

## 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



**Governor Greg Abbott issued an executive order May 18, 2021, which prohibits governmental entities in Texas – including counties, cities, school districts, public health authorities, or government officials – from requiring or mandating mask wearing.** No student, teacher, parent, or other staff member or visitor can be required to wear a mask while on a campus. Therefore, mask usage is not required. However, masks are permitted if an individual chooses to wear one. The CDC recommends continued mask wearing for unvaccinated individuals. 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 sick.** 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.

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



**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.



**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](mailto:COVID-19@sanantonio.gov). Learn more: <https://covid19.sanantonio.gov/What-YOU-Can-Do/Vaccination#get-vaccinated>