

# Folsom School District



## American Rescue Plan Safe Return Plan - 2023-2024 Maintaining Health and Safety

### Masks

Students, staff, parents, visitors, service providers, and contracted vendors will have the **option to wear/not wear masks** while inside the school and outside on school grounds;

Students infected with COVID-19 are required to wear masks inside the school for days 6-10 in accordance with the CDC recommendations.

### Handwashing and Respiratory Etiquette

All classrooms are equipped with hand sanitizing stations.

School personnel will continue to teach and reinforce hand washing with soap and water throughout the school day (i.e.- arrival, before and after lunch, after sneezing or coughing).

### Cleaning and Maintaining Healthy Facilities, including Improving Ventilation

The custodial staff will clean and disinfect surfaces and objects that are touched often, such as desks, countertops, doorknobs, faucet, handles, and phones. The custodial staff will continue to clean/disinfect eating surfaces between lunch periods.

The district has installed new HVAC units throughout the school which contain UV lights and Merv 13 air filters.

### Parental Screening

Parents/caregivers are encouraged to monitor their children for signs of illness every day as they are the front line for assessing illness in their children. Students who are sick should not attend school.

Folsom School will educate parents about the importance of monitoring symptoms and keeping children home when ill. In addition, the school will provide clear and accessible directions to parents for reporting symptoms and reasons for absences.

### **Isolation Protocols**

An isolation area for symptomatic staff and students is located in the school nurse's office.

### **Contact Tracing**

Contact tracing will resume if an outbreak occurs within the district, in collaboration with the Atlantic County Health Department.

### **Vaccinations**

The school continues to maintain a relationship with a local pharmacy to coordinate anyone that chooses to be vaccinated.

### **Ensuring Continuity of Services**

Folsom School District is prioritizing students' and staff's social, emotional, and mental health needs through the partnership with AtlantiCare Behavioral Health with a school wellness counselor (SWC). The counselor will serve the community in a number of areas ranging from employee wellness initiatives, leading school wellness committees, providing ongoing parental education and engagement, and providing referrals for students and families for appropriate mental health services.

In addition to the counselor, Folsom will continue with a 4-week summer learning program to address students' academic and SEL needs. Lastly, the district will offer academic support programming after-school for students to bridge the gap in learning.