

Frontier Elementary
COVID-19 Student and Family Information
2020-2021



THE VISION AND MISSION OF PINELLAS COUNTY SCHOOLS

100% Student Success

To educate and prepare each student for college, career and life.

THE VISION AND MISSION OF FRONTIER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

We are dedicated to developing students into thinkers and problem solvers who are ready to be contributing members of a diverse society.

Mission

We are committed to...

- Taking care of the whole child
- Believing the best of all stakeholders
- Working together as a school community
 - Fostering a growth mindset
 - Creating a safe environment

The information in this handbook is subject to change and will be updated when the CDC and/or the Pinellas County School Board/District makes changes to the information below.

COVID Screening Protocols

When should my child stay home?

- If your child is exhibiting any of the symptoms below, you **cannot** send them to school. It is our responsibility to keep all students and staff as safe and healthy as possible. It is crucial that every parent/guardian does their part to ensure that their child feels well before sending them to campus.

COVID-19 Symptoms

Importance of Self-Screening

If anyone (student, employee, visitor) shows any symptoms or conditions of COVID-19, it is extremely important that they not enter any school or district building and should contact their healthcare provider for guidance. COVID-19 symptoms (not associated with previously diagnosed conditions) include:

- Fever or chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Unidentified rash (student only)
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

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Classroom Environments

What will the classroom environment look like?

- Student desks are socially distanced as recommended by the CDC and non-essential furniture has been removed.
- Environments will be positive and welcoming.
- Resources will be available for students at a capacity that allows for social distancing.
- Technology integration will be utilized to the greatest extent possible.

Will my student need to wear a mask?

- Yes, students will be expected to wear masks at all times.
- Teachers will support mask breaks when appropriate and safe.
- Teachers will explicitly teach and reinforce mask etiquette.

Information on masks from the Pinellas County School Board: rules that pertains to Frontier Elementary

Section 1. Required Face Coverings

- Each student, employee, visitor, or vendor must wear a face covering at all times when on Frontier property. **The district will issue five cloth masks to each staff member and student at the beginning of the school year.** We will also maintain emergency supplies of disposable or other new face coverings so that no student, staff member or other person will be in a position where they will not have access to one.
- Consistent with the District's ReOpening Plan, and in alignment with medical recommendations, students in prekindergarten, kindergarten and students in ESE self-contained classrooms and ESE Center schools may not be able to utilize face coverings to the same extent as other classrooms. Nevertheless, employees should encourage such students to use face coverings to the extent appropriate and provide relevant instruction and direction to the students.

Section 2. Face Covering Defined

- Face coverings must cover both the mouth and nose completely and fit snugly against the sides of the person's face with little or no gaps. This rule is intended to conform to CDC guidance regarding the definition of a face covering or mask and will be interpreted consistent with CDC guidance as it evolves.
- **Examples of acceptable face coverings** include paper or disposable face masks, cloth face masks, neck gaiters/buffs or other cloth apparel completely covering the mouth and nose.
- **Examples of unacceptable face coverings** include lace, mesh, crocheted or other masks or face coverings that are not solid material, those that have exhalation valves or vents that allow air to be exhaled through a hole in the material, face coverings that are worn so that large gaps exist between the face covering and the person's skin, and face shields (face shields, however, may constitute an exception and are discussed below).
- Text, symbols, slogans and other speech contained on face coverings shall be addressed just as if the same speech was worn on another article of apparel by the student, employee, visitor, vendor or other person on district property.

