

# Reopening Plan

## Flat Rock-Hawcreek Schools 2023-2024

It is our intent to open school as “normal” as possible while still maintaining safe procedures and protocols that fight the spread of Covid 19. 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 plan to remain open for in-person instruction for the 2023-2024 school year. 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. FRHC administration will adjust guidelines as needed based on any changes related to Covid 19.

### **Face Coverings**

This year face coverings will continue to be optional for staff and students in most cases. Face coverings maybe required in certain circumstances (ex. visits to the nurse’s office or on buses) when required by state or federal guidelines.

### **Wellness Checks**

Parents and Guardians should use the most recent guidelines provided by the Indiana Department of Health for at home screenings before sending their children to school. That screening tool can be found [here](#). Students and staff that are ill should continue to stay home and report any Covid related symptoms to our district nurse, Lori Kistler.

### **Physical Distancing**

Physical distancing in the classroom will be suspended for the 2023-2024 school year. Classes will return back to shared workspaces where collaboration is encouraged. All students 7-12 will be assigned a locker for the 2023-2024 school year.

### **Contact Tracing**

Contact tracing is no longer required by the Indiana Department of Health and close contacts will no longer be required to miss school. Anyone with a known positive will be required to follow the CDC recommendation for isolation prior to returning to school.

### **Hand Hygiene**

Hand sanitizer will remain accessible in designated areas of the building including classrooms. Frequent hand washing and/or sanitizing will be encouraged. All students will have opportunities for hand washing/sanitizing before and after meals, recess, and sharing of supplies.

### **Health Clinic**

Students and staff that wish to visit the Health Office for any reason may be required to wear a face covering. Isolation rooms will continue to be used in both the Elementary and High School Health Clinics for symptomatic visitors.

### **Visitors and Volunteers**

Visitors and Volunteers will continue to be allowed in the buildings during the 2023-2024 school year. As before, please do not enter the building if you are ill or are experiencing any Covid related symptoms.

### **Cleaning and Sanitizing**

Additional cleaning and sanitizing protocols will remain in place as they were last school year. Cleaning rotations will allow for high use areas to be cleaned multiple times per day.

### **Water Fountains**

Water fountains will be fully operational. Each building is equipped with a bottle filling station and students are encouraged to bring their own refillable bottles.

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