of someone with confirmed COVID-19)	N/A If an individual becomes symptomatic, refer to the symptomatic scenarios. The individual must <i>quarantine</i> for 14 days after contact with the COVID-19 Positive person even if the student has an alternate diagnosis for symptoms.	<i>Quarantine</i> for 14 days before returning to school. Must remain symptom-free. If individual develops symptoms, then refer to the symptomatic scenarios.

Note: QUARANTINE keeps someone who was in close contact with someone who has COVID-19 away from others.
ISOLATION keeps someone who is sick or tested positive for COVID-19 without symptoms away from others, even in their own home.

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10 days

• Student gets tested for COVID-19 at a testing event put on by a community organization. The student was symptom-free when he got the test. The test comes back positive. The student must *isolate* and stay symptom-free for 10 days after the date he took the test.



14 days

• Student gets tested for COVID-19 at a testing event put on by a community organization. The student was symptom-free when she got the test. The test comes back positive. The student starts *isolating* for 10 days after the date she took the test. Four days into her *isolation*, she develops a fever and cough. She must now *isolate* at home for at least 10 days and 72 hours fever-free without fever-reducing medicine and with improvement in respiratory symptoms. The student ends up *isolating* at home for 14 days.



14 days

• Student tests positive and has three siblings in the home or as close contacts who attend other schools. If the siblings have symptoms, they should be tested and report to that school if results are positive. Otherwise, siblings should *quarantine* for 14 days before returning to school. Contacts of the siblings are not considered a close contact unless the siblings test positive themselves.



10 days
72 hours

• Student has a fever, cough, headache and loss of taste and smell. The student goes to get tested and the test is negative. There is at least a 30% chance of having a false negative test. Therefore, it would still be required that this student *isolate* at home for at least 10 days and 72 hours fever-free without medication and with reduction in respiratory symptoms.



24 hours

• Student has a fever and sore throat and history of getting strep throat. Student sees her provider, who does a strep test and exam and believes the patient has strep throat and does not have COVID-19. The student may return to school after 24 hours fever-free with a note from her provider stating she may return to school.



10 days
72 hours

• Student has fever, cough, shortness or breath, and loss of taste and smell. His parents do not want to get him tested for COVID-19. Highly recommend that the student get tested so that the proper contact tracing can be done. The student will need to *isolate* at home for at least 10 days and go 72 hours fever-free without use of medication and have a reduction in respiratory symptoms. Additionally, if the school is suspicious that the student has COVID-19, the school could do contact tracing and monitoring for others with symptoms..

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Screening

All employees will be required to self-screen for COVID-19 symptoms each day before school starts. All students will be screened (including temperature checks) each day before entering the building. Bus riders will be screened prior to boarding the bus. While student screenings will be conducted by employees, FRHC still

encourages parents and students to go over the [screening questions](#) and monitor fevers prior to coming to school. Employees and Students that exhibit symptoms of COVID-19 are prohibited from remaining on campus and will be sent home on arrival. Even without symptoms, if a student or employee has recently had contact with a person who has a suspected or confirmed case of COVID-19, or has someone living in their home being tested for COVID-19, the school district or school may exclude the student or employee from the building in order to self-quarantine for 14 calendar days.

Attendance

All employee and student attendance awards and/or incentives are suspended for the 2020-2021 school year.

Immunizations

Immunization requirements as mandated by the State of Indiana remain in effect for the 2020-2021 school year. Please contact your school nurse for assistance in locating a provider if necessary.

Preventing the Spread

As FRHC reopens school buildings, our goal is to educate students and staff on effective ways to prevent the spread of COVID-19. In addition to screening and asking sick individuals to stay home, each building will provide training on best practices related to stopping the spread. Educational signage will also be provided and displayed in each building. The following list includes examples of prevention strategies that will be implemented this school year:

Social distancing classroom considerations

[Social distancing](#) will be practiced whenever possible. Every classroom will be evaluated prior to the start of school to determine proper set up for social distancing. In the classroom, desks will be placed 6 feet apart whenever possible and all facing in the same direction. Only essential furnishings will be allowed in the classroom, allowing for as much space as possible for students to spread out. Flexible scheduling is being used to limit the number of students in each classroom, with most being no more than 23 students. When necessary, larger classes will be moved to open areas to allow for adequate social distancing. Larger class numbers will be allowed in larger classrooms and areas. When possible, classes will be encouraged to meet outside. Assigned seats will be implemented in order to limit

physical contamination and aid in contact tracing. Sharing of student materials is discouraged.

Sneeze guards and plexiglass dividers have been added to high traffic areas like the front offices, health rooms, and cafeteria where social distancing may not be possible. Each building will provide more detailed information regarding changes to programs and procedures that will be made in order to maximize our capacity to physically distance.

