



2020-21 RETURN TO SCHOOL FAQ

1. What day will the decision to go back in person officially be declared?
 - a. *A decision will be made and announced no later than September 28th.*

2. Can my children remain in Canvas/Remote until I know it is safe to return to school?
 - a. *A version of remote learning using Canvas will be offered.*

3. Will masks have to be worn at all times?
 - a. *Yes, masks must be worn at all times.*

4. Will the children get to have mask breaks other than during lunch?
 - a. *Mask breaks will be given with six feet of social distancing.*

5. What happens if there is a presumed positive case?
 - a. *A positive case will result in following the Fayette County Department of Health, CDC, and PDE guidelines.*

6. Will Step-up day be held?
 - a. *Yes, there will be Step-up Visits for Kindergarten, Sixth Grade, and Ninth Grade.*

7. Are we doing hybrid?
 - a. *Hybrid is not being considered at this time however, September 25th will provide a final decision on exactly how we return to school.*

8. Since we are now entering flu season will everyone with COVID-like symptoms have to have a COVID test to return to school?
 - a. *There will be a recommendation from the nurse regarding the flu versus COVID symptoms using PDE's screening tool.*

9. With that many kids at the High School how is there going to be any social distancing? In the classrooms, in the hallways, or even lunch?
 - a. *Social distancing will occur to the maximum extent possible.*
10. Will there be any changes with bus transportation or recommendations of kids being driven to school?
 - a. *Transportation will be provided, but if parents are able to transport their children this is encouraged.*
11. Will kids be able to eat lunch in the cafeteria? If we pack a lunch for our kids, will lunchboxes be permitted, or do they need to be completely disposable?
 - a. *Lunch boxes are permitted. K-2 will be eating in their classrooms. All other grades will be eating in the cafeteria.*
12. Will there be some guidance as what we need to do if my child is sick? I.E. If my child gets a cold, with no fever, will they be permitted in school? Are they going to be able to do online learning intermittently if they are sick?
 - a. *If your child is sick it is recommended they stay home.*
13. Is it possible for the teachers to continue to use Canvas on a daily basis to post assignments and when they are due?
 - a. *Canvas will continue to be used by Albert Gallatin Teachers.*
14. My son has asthma and it is not good for him to wear a mask for long periods of time. How will you deal with that?
 - a. *Health concerns will be handled on a case by case basis.*
15. We have a vacation planned over Thanksgiving to Mexico. Are my girls going to need to quarantine for 2 weeks upon return?
 - a. *Please contact your building principal for guidance on out of state travel.*
16. How do you plan on putting 25 children or more in a class?
 - a. *We will follow social distancing guidelines to the maximum extent possible.*
17. Do we still have the option of moving our children to COLA if it's decided to resume in-person classes?
 - a. *Yes, COLA is offered for the duration of the 2020-2021 school year.*

18. Our kids are currently doing online with their schools/teachers. What are the options if we don't feel comfortable with them returning to school at this time? Also, if we go to COLA, is there a set amount of time that we have to stay before deciding to return to the school setting. Thank you!
- a. *Parents will be able to choose what is best for their child. If you are currently enrolled in COLA, it is recommended that your child stays in the program for the full nine weeks, however the District will accommodate parents if they choose to send their children back to school in person.*
19. They said it takes 2 weeks to show symptoms of this virus when coming into contact. How do you keep our children from possibly getting sick?
- a. *We encourage everyone to do a home screening before putting their children on the bus.*
20. Will Canvas remote learning continue to be available for students who have pre-existing conditions and should not return in person?
- a. *Canvas remote learning will always be an option for students.*
21. How will my child be taught being that I want to stay virtual?
- a. *A version of remote learning will be available using Canvas.*
22. Are face shields allowed?
- a. *Face shields are acceptable as a face covering.*
23. Can you please send emails with new information? Will you provide information somewhere other than Facebook?
- a. *All information will be posted on the District website under the Parent tab in the link School News for 2020. <https://bit.ly/3hBVdkc>*
24. How will we handle students when a teacher sends the student to the office for refusing to wear their mask? Will they be required to sit in the office? Or will there be a designated room for these students?
- a. *Building principals will handle mask refusals.*
25. When there is a positive case of COVID-19 in one of our schools, will we be notified immediately and/or told what building? If there is a student that has to go into quarantine because of an exposure, will we be notified?
- a. *We will follow the CDC guidelines, the Fayette County Department of Health guidelines, and PDE protocols. We will work with the Department of Health and take all of the recommended steps to ensure the safety of our students and staff.*

26. How will recess and gym be handled?

- a. *Please access our Reopening Plan found on the District website. Protocols for recess, gym, transportation, and lunch are in this plan.*
<https://bit.ly/3kzKuc1>

27. What sanitizing measures will be used for shared materials, such as paint brushes/ scissors etc. during class or special classes?

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28. Will they be running on a normal schedule or the 2 HR delay currently in place?

- a. *We will be running on a normal time schedule for all school buildings.*