



A Safe and Healthy Return

St. Johns County School District



TEACHING AND LEARNING

Introduction - Returning to Teaching and Learning

Our St. Johns County School District Return to School Instructional Continuity Plan represents our best and most family-centered thinking, one based on a clear and principled commitment to equity, access, and sustained learning.

Teachers and Principals will work with students and families to provide standards-aligned learning opportunities. All students will have access to these learning opportunities.

During this time, we are empowering teachers, families, and students to have time and space to manage this new reality.

Please know that in the complexity and uncertainty surrounding this situation, we are maintaining maximum flexibility and a student-centered approach to current and upcoming decisions on instruction and learning.

We will, as a community of educators, students, and families, continue to create the best possible learning opportunities for our students. Our commitment is to provide a safe and healthy learning environment.

ARRIVAL

- Multi-entry points and controlled bus offloading will be in place.
- Schools will provide increased supervision to maintain directional flow, awareness of social distancing, and decrease opportunities for large gatherings of students.
- Masks to be worn until temperature check is complete (before instruction begins).
- Masks will be provided to students if needed. Breakfast will be provided using distance protocols. Extended Day program will follow safety/temperature protocols.

PUBLIC COMMON AREAS

- St. Johns County School District will limit use of shared spaces and materials in commons areas.
- Efforts will be made to give students access to learning resources in such a manner that provides the appropriate degree of safety and sanitation.



ARE MASKS REQUIRED?

- Students will be required to wear face coverings while changing classes or using common areas of the school including bathrooms.
- They will not be required to wear face coverings if able to social distance in the classroom.
- Masks will be required on arrival until temperature is taken prior to first period.
- Masks will be required for students on school buses where social distancing is not possible.
- Students with disabilities or medical conditions that prevent any type of face covering will be addressed on a case-by-case basis.

CLASSROOM PROTOCOLS

- When unable to social distance, masks will be required.
- Shields/dividers will be available in classrooms.
- Hand sanitizer will be available in classrooms.
- Frequent visual and verbal hygiene reminders.
- To the greatest degree possible, separate student desks.
- Limit sharing of supplies, books, toys, etc.; any sharing requires disinfecting prior to passing from one student to another.
- Increased opportunities (weather and space permitting) for students to go outside.
- Use of disposable bathroom/hall passes.

SCHOOL MEALS (BREAKFAST/LUNCH)

- To the greatest degree possible, school meals will be served in the cafeteria.
- Alternative seating areas utilized to promote social distancing options.



AFTER-SCHOOL EXTRACURRICULAR CLUBS, ACTIVITIES AND SPORTS

- Secondary students will have the opportunity to participate in after-school extracurricular clubs and activities, based on ability to implement appropriate safety protocols and social distancing guidelines. Please contact the appropriate Sponsor/Coach, Athletic Director or Principal for detailed information.
- St. Johns County School District will adhere to the guidelines of the Florida High School Athletic Association as related to opening schools for practice and game schedules. Individual high school athletic directors will communicate to coaches, players, parents, and community.

THIS PLAN IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE AS STATE, LOCAL, AND CDC GUIDELINES ARE UPDATED

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TEMPERATURE CHECKS

- All families are asked to check the temperature of their child each day prior to leaving their home for school.
- St. Johns County School District will check the temperature of each student every day.
- A teacher or staff member should check the student's temperature prior to instruction beginning each day.
- Students with a temperature below 100.4° Fahrenheit will be permitted to stay in school; any student with a temperature at or above 100.4° Fahrenheit will be referred to the front office and/or nurse based on health and safety protocol. Parent/guardian will be responsible for picking up their student.
- The student will be brought to an isolation space at their school until the parent/guardian picks up the student.

STUDENT BECOMES SICK ON CAMPUS

- Students who become sick on campus will be removed from the classroom.
- The student will be brought to an isolation space at their school.
- A school nurse will conduct a health assessment of the student. The school nurse and/or staff member will contact the parent/guardian to pick up the student.
- The school nurse and/or staff member will provide the parent/guardian next step protocols.
- The school nurse and/or staff member will follow safety and health protocol by reporting all incidences to the St. Johns County Health Department to initiate contact tracing.
- Contact tracing is a function of the St. Johns County Health Department with help and support of the St. Johns County School District.

COVID-19 RESPONSE (CONTACT TRACING)

- Due to the requirements of FERPA and HIPAA, we cannot share information with everyone.
- On a case-by-case basis, we can share directly to families of students who are directly impacted as defined by who has had direct close personal contact with the student/staff member who tested positive.
- Our Director of Health Services is in constant contact with the St. Johns County Health Department and/or Florida Department of Health for up to date guidelines and protocols.
- The St. Johns County School District will follow these guidelines and protocols for notification and contact tracing.
- Per Florida Department of Health guidelines, contact tracing will be initiated for any student or staff member who tests positive for COVID-19.
- This process will include identification of and notification to any person (student or staff) who was in close contact with the person within the last 48 hours of symptoms or the positive COVID-19 test.
- Close contact is considered less than six feet apart for at least 15 minutes without personal protection equipment.

VISITORS AND VOLUNTEERS

- To protect our students and staff, St. Johns County School District will limit non-essential school visitors and volunteers to school campuses.
- All essential visitors or volunteers will be subject to a temperature check and answering the following COVID-related screening questions.

