



August 20, 2021

Dear FCS Parents/Guardians:

Thank you for your patience, understanding and support the first three weeks of this school year. As with the past two school years, we recognize that this year has been challenging for our students, staff, and their families. As a district, we have had to pivot numerous times as COVID data and guidance has changed. As of this morning, we have 781 active student cases (1.57% of our face to face students) and 96 staff cases (1.67% of all staff).

Effective Monday, August 23rd, we are launching our *Keep Forsyth Safe* COVID prevention campaign. We are going to encourage all students and staff to wear a mask, when feasible, while indoors. This includes in the classroom and on our buses. Masks are available at each school office if your child needs one.

Our principals will be using announcements, parental notifications, and social media to encourage mask wearing and to *Keep Forsyth Safe*. Students will not be disciplined, badgered or bullied for their choice to wear or not wear a mask. We will respect the choices of our families and our staff.

We need your help to *Keep Forsyth Safe*. Please encourage your children to wash their hands frequently, social distance whenever feasible, cover up coughs and sneezes, and keep their work areas clean. Please assist with mitigation strategies at home and when out in our community as well. If your child is awaiting a COVID test result or exhibits any COVID symptoms, please keep your child at home. Our biggest concern is having sick children attending school and potentially spreading the virus.

Please continue to visit forsyth.k12.ga.us/covid for information. Have a safe and enjoyable weekend and let's work together to *Keep Forsyth Safe*.

Sincerely,

Jeff Bearden,
Superintendent