



# FAYETTEVILLE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

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Today at 10:00 am, the Arkansas Department of Education and Arkansas Department of Health met with the network of school Point of Contacts to provide guidance to schools regarding policies surrounding COVID. Our representative was on that call.

Based on the meeting information, our administrative team has made the following determinations for our school community. These new procedures will go into effect immediately.

Any student or staff member of FCS who tests positive for COVID or who has COVID symptoms (not typical of historic health conditions, such as allergies) must remain off campus for 5 days. The person may return to campus after 5 days, with no masking required – as long as their symptoms have improved or abated.

Teachers and staff will still refer symptomatic children to the Nurse's Office. The nurse on duty will determine whether the individual must leave campus for the 5 days of quarantine.

Asymptomatic individuals, whether close contacts or not, are not required to quarantine and may come to school as normal. If symptoms develop, then the student will be evaluated by the nurse on duty to determine if they must leave campus for the 5 days of quarantine.

With the reduction of protocol, it is very important that parents closely monitor their children. Children should be kept at home if they have a fever (when unmedicated), are vomiting or feeling nauseated, or have sudden onset of congestion or other illness symptoms. Students can return to school after 24 hours without fever or vomiting WITHOUT medication. Do not medicate a child's symptoms and send them to school.

Our administration is excited that we are entering into a more normal response to COVID, where we can use less stringent mitigation against student illnesses. Please join with us in using common sense to protect other students from illness when your child exhibits symptoms.

Extreme measures of school cleanliness are being discontinued, although typical supplies (such as facial tissue and hand sanitizer) will continue to be provided in each classroom for student use. And, of course, it is always recommended that our students and staff wash their hands frequently throughout the day.

Please direct any questions regarding this information to the office at (479) 442-2565.

Sincerely,

*Brad Jones*  
Superintendent