Section 3. Exceptions

- Very Young Children: Face coverings are not required for children who are less than two (2) years of age.
- Face Shields in Certain Circumstances: Face shields are generally defined as a piece of equipment fitting on top of the head that contains a solid, but clear, piece of plastic or other lightweight material covering the person's face from at least the forehead to the bottom of the chin, and from ear to ear. Face shields are less effective than face coverings defined above, but may be used (i) as a possible accommodation under the ADA or Section 504 where an appropriate medical professional has certified in writing that the person has a qualifying contraindication that prevents that person from being able to safely wear a face covering defined above; (ii) where staff and/or students have an instructional or communicative reason for showing or viewing another's mouth, such as during phonetic instruction or for students who

are hearing impaired and need to see facial movements, but only when video instruction is not available or appropriate; and (iii) other situations on a case-by-case basis as determined by the principal or department head, or their designee in their absence, where in the best interests of the person seeking to wear the face shield, which must relate to medical or instructional reasons.

- Face Covering Breaks: To promote the social and emotional wellbeing of students, who may struggle wearing a face covering for long periods of time, schools will provide students with opportunities for breaks where they can remove their face covering while maintaining appropriate distancing and while under general supervision.
- Eating and Drinking: Face coverings are not required while actively eating or drinking.
- Strenuous Physical Activity: Face coverings are not required during the times that any person is engaged in strenuous physical activity, whether inside or outside a district building. However, social distancing of at least 6 feet is strongly recommended in these situations.
- During Receipt of Health Care: Face coverings are not required when its removal is necessary for the person to receive health care or to undergo a health care examination from authorized health care professionals, including school nurses.
- Emergency Circumstances: Face coverings are not required and may be removed if a person is experiencing a medical emergency, is unconscious or incapacitated, or is personally unable to remove the face covering without assistance.

Section 4. Noncompliance.

The wearing of a face covering is a public health issue. Students who do not wear a mask when it is required (or refuse to do so), should first be reeducated on the importance of wearing a mask. If after the reeducation occurs, they still do not comply, the student's administrator should be contacted. Not wearing a mask when it is required is not a disciplinary matter, but rather a health and safety concern. Administrators will contact the parent/guardian for support. If the refusal continues, the principal must contact the area superintendent/chief to discuss options which will include administrative placement into one of the other learning options (MyPCS Online or Pinellas Virtual School). This placement is a non-disciplinary placement and is based on the health and safety needs of all students and staff.

Will my student be able to wash and/or sanitize their hands?

- Yes, students will have access to locations to wash and/or use hand sanitizer regularly. Staff will ensure sanitization happens on a regular basis.

What will teaching and learning look like for my student?

- Students will be able to use classroom resources, these will be rotated out and cleaned as needed.
- Within the implementation of social distancing, teachers will provide meaningful and engaging standards based lessons that support student achievement and social emotional growth.

- Student collaboration will continue as it's a fundamental part of learning and social/emotional growth.
- Classroom movement will be lessened but monitoring for understanding will continue as an important part of the learning process.

PPE/Campus Resources

MASK ETTIQUETTE:

- Masks are to be worn at all times.
- Mask Breaks:
 - Can occur if students are outside and students can safely distance following teacher guidance.
 - There are times a self-regulated mask break is in order. Students will be taught if while in class, they need a 30 second reprieve from the mask that they can appropriately pull it down and then put it back on as long as they are 6 feet from anyone else. Students can take masks off and put their heads down so they can breathe downward rather than out.
 - Teachers can schedule mask breaks to support classroom needs.
 - Parent contact will be made to support a student who is struggling with wearing a mask.
 - Students who refuse to wear a mask may be assigned to an alternative instructional option.
- Reminders, signage, practice for mask usage will be clearly articulated and demonstrated.

Water Access

- It is recommended that students bring their own water bottle to school. Bottles should be clearly labeled with the child's name. Some children prefer colder water than what comes out of the sink. If this is the case, then it is recommended that water bottles be filled halfway and frozen the night before. Then fill the rest of the way with water in the morning. This will help water stay cold as water bottles are refilled throughout the day.
- Students who forget water bottles or do not have access to them will have small Dixie cups available for them to use as needed.

Hand sanitizer

- All classrooms will be provided hand sanitizer. Families may also donate sanitizer to support classrooms and common areas.
- Students may have individual hand sanitizers and will be expected to use them appropriately.

