



Falconer Central School District

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This year's return to school will come with some new protocols and procedures in order to keep everyone safe and healthy. While it will alter certain aspects of the school day, our goal is to maintain a normalized environment where students can learn and teachers can teach. Our individual behavior will become the most effective defense against the virus. Up to this point, our best countermeasures against the virus have been limiting large scale social interactions and imposing restrictions on group gatherings. Our goal is to keep schools open, sporting events available, extracurricular activities accessible. The best way to accomplish that is for each of us to demonstrate individual responsibility by protecting ourselves and others.

As we open schools for in-person instruction, it is important that everyone recognizes the role they play in protecting themselves and others. It is absolutely imperative that if anyone experiences the following symptoms, they stay home.

- **fever-temperature greater than 100F**
- **Cough**
- **chills**
- **shortness of breath**

Prior to the first day of school reminders:

- Screen your child's temperature and symptoms each morning prior to sending your student to school
- Establish a plan for picking up your ill student from school within 30 minutes of receiving call
- Do not send your child to school if they are ill.
- If your child is sent home with symptoms that may be related to CoVid, your child will be referred to their Primary Medical Doctor.
 - If the doctor approves of your child returning to school, please provide this slip from MD.
 - If the health department requires isolation at home, the school must receive a release from the health department for your child to return to school.
 - If your child is not seen by a health care provider they must stay home for 10 days from onset of symptoms and be fever free for 72 hours without use of fever reducing medication prior to returning to school.

Each school will place a heightened emphasis on facility sanitation, including the regular cleaning of touch points, horizontal surface areas to maintain a clean and healthy school environment. **Hand hygiene is vital!** We will have hand sanitation stations in classrooms and other areas throughout our schools. Students will be encouraged to **regularly wash their hands** as a way to remove germs, avoid getting sick and prevent the spread of germs to others.

The school district will provide face coverings for students and teachers if needed. These face coverings are durable, washable and reusable. These simple things like consistent hand-washing, staying home when sick, facial coverings, social distancing and limiting close interactions will become our best defense against the virus and keep everyone safe. Now that we know much more about how the virus is spread, we must govern ourselves in ways that will limit the spread.

Following the guidelines of the NYS Department of Health an appropriate face cover is required to be worn any time or place that individuals cannot maintain appropriate social distancing. This will include when walking in hallways and other public areas and when on a school bus. Appropriate PPE means, at least, an acceptable face covering. These are the current guidelines and are subject to change.