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Dear Frontier School Families:

WELCOME to the 2021-2022 Academic School Year! Frontier Schools' mission and priority is to ensure continued and safe operations for all students, teachers and staff attending in-person instruction. This letter is to inform you of the mitigation strategies to maintain a safe and healthy school year. Based on recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) the following mitigation strategies will be implemented (full plan posted on the district website (www.frontierschools.org).

Student Orientation will be held on Monday, August 16, 2021 from 2pm – 6pm. The first day of school is Wednesday, August 18, 2021. Frontier staff is looking forward to seeing all our students back on campus!

Masks
All persons (age 2 or older), including employees, students, visitors and contractors who enter Frontier Schools' premises must wear a face mask over their nose and mouth. **Gator face masks and masks with exhalation valves are not allowed.** *Exception: students will not need to wear masks during outside recess as long as physical distancing can be maintained*. Persons who do not wear a face covering may be asked to leave the premises until the face covering requirements are met.

Social Distancing
Social distancing between the students of at least 3 feet will be maintained throughout the school buildings to the extent possible.

Cleaning
Cleaning and sanitizing high touch-surfaces, bathrooms and common use spaces occurs throughout the day and each evening. Ventilation systems are maintained to support healthy environments.

Hygiene Practices
Personal hygiene remains a key prevention practice. Regular handwashing, and the covering of coughs and sneezes will continue to be taught and reinforced. Hand sanitizer is available throughout each building.

Visitors
Non-essential visitors will be limited to entering schools. Visitors must sign-in and out for record keeping. Meetings with families and teachers will occur virtually in all circumstances possible.

Breakfast/Lunch
Breakfast and lunch will be served in the classroom and cafeteria. Procedures will be in place to keep students socially distanced while in line and during meal time. There is no food sharing allowed and this includes any birthday or other celebrations at this time.

Drinking Fountains
The drinking fountains are off limits for drinking. Water fill stations are in each building and students should bring a reusable water bottle. Reusable water bottles can be refilled as needed.

Bus Transportation
Students, regardless of their vaccination status, will be required to wear a face mask on the bus as socially distancing is limited. Siblings are encouraged to sit together.

Students
All students in grades PreK - 12 must wear masks upon entry into the school buildings. Masks must properly cover the mouth and nose. Students will be visually screened for signs of illness upon entry to the school and classroom. ***Students who are ill or show any symptoms of COVID-19 should not be sent to school***.

Fever or Chills	Cough	Headache
Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing	Fatigue	Sore Throat
Muscle or body aches	Congestion or runny nose	Nausea or Vomiting
New loss of taste or smell	Diarrhea	*subject to change

Quarantine and Contract Tracing
The CDC has revised guidance for school settings consistent with other guidance. Fully vaccinated students, teachers, and staff with no COVID-19 symptoms do not need to quarantine at home following an exposure to someone with COVID-19 but should get tested 3-5 days after exposure. In addition to wearing masks in school, they should wear a mask in other indoor public settings for 14 days or until they receive a negative test. People who have tested positive for COVID-19 within the past 3 months and recovered do not need to get tested following an exposure as long as they do not develop new symptoms. Any fully vaccinated person who experiences symptoms consistent with COVID-19 should isolate themselves from others, be clinically evaluated for COVID-19, and tested for SARS-CoV-2 if indicated.

Close contacts who are *not fully* vaccinated should be referred for COVID-19 testing. Regardless of test result, they should quarantine at home for 14 days after exposure.

Vaccination
Vaccination is the leading public health prevention strategy to end the COVID-19 pandemic. Frontier Schools has promoted this practice and has had a vaccine clinic. Promoting vaccination for eligible students and staff members can help schools safely return to in-person learning, as well as extracurricular activities and sports. Individuals age 12 or older may go to one of the following websites for vaccine information:

- www.vaccines.gov or
- www.childrensmercy.org/health-and-safety-resources/information-about-covid-19-novel-coronavirus/covid-19-vaccine-at-childrens-mercy/

We are looking forward to a safe, healthy and successful school year. Together, with your support of these procedures, this can be achieved. As practices and/or recommendations change throughout the year, updates will be communicated. Should you have any questions, please contact your student's school.

Sincerely,

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Superintendent