



# Franklin County District Schools

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### DISTRICT RESPONSE TO POSITIVE COVID-19 CASES

The Franklin County School District has been notified by the Health Department of active contact tracing investigations related to confirmed positive cases of COVID-19 on the FCS Campus. District staff is taking steps to mitigate the spread after receiving notification. All individuals having direct contact with those who tested positive will be required to voluntarily self-quarantine for a period of 14 days. These individuals will remain at home until cleared by public health officials.

The Health Department works very closely with the school district to respond to infectious disease investigations every school year. In COVID19 investigations involving schools, public health officials will work quickly to identify COVID19 positive individuals and close contacts to help interrupt the spread of the disease. Your health department clinic, school health team (also public health employees), and school district staff communicate constantly throughout the day. In order to protect the privacy of any individual(s) under investigation and any potential contacts, we will refrain from sharing personal details on cases. If your child becomes part of an investigation, you will be notified by the health department clinical team. If you have any questions about how investigations work or about COVID-19, please contact the Florida Department of Health. Gulf: 850-227-1276, Franklin: 850-653-2111.

“The Florida Department of Health serves as the lead entity to conduct COVID19 investigations. Staff and students will be able to return to school when cleared by public health officials. Quarantine or Isolation orders are available in writing for each individual involved in the investigation. The Florida Department of Health follows guidance from the CDC, <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/if-you-are-sick/end-home-isolation.html>” Sarah Hinds, Administrator Florida Department of Health Gulf/Franklin

Superintendent Yoder is working with school and district staff, in conjunction with our local Health Department leaders and the district is following all of the Health Department’s recommended protocols. Our campuses remain open, limiting non-essential services and not allowing visitors on our campuses. Please be aware that safety protocols are in place to ensure the safety of our students and staff.

All areas are thoroughly cleaned on a continual basis to sanitize our facilities. All students and staff have been informed of on campus health guides and recommendations for precautionary measures to mitigate

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the spread of COVID-19. If students and staff cannot maintain social distancing guidelines, masks are required.

To continue to serve our students, staff, and community, our staff is available by phone at (850) 670-2810, and updates will be posted online at [www.franklincountyschools.org](http://www.franklincountyschools.org) and on our official district Facebook page.

The safety and wellbeing of our students and staff is our top priority and we want to assure you that all possible measures to maintain a safe learning environment will be taken. We appreciate your continued patience, support, and understanding as we work through this together! Go Seahawks!

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