



FORRESTVILLE VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT #221

SUPERINTENDENT
Mrs. Sheri Smith

August 15, 2022

Dear Forrestville Valley Families,

We are excited about the 2022-2023 school year ahead. Our custodial and maintenance staff have been incredibly busy over the summer months, specifically with a large renovation to FJSHS west wing to include classrooms, band room, chorus room, and office spaces.

The goal of this communication is to update you to our 2022-2023 School Plan with covid protocols. We plan to start the school year with all classrooms, cafeterias, and student spaces set to pre-pandemic conditions. We are happy to return tables for group work in all classrooms and the FJSHS cafeteria, allowing for students to sit with peers during lunch hours. Students will have full access to their lockers and buses will operate with no requirement for contact tracing. Athletics and after school activities will return to pre-pandemic operations for all activities.

Having said this, we understand the coronavirus remains prevalent in our area and we will continue to monitor covid symptoms and positive cases. Students and staff will continue to have access to free testing available at all school buildings and anyone with symptoms will be required to test or stay home as required by Illinois Public Health.

At this time, there will be no contact tracing or close contacts, except for household contacts. Students and staff with household contacts will be in contact with Mrs. Nelson, district nurse, to determine any quarantine periods or test-to-stay protocols. Masking is not required unless a student or staff member is returning from a quarantine period. However, any student or staff who wishes to mask is welcome to do so