Hand washing

- Sinks and hand washing stations (sanitizer) will be located in classrooms and across the campus for increased access.
- Teachers will take time to teach handwashing skills. This can also be supported by families at home.
- Time will be provided for students to wash/sanitize hands throughout the school day.

Clinic/Sick Room

- Frontier will have a designated location for the clinic for traditional care and a separate location for students who are experience Covid-19 symptoms.

Student Arrival

Guidelines

- All students must have their mask on when they arrive on campus at the bus circle, car circle and walking/bike gates.
- Only school staff should be on campus. Parents, volunteers, or mentors are not permitted on campus during arrival.
- Students should not be on campus prior to 8:15 a.m. **It is imperative that all families respect this request.** If your child walks, do not let them leave earlier than is needed to arrive before 8:15.
- All adults **MUST** stay in their car while dropping off students. They are not allowed to walk their child to the classroom.
- There are no safety patrols for the first semester.
- Multiple entrances and exits will be used to assist with the social distancing of students. Each of those entrances will have clearly defined 6 feet spacing.

What time are students allowed on campus?

- 8:15 a.m. It would be even more ideal if students do not arrive before 8:30 when they can get breakfast as needed and go directly to their classroom instead of going to the court to eat.

What if students arrive at school prior to 8:15 a.m.?

- The parents of students who are observed arriving at school prior to 8:15 a.m. will be contacted by an administrator to provide additional resources if needed, and/or to be informed of our safety protocols.

Can parents walk their children (K) to class on the first week/day of school?

*****First 3 Days of Kindergarten:**

- No, however parents can park and walk their child up to the kindergarten teachers who will be stationed and waiting at locations around the car circle. There will be a sign up designating which kindergarten teacher is where. Each kindergarten teacher will be assigned a classroom helper to assist them with operations during the first 3 days of school. During arrival teachers will greet the child and parents. With the help of the assistant, the teacher will get the students in their line. Once the car circle is empty, the kindergarten class will walk to their classroom as a group. In the event that a kindergartner rides the bus or walks on the first day, staff working in those areas will transport those students to their teachers.

Where do students enter in the mornings?

Designated areas:

- Breakfast students for Café which includes choices – Enter through black walkers' gate and line up on the spacing lines to enter the cafeteria.
- Breakfast students for cart – Line up on designated line following spacing guidelines – enter through front roll up gate and stay in line until reaching the breakfast cart.
- Students not eating breakfast will enter through their designated teacher entrance and line up on designated classroom line.

PPK & VPK – will enter through the classroom doors on the front side of building 6 (pre-k building).

Walkers – Select the line for breakfast Café, breakfast cart or classroom and line up with social distancing.

Car riders – Select the line for breakfast Café, breakfast cart or classroom and line up with social distancing.

Bike riders - Select the line for breakfast Café, breakfast cart or classroom and line up with social distancing.

Buses – Enter through double doors between building 2 (science lab) and the art room – wait in hallway on spacing lines and join up with either breakfast line or classroom line.

Pedestrian Traffic pattern –

- There is a one-way sidewalk only to enter campus. Parents walking children to school will complete the loop and exit following the one-way guidelines.
- The front sidewalk is wide enough for two-way traffic. Traffic patterns will be clearly marked.
- Within the campus, hallways will be one way only around the courtyard.
- Walkways to the classrooms will be both directions with spacing in between and traffic flow patterns established. Two-way traffic will be limited by scheduling parameters.

Signage - Mask usage and social distancing reminder signs will be placed on the entrance gate, the front gate entering campus, all office doors, the bus gate, walker's gate and YMCA/Café doors

Where do the students go for breakfast?

Days 1 – 3 students will proceed directly to their classrooms where breakfast bags will be delivered to them. This will give us a few days to determine how many students will be eating breakfast on average.

Beginning on day 4 – Kindergarten will eat in the café. All others will follow the guidelines below.

