













**FREEDOM AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT  
2021-2022  
Reopening Plan**

**Please note:** This plan is being reviewed daily with adjustments being made as needed and at District Discretion. Please continue to check back for updated information.

	<p><b>FACIAL COVERINGS</b></p> <p>Each teacher, child/student, staff, or visitor working, attending, or visiting a School Entity shall wear an approved face covering indoors, regardless of vaccination status in compliance with Governor Wolf’s and the Acting Secretary of the PA Dept. of Health. Please see full order by clicking on the link below:</p> <p><a href="https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/Documents/Diseases%20and%20Conditions/Order%20of%20the%20Acting%20Secretary%20Directing%20Face%20Coverings%20in%20Schools.pdf">https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/Documents/Diseases%20and%20Conditions/Order%20of%20the%20Acting%20Secretary%20Directing%20Face%20Coverings%20in%20Schools.pdf</a></p> <p><b>MEDICAL/MENTAL HEALTH DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED</b></p> <p>Any exception to this mandate will require a statement from a medical or mental health professional (a medical doctor, doctor of osteopathic medicine, nurse practitioner, physician’s assistant, licensed child psychologist, licensed social worker) who has provided services to the student for the stated condition requiring the exemption. This statement should be written on the professional’s official letter head and state the diagnosis requiring the exemption.</p>
	<p><b>TRANSPORTATION</b></p> <p>Parents/guardians are encouraged to drop off/pick up their child(ren) to limit bus capacity. Bus transportation will continue to be available for students who need this service. Federal law requires masks on all public transportation including private and public school buses. All students riding a bus must wear a facial covering during the entire bus ride.</p>
	<p><b>SOCIAL DISTANCING</b></p> <p>Social distancing in classrooms and indoor learning spaces will be implemented based on CDC guidance (3 feet) to the greatest extent possible. Partitions will be installed in the cafeteria.</p>
	<p><b>HOME HEALTH SCREENINGS</b></p> <p>Parents/guardians are asked to continue to screen their children daily prior to sending them to school. If your child is symptomatic with fever, chills, coughing, sore throat, nausea, loss of taste or smell or vomiting, please do not send them to school until they are symptom free and fever free for 24 hours.</p>
	<p><b>HAND WASHING</b></p> <p>Students and staff will continue to be encouraged to follow hand washing protocols as well as use hand sanitizer which is available in classrooms and throughout the buildings.</p>

	<p><b>DISINFECTING SCHOOLS</b></p> <p>Staff will continue to clean and disinfect schools daily with an emphasis on high touch surfaces such as railings and door handles.</p>
	<p><b>SHARING MATERIALS</b></p> <p>Sharing materials such as art supplies, electronic devices, pens, pencils, lab equipment, instruments, will be limited to the greatest extent possible. If sharing is required, materials will be disinfected between use.</p>
	<p><b>VIRTUAL SCHOOL/REMOTE LEARNING</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Freedom Area School District will not offer Virtual School as an attendance option. Students with documented health needs who require an extended absence from school should contact their Principal, who will work with them, their teachers and family to coordinate necessary accommodations.</li> <li>● If a student needs to quarantine due to COVID-19 or exposure, the Principal will work with them, their teachers and their family to coordinate reasonable and necessary accommodations.</li> <li>● Freedom Area School District may shift to Virtual School in the case of full or partial school closure.</li> </ul>
	<p><b>COVID CASE PROCEDURES</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Students or staff experiencing symptoms should stay home. If symptoms continue they should follow up with a physician to determine if a COVID 19 test is necessary.</li> <li>● If a test is not required, the individual may return to school when fever free for 24 hours and when symptoms have improved.</li> <li>● If testing is required, a negative test is required for return to school.</li> <li>● If your child or someone in your household tests positive for COVID or has been exposed to COVID, please notify the school immediately. You will need to follow the CDC's Quarantine and Isolation Guidelines. <a href="https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/if-you-are-sick/quarantine.html">https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/if-you-are-sick/quarantine.html</a></li> <li>● Exposure is defined as being indoors within 6 ft of a person who has tested positive for 15 cumulative minutes within a 24-hour period.</li> <li>● Students or staff who are fully vaccinated and exposed to a person who has tested positive will: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● not have to quarantine unless symptomatic.</li> <li>● be required to get tested within 3 – 5 days of exposure.</li> <li>● Wear a mask indoors until a negative test is received.</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Students or staff who are NOT fully vaccinated and exposed to a person who has tested positive will: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Isolate themselves from others immediately.</li> <li>● Get tested for COVID-19 within 5 days.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● If a positive test result, follow guidelines above and below.</li> <li>● If a negative test result and asymptomatic, the individual may return to normal activities.</li> <li>● Students and staff who test positive may not return to school until at least 10 days after first exposure or a positive test and have been asymptomatic and fever free for 24 hours without fever reducing medicine.</li> <li>● Contact Tracing will occur to identify those who were in close contact, within 6 feet of an infected person for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more. The 6 feet rule will not apply in the K-12 indoor classroom setting where both students were engaged in the consistent and correct use of well-fitting masks. Fully vaccinated close contacts do not need to quarantine if asymptomatic but will be asked to monitor for symptoms for 14 days and to supply a negative COVID 19 test.</li> <li>● Active COVID-19 cases will be posted on the FASD website on a weekly basis.</li> </ul>
    	<p><b>ATHLETICS</b></p> <p>If an athlete (to include cheerleaders and band members) tests positive for COVID-19, the athlete must notify the coach immediately. Any exposed player must follow the instructions outlined in the <b>COVID CASE PROCEDURES</b> above.</p> <p>The coach will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● notify Mr. Rosa and provide a list of athletes who were directly exposed.</li> <li>● Inform all athletes who were exposed (see above for definition) of the expectations based on whether or not they were masked, vaccinated or not vaccinated.</li> <li>● Consider the athletes’ actions during games and practices (is the athlete in a position where he/she is in personal contact, yelling in close proximity, etc.) to determine if the athlete was exposed.</li> <li>● Inform athletes when they can return to practice and/or games.</li> <li>● Collect and maintain a file of COVID-19 test results from exposed athletes.</li> </ul> <p>Mr. Rosa will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Notify Mrs. Workman, Mr. Deal, Mr. Smith and Mrs. Adams of the positive case.</li> <li>● Provide Mrs. Adams of the name(s), date of birth and date of exposure.</li> <li>● Follow up with the coach and players to verify adherence to guidelines stated above.</li> </ul>

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