

The Fairland Local Board of Education met in special session on October 29, 2021.

The following members were present at roll call: Mr. Sowards, Mr. Gorby, Mr. Lewis, Mr. Ward and Mr. Appleton.

59-21 CHANGE IN MASK POLICY EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 1, 2021

Mr. Ward moved second by Mr. Appleton to approve the following updated mask policy effective November 1, 2021:

Fairland Local School District's goal is to prioritize educational excellence while implementing health and safe protocols for the wellness of all students, staff, and the community.

The following health guidelines will be implemented throughout the Fairland Local School District.

- Daily self-monitoring
- Wellness checks should be conducted at home daily before coming to school.
 - Any student with a fever of 100 degrees or higher should stay home. Any student that has the following symptoms of COVID-19 should stay home from school and see their primary care provider to be assessed. Symptoms include cough, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, fever, chills, muscle or body aches, headache, sore throat, new loss of taste or smell, GI issues (nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea). • Any other illnesses should be handled in the routine manner according to our district policies. *Parents and students are responsible for symptom monitoring; however, if nurses/school staff see a child exhibiting symptoms they will act accordingly.*
- **Face Coverings will be optional beginning Monday, November 1, 2021. At any point during the remainder of 2021-2022 school year the mandate requiring facial coverings during the school day or at school events may be subject to change.**
- Frequent hand washing with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- Multiple hand sanitizer stations throughout the buildings as well as placing visual clues.
- Touchless water stations will be provided to decrease the spread of the virus.
- Positive cases of COVID-19 will be handled in cooperation with the Lawrence County Health Department.

Mask to Stay

*Direct contacts, regardless of vaccination or masking status, may remain in the classroom environment if they do the following:

- Wear a mask for 14 days after their last date of exposure.
- Self-monitor, or parent-monitor, for symptoms of COVID-19.
- Isolate and get tested if they start to experience symptoms

associated with COVID-19 (regardless of level of severity).

- Consistent with guidance for others quarantining in lower-risk environments, students and staff may discontinue these quarantine procedures after seven days – if they don't develop symptoms and test negative between days 5-7.

Please note: Eligibility to participate in mask to stay/test to play is contingent on the exposure being in the school setting or school-related activities. This does not apply to household exposures or exposures outside of the school setting or school-related activities.

Test to Play

Asymptomatic contacts may continue to participate in extracurricular activities if they do the following

- Wear a mask when able. (This includes: transportation; locker rooms; sitting/standing on the sidelines; and anytime the mask will not interfere with breathing, the activity, or create a safety hazard.)
- Test on initial notification of exposure to COVID-19.
- Test again on days 5-7. If they are negative at this time, they will test out of quarantine.

Please Note: The tests referenced above are SARS-CoV-2 viral (PCR or antigen) tests. They should be proctored/observed by someone and cannot be an over the counter, at home test that was self-administered without a proctor.

Contact Tracing

- In the event a student or staff member is a *direct contact the FLSD will work with the Lawrence County Health Department to identify those individuals. The Lawrence County Health Department will notify those who are considered *direct contacts in the school setting of the requirements of "Mask to Stay" and "Test to Play" or notify any person(s) who must quarantine and specify the duration of the quarantine period.

Classroom Occupancy/Physical Distancing:

- The Fairland Local School District will implement the recommended safety protocols but any students who attend school will incur some level of risk. The district will decrease the likelihood of infection with cleaning procedures, but a certain level of risk can not be eliminated. Classroom occupancy will be determined based on each individual classroom circumstance with the maximum amount of safety considerations as possible.
- All areas of the campus will be monitored frequently to ensure there is no student crowding. Classrooms will be assigned specific bathroom, breakfast, lunch and gym access times to limit the number of students in any given area. Signage reminding students and staff about hand washing,

social distancing, and infection prevention will be posted throughout the school and in areas mentioned above.

- Surfaces will be cleaned frequently, paying close attention to high touch areas and shared materials, and make sanitation wipes or disinfectants labeled for use against SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19) available in each room and common space. The sharing of supplies and materials will be minimized and if items must be shared, sanitized between each user.

** Direct contacts for COVID-19 are those individuals who are identified as being directly exposed to COVID-19 by the positive case. Remember, COVID-19 is a respiratory virus and does not require physical contact to spread. It is spread through sneezing, coughing, talking, and breathing. These factors should be considered when determining level of exposure and direct contacts. Best practice for distancing is 3 ft with everyone masked, 6 ft if the individual is not masked.*

The vote was: Mr. Sowards, yea; Mr. Gorby, yea; Mr. Lewis, yea;
Mr. Ward, yea; Mr. Appleton, yea.
Motion carried.

60-21 EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Sowards moved second by Mr. Ward to go into executive session to consider the employment of a public employee or official.

The vote was: Mr. Sowards, yea; Mr. Gorby, yea; Mr. Lewis,
yea; Mr. Ward, yea; Mr. Appleton, yea.
Motion carried.

Out 4:15 p.m. Back 4:40 p.m.

Upon roll call, Mr. Sowards, Mr. Gorby, Mr. Lewis, Mr. Ward and Mr. Appleton were present when the regular session reconvened.

61-21 ADJOURN

Mr. Sowards moved second by Mr. Ward to adjourn the meeting.

The vote was: Mr. Sowards, yea; Mr. Gorby, yea; Mr. Lewis,
yea; Mr. Ward, yea; Mr. Appleton, yea.
Motion carried.