YMCA- Students will begin breakfast at 8:05. They will be walked to the café by their YMCA team leader and then walked back to their assigned classrooms where they will eat. Students will remain in their designated space until 8:30 a.m. when they will be released to report to the classroom.

KG- All KG students will be directed to sit on designated socially distanced spots inside the cafeteria to eat after going through the line and getting their breakfast.

Other grade levels other than PreK/VPK/KG – Students arriving before 8:30 will be directed to the P.E. court after picking up their breakfast from the cart or the cafeteria. Students will sit in socially distanced spots to eat. Students arriving at 8:30 or after will be directed immediately to their classroom to eat after picking up their breakfast.

Bus circle arrivals (grades 1st-5th)- Students will be directed to the P.E. court after picking up their breakfast from the cart or the cafeteria. Students arriving before 8:30 a.m. can sit in socially distanced spots to eat. Students arriving at 8:30 or after will be directed immediately to their classroom to eat.

Will students get breakfast if they are tardy?

- Yes, students will receive a “Grab and Go” breakfast to take immediately to the classroom.
- If a student arrives after 9:10 a.m. breakfast may not be available as café staff will be starting lunch preparations.

Hallway Transitions

HALLWAY TRANSITIONS

- Students will walk in line 6 feet apart to the best of their ability under teacher direction.
- Signage will be present in hallways to support social distancing and students will be explicitly taught these expectations by their classroom teacher.
- Teachers will designate a line leader and train them to lead the class while the classroom teacher walks at the end of the line to monitor that social distancing is being met.
- Students are wearing masks during all transition times.

Teach the **WALK** acronym:

- W:** Wear your Mask
A: Attend to Self
L: Look and Listen
K: Keep 6 Feet Apart

Are hallways and the stairwells only one-way?

- The main hallway both upstairs and downstairs are two-way traffic areas. Students will stay to the outside and follow the designated directions when walking in the hallways.
- The stairs are one way and follow the flow of traffic.
- The courtyard has designated one-way hallways.



Recess

RECESS

- Students can use recess as time to get fresh air, experience a mask break, and maintain social distancing while having their recess time.
- Students will have lanyards for their masks and should maintain wearing their lanyards while at recess. Teachers will teach recess guidelines for personal space during recess and it is the expectation that students follow these guidelines.

Media Center

Media Center

- A plan has been created to support checking out books to support literacy while also keeping student safety at the forefront.

Lunch & The Cafeteria Plan

Cafeteria

- The cafeteria and the Multi-Purpose Room (MPR) are set up so that students can eat while maintaining social distancing. To ensure social distancing, the spaces have been set up with designated seating spots marked and cannot exceed the designated numbers.
 - Cafeteria - 60 students max
 - Multipurpose room - 20 students max
- Teachers will be assigned specific tables. All teachers will then create a seating chart where each child will sit every day.
- Students will not wear masks while eating but will have mask lanyards on so that masks are readily available.
- Students will be provided the lunch options that have been outlined by the county.
- Lunch will be served through the existing serving lines and mobile carts will be used when feasible.
- PreK classrooms will have lunches delivered to their classrooms.

Lunch

Lunches will be packaged in fold-over containers, bags or covered trays. All food will be packaged or wrapped. Students will have a choice of:

- a hot entrée, cold sandwich, peanut butter and jelly, or an entrée salad
- choice of milk flavor
- fruit and vegetable

Student Dismissal

How will students be dismissed?

- There will be a staggered dismissal process to ensure social distancing and limit foot traffic through the hallways.
- We will utilize smart boards in classrooms to coordinate dismissal.
- All students should have backpacks and be prepared to dismiss when they see their name or bus color on the smart board.
- Car riders will be dismissed as their names appear on the smart board.
- Walkers will be dismissed throughout car circle pick up to ensure we do not have a mass exit of walkers all at once.
- Upon dismissal students are expected to quickly and safely leave the campus-no additional stops along the way. Walkers are to exit quickly using social distancing.