



Fargo Public Schools | Health & Safety Plans



Fargo Public Schools has initiated a variety of preventative health and safety measures to be followed for a safe and healthy restart of the 2020-21 school year. More information about the FPS Smart Restart Plan can be found on the FPS website at www.fargo.k12.nd.us/SmartRestart.



MASKS

- Face coverings must worn in all Fargo Public Schools buildings
- Masks must adequately cover both the nose and mouth
- Exceptions will be made for students with medical, behavioral, or other challenges who are unable to wear masks/face coverings.
- The Fargo Public Schools will supply one cloth mask for each student and staff member. Students/parents are asked to supply one additional cloth mask.



SCHOOL SAFETY MEASURES

- Foam in/out stations are located at all main building entrances
- Frequent hand washing breaks
- Assigned seating on buses, in classrooms, and in lunchrooms
- Social distancing
- Adjustments to food service practices
- Shut off of water bottle and drinking fountains
- Enhanced cleaning and disinfecting in schools
- Increased fresh air input on HVAC systems

Protocols are also in place for when a student or staff member gets sick while at school and/or when an individual tests positive for COVID-19.



TECHNOLOGY

1:1 home and school personal learning device deployment of:

- Windows laptop for grades 6-12
- Chromebook laptop for grades 3-5
- iPads for grades PreK-2

Communication Applications for families:

- SeeSaw for grades PreK-Grade 5
- EduCal for Grades 6-12



STUDENT ACTIVITIES

- FPS will follow guidance from the North Dakota High School Activities Association
- Students enrolled in the Virtual Academy will be able to participate in activities
- Restrictions/limitations may vary by activity



NUTRITION SERVICES

- Breakfast and lunch will be offered in all instructional plan levels, with distribution and eating areas dependent upon the level
- In Level 3 – Hybrid, students will be given meals at school prior to leaving for the days they are learning at home
- For students in the Virtual Academy, there will be one location for them to pick up their meals through a pre-order system.



TRANSPORTATION

- Parents and guardians are encouraged to walk, bike or drop-off their child at school.
- Parents are asked to limit student drop off to no more than 15 minutes prior to the start of school at each site.



BUSING

- Students and driver required to wear face masks when on the bus.
- Students offered on-board hand sanitizer.
- Families and staff will complete a home health screener before boarding the bus each day.
- Students are assigned seats whenever feasible.
- Driver will disinfect handrails, seat tops, and entrance doors between runs.
- Buses cleaned each night utilizing enhanced cleaning and dis methods.
- Levels:
 - Level 4 & 5: Normal Routes & Capacity
 - Level 3: Normal Routes & 50% Capacity
 - Level 1 & 2: No Busing



IN THE CLASSROOM

- In classroom settings, when all parties are wearing masks, a minimum of 3 feet of separation will be encouraged. If one or both parties are not wearing masks (special circumstances), 6 feet will be encouraged.
- Students placed in similar groupings whenever feasible each day
- Students face the same direction or seat students on only one side of tables where feasible



COMMUNICATION

Fargo Public Schools is committed to communicating with our families and staff members as quickly as possible when changes are announced.

- Direct emails, texts, and phone calls
- District and school websites
- Social media: Facebook and Twitter
- School and district newsletters
- Employee portal

