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Dear Families and Staff:

We are looking forward to the 2021-22 school year! As we anticipate the start of the school year, I would like to share some information based on current information and communications with Public Health—Muskegon County.

This update will provide you with our plans as of today, which **may change** should we receive new information and/or a public health order from CDC, MDHHS, and /or Public Health-Muskegon. Athletics will adhere to rules set forth by MDHHS and MHSAA.

General Information

<p>What will our instructional model look like?</p> <p>All face to face students will attend school full-time five days per week following the school calendar.</p>
<p>When does school start?</p> <p>Our first day with students is Monday, August 30, 2021, a half-day. Please expect more details from your child’s school.</p>
<p>What are some of the mitigation strategies that will be implemented at FCS?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Students will be distanced as much as possible.• Hand sanitation will continue to be stressed.• “Please stay home if you are not feeling well” will be emphasized.• The district has installed ionization units in classrooms to reduce pathogens, allergies, and improve overall air quality.• We will continue to provide extended cleaning on buses and in classrooms.
<p>Are face masks required at school?</p> <p><u>At this time</u>, FCS recommends that those who are unvaccinated wear a mask. If students and staff are vaccinated, they may also choose to wear a mask. At this time, we ask our parents to make the decision about their child wearing a mask in the school buildings. We will continue to monitor positivity rates in conjunction with the county health department to make future decisions. We will continue to adjust our requirements based on that information. Masks will be required by all students and staff on busses, including field trips and athletics, as this is a federal mandate. The basis for this requirement is found here.</p>

COVID-19 & Communicable Disease Protocols

When should I stay home?

- Parents are asked to screen their child each day for sickness or flu like symptoms and they should stay home if they don't feel well. Click [here](#) for symptoms,
- Any child who doesn't feel well in school or shows symptoms of illness will be kept in the school office until they are picked up and will need to be symptom free before returning to school.
- Students, staff, parents and community members who have symptoms of COVID or have been ordered to quarantine or isolate by the health department should not enter any FCS building.

Will my child be required to get the COVID-19 vaccine in order to attend school?

No. The COVID-19 vaccine is not listed on the School Required Vaccination List.

Will you separate students who are vaccinated from students who are unvaccinated?

No.

Will contact tracing continue?

Yes. Schools are required to report communicable diseases to their local health department within 24 hours. Positive or probable COVID-19 cases will be reported to Public Health-Muskegon county as required by law.

Will FCS Schools quarantine students?

We will partner with Public Health, but quarantines will be issued by the Public Health Department.

Will student athletes need to be tested for COVID-19 to participate?

No, not at this time. MDHHS and MHSAA lifted all requirements for student testing as of June 22, 2021.

2021-22 Food Service Information

What is the cost of breakfast and lunch for the 2021-22 school year?

School breakfast and lunch will be provided free of charge to all students; however, a la carte items (i.e., a cookie, a bag of chips, a bottle of water, etc.) will have to be purchased with funds through an established food service account. We ask that a free/reduced student meal application be completed for each student.

We will continue to communicate if and when changes need to occur. Thank you for being part of the Fruitport Community Schools!

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Interim Superintendent

