



SAFE RETURN PLAN: SCHOOL YEAR 2021-2022

Safety continues to be our top priority. New Frontiers Public Schools will follow CDC guidance in our efforts to keep students, staff, and families safe from COVID-19. Below are the procedures we will be taking to ensure a safe school start.

These protocols and guidelines will be modified based on public health and governmental guidance and advancing scientific knowledge on the transmissibility of COVID-19 and any other contagious illness. There may also be additional guidance provided by your child's principal.

Safety Procedures



The CDC recommends continued mask wearing for unvaccinated individuals in indoor public places. NFPS will ensure that students' or staff members' choice of whether they want to wear a mask is honored, such that no one should be bullied or harassed at school or school-sponsored events for their choice.



Students and staff should remain home when they have any infectious illness. If at any time a student is required to stay home due to a contagious illness, the classroom teacher will provide assignments for students to work on at home via Schoology.

We will follow basic guidelines recommended by CDC and Metro Health. Parents/guardians are expected to screen their students each day for symptoms of contagious illness, including COVID-19, as well as any known close contact with a person who has had COVID-19 in the last 14 days prior to sending their students to school:

A student is recommended to stay home or go home and/or seek medical care if he/she is experiencing any of the following symptoms: fever or chills, new or worsening cough or shortness of breath, loss of taste or smell, sore throat, diarrhea, nausea or vomiting, muscle or body aches, headache, fatigue, congestion, or runny nose

Like with any illness, students may not return to school if they have a fever of 100.0 or above. Students may return after being fever-free for 24 hours without the use of medication.



NFPS will align with CDC guidelines to determine when individuals are identified as close contacts and are required to quarantine. Weekly notices will be sent to parents of enrolled students and staff when a lab-confirmed case is identified for the campus. [Click here to learn more about quarantine and isolation.](#)



Frequent hand washing, disinfecting, proper ventilation, and encouragement of physical distancing of 3 feet will continue to be used as prevention strategies to the maximum extent possible.

Restrooms will be stocked with soap and paper towels. All classrooms and entrances will be equipped with hand sanitizer. To meet the safety protocols of schools, cleaning products must not be brought from home. However, personal-size (2 oz. or less) hand sanitizer is permitted.



Remote Conferencing for Students Out Due to COVID-19

For students who have to remain off campus due to COVID-19 illness or exposure (close contact with someone test-confirmed with COVID-19), NFPS will offer Remote Conferencing instruction for those students, if the parent chooses this option for their child. Remote conferencing will be set up following the guidelines from TEA, and will include four hours of direct monitoring per day for the student. The main concern is certainly each child's health and wellbeing, and students are not required to participate

in this instruction while they are out. Regardless of whether or not they participate in Remote Conferencing while out, campus administration and teachers will work with all students to ensure they get caught up with

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their school work once they return to campus after their exclusion period. The campus will reach out to families about the opportunity for Remote Conferencing, in the event that a student qualifies for this method of instruction due to the need to remain off-campus.



NFPS budgeted for the necessary cleaning and sanitization supplies that will be needed for schools. Classrooms and restrooms will be disinfected regularly. High-touch areas will be disinfected throughout the day. Disinfectant spray will be provided in each classroom. All campuses will have a minimum of one electrostatic applicator to provide rapid disinfection.



COVID testing is offered throughout the community free of charge. We will share locations for students, families and staff. Under the Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA) and the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act), COVID testing is fully covered if you have health insurance you cannot be charged a deductible, co-pay, or co-insurance. FFCRA protection does not apply to short-term health plans, plans that do not provide minimal essential coverage, out-of-network tests, or tests that are not medically necessary according to the insurer. Find a Bexar County Testing Site here: <https://covid19.sanantonio.gov/What-YOU-Can-Do/Testing#TestingSiteMap>



We will continue to share opportunities for all eligible students, families and staff to get vaccinated. Explore an interactive map of “pop-up” vaccine clinic events in Bexar County. Metro Health is working with community agencies to host COVID-19 “pop-up” vaccine clinics using health and equity data to coordinate events. No registration is needed. For any questions, call 311 or 210.207.6000 (select option 8) or email COVID-19@sanantonio.gov. Learn more: <https://covid19.sanantonio.gov/What-YOU-Can-Do/Vaccination#get-vaccinated>