

## Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) about the 2020-21 School Year

### **Face Coverings and Cleaning**

**Do staff have to wear face coverings?** Yes. Governor DeWine has made masks and/or face shields for school employees mandatory. Four County will be following those guidelines.

**Will substitute teachers follow the same guidelines as regular staff?** Yes.

**Do students have to wear face coverings?** Yes. Students will be required to bring a mask and wear it per state and school policy.

**What if a student has a health condition that may prevent them from wearing a face covering?** If a medical reason exists that a student cannot wear a face covering, medical documentation from a health professional must be provided to the school.

**Are there requirements for types of face covering required?** Yes. The face coverings must cover the nose, mouth and chin. They must be designed to be a face covering (mask, neck gator, etc.). Bandanas, scarves and other items not intended to be a face covering will not be allowed. Also, face coverings cannot have any inappropriate print, logos, words or offensive graphics. The best practice is to have a solid color mask.

**What about sanitizing measures at the school?** Four County has cleaned and sanitized the building multiple times from March throughout the summer. We will continue to thoroughly clean and sanitize rooms and equipment each day after use. Hand sanitizer will also be supplied in classrooms and at entrances. It is important for students to wash or sanitize their hands on a regular basis.

### **Classrooms and Other Areas**

**How will classrooms be set up differently to reduce possible spread?** All classrooms will be set up by the teacher so as to provide the maximum opportunity to distance as much as possible. Social distancing will not be possible in every classroom so individual desks will be in rows facing the same direction when possible.

**What about passing periods in between classes?** The medical professionals have advised that the best practice is to have students wear masks during passing periods and keep them moving.

**How will the cafeteria operate?** Four County will continue to serve hot meals. Cafeteria staff will be masked and adjustments will be made to the serving line so students are not touching common surfaces. Also, Four County will double the space where students can eat to keep students spread out as much as possible.

*\*Please note: There will be no exchange of money/no deposits accepted during meal service. All deposits must be made using our online vendor Payschools, or by placing deposits in the drop box prior to meal service with ample time for the deposit to be recorded.*

**When can students enter the building?** Students will not be allowed to enter the building until 8:20 a.m. Students can access their locker, eat breakfast or report to their first period class. Students who drive and arrive before 8:20 must remain in their car until the building is open.

### **Health & Safety Questions**

**What can we do to keep schools open and keep children/staff safe?** According to medical professionals, the most important measure keep school open and safe is to keep children home if they are sick. Please screen your children daily and do not send them to school if they are ill. Wearing a mask at the appropriate times is also an important way to stop the spread and keep everyone safe. Please refer to the CDC website for the latest list of symptoms.

**Will volunteers/visitors/guests be allowed at school?** Not at this time. Four County has also cancelled the use of the building for any outside groups. The only people entering the building will be staff and students.

**What about common water fountains?** Water fountains will only be used to refill water bottles. Students will be allowed and encouraged to bring their own water bottles to stay hydrated throughout the day. The water bottles must be clear (see through).

### **Other Questions**

**What happens if there is a positive case in the school?** If a student/staff member tests positive for COVID-19 at Four County, the Henry County Health Department will immediately be notified. The health department will handle the situation, including communication, from that point.

**Are there going to be any special policies in place if you travel outside the state for a vacation?** Any policy for travel outside of the state will follow the requirements set by the State of Ohio.

**How will communication happen with changes?** Four County Career Center will communicate any changes as quickly as possible. Parents need to make sure Four County has their correct email and phone number. Communication will happen through phone, email, Twitter, Face Book and the Four County website ([www.fourcounty.net](http://www.fourcounty.net)).