Frequent Handwashing

Students and staff are encouraged to follow the [CDC guidelines](#) for proper handwashing. Time will be built into the school day to promote proper handwashing. Each building will provide adequate hand sanitizing stations in areas where soap and water are not available. Examples of times students will be required to wash or sanitize their hands include but are not limited to:

- Upon arriving at school
- Before and after eating
- After using the restroom
- After using shared equipment
- Before and after using the playground

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

Each student and staff member will be provided (2) cloth masks upon returning to school and are required to have them accessible at all times. Face shields will be available upon request. In situations where social distancing (6ft or more) cannot be maintained, students and staff will be required to wear their facial coverings. Examples may include but are not limited to:

- On the bus
- During arrival/dismissal
- Hallway during passing period
- During approved collaborative classwork
- Classrooms with individuals identified as high risk

Guidelines for facial coverings will be revisited and possibly adjusted in response to the level of community spread. Learn more about the [CDC recommendations](#) pertaining to face coverings.

*All students or staff members that develop symptoms or require a visit to the health office will be required to wear a mask regardless of ability to social distance. More

information about precautions that can be taken to help prevent the spread can be found [here](#).

Operational Considerations

Visitors

Visitors and guests are prohibited during the 2020-2021 school year. Only individuals pre-approved as essential will be allowed entry into the school building.

Staff Training

FRHC will use our Safe Schools training library as well as resources from the Indiana Department of Education and CDC to ensure that each employee has been properly trained with respect to COVID-19.

Signage

Educational signage that promotes proper handwashing, social distancing, and the use of PPE will be displayed throughout each building and made available to all students and staff upon request.

Transportation

All students will be required to wear facial coverings for the duration of the bus ride as social distancing and adequate ventilation cannot be guaranteed. Bus drivers and assistants will be required to wear facial coverings as well. Assistants will administer temperature checks and screenings before each student boards the bus. If a student has a fever of 100°F or higher or symptoms related to COVID-19 they will not be allowed to ride the bus and parents will be contacted immediately. Each bus rider will have an assigned seat and be expected to stay forward facing for the duration of the bus trip. Buses will be disinfected after each route.

Food Service

Cafeterias will remain open for lunch service. Breakfast will be made available on a grab and go basis for Hauser and delivered to classrooms at Hope.

Building administration will modify lunch periods to limit the number of students in the cafeteria. Alternative locations for cold lunches will be offered to promote physical distancing. Hot lunches will still be provided as a choice for students. Students will be expected to maintain physical distancing while in line during lunch time. The field house will be used for additional seating to allow physical distancing. It will remain closed to all other activities during lunch hours.

Cash will not be accepted in the cafeteria this school year. Students and parents are encouraged to go online to apply funds to student accounts.

Health Clinic

Each school will have a designated isolation space where students or staff members exhibiting symptoms of illness will receive care and wait to be picked up if necessary. For students with regular medication needs, nurses will provide those either in the classroom or another secure location away from the isolation room. Nebulizer treatments are not allowed during COVID-19; contact a healthcare provider for an alternative plan.

Any individual with symptoms of any kind will be required to wear a mask before seeing the nurse. Parents will not be allowed in the building to pick up students, your child will be escorted out of the building by a staff member. Clinic Staff will wear proper PPE in all situations. All Clinic areas will be disinfected multiple times per day including at the conclusion of each day. CDC guidelines and instructions from the Bartholomew County Health Department will be used to guide all decisions to exclude students and staff from school

Playgrounds and Recess

Playgrounds will be used, and recess will happen during the 2020-2021 school year as we understand the important role these activities play in the lives of our students. Elementary students will be required to wash hands before and after recess, and the number of students using specific equipment will be limited. Playground equipment will be disinfected at minimum once per day.

Special Education

Whenever possible annual reviews, case conferences, and other required special education meetings should take place virtually. Students will continue to receive all necessary accommodations; however, plans may have to be modified due to COVID-19 considerations. Any changes to an IEP will still need to

take place in a case conference. Please note that special education laws are unchanged.

Other School Day Considerations

Water Fountains

All school water fountains will be turned off for the 2020-2021 school year per CDC guidance. All students will be encouraged and allowed to bring water bottles with them to school. Opportunities for students to receive additional water will be provided during the day.

Lockers

Hauser students will not be assigned lockers for the 2020-2021 school year in order to promote physical distancing in the hallways. Students will be allowed to use a standard size bookbag (17”H x 12 ½” W x 7” D) to carry their essential supplies which should be minimal. More information regarding the size of backpack and required supplies will come from the building administration.

Cleaning and Disinfecting

In order to adequately clean and disinfect areas throughout the school, FRHC will implement the following strategies:

- Increase custodial capacity by hiring additional staff
- Provide COVID-19 training and certification course
- Purchase additional cleaning equipment and supplies
- Provide multiple sanitizing stations for staff and student use throughout the building.
- All high touch classroom areas will be disinfected daily at the conclusion of each day.
- Once per week a spray disinfectant will be used to deep clean each room including hard to scrub surfaces and under desks.
- Increased cleaning in common areas and frequent touch points.
- Purchasing high quality air filters for each room unit as well as increasing the replacement of those filters.
- Buses will be completely disinfected after each route

Extra-Curricular

All fall sports information and updates for grades 7-12 will come from the Hauser Athletic Department. Re-opening information including our response to COVID-19 can be found [here](#). Elementary fall sports information will be provided by the Hope Elementary administration.

