



August 13, 2021

Dear FCS Parents/Guardians:

When we closed out the 20-21 school year, we were all feeling optimistic that the end of this pandemic was in sight. Unfortunately, that is not our current reality. As of today, there are 269 student cases of COVID (0.54% of our students) and 61 staff cases (1.06% of our staff).

I find it necessary to, once again, update our mitigation strategies. Effective Monday, August 16, we will resume contact tracing in our classrooms. When any student who has been directly exposed (within six feet for 15 minutes or longer) to another student or staff member who has been diagnosed with COVID, we will notify that student's parents.

If your child has had a direct exposure you **may choose** to self-quarantine your child. They can access their materials through itslearning and they will be counted as present. Symptomatic children **MUST** stay home. Parents/guardians that choose to self-quarantine must contact their schools.

I continue to track our local data daily. Starting on Monday, we will also return to posting daily positive COVID numbers on our district website. If necessary moving forward, additional mitigation strategies may be added, which will also be shared on our district website. I hope you have a safe and enjoyable weekend.

Sincerely,

Dr. Jeff Bearden
Superintendent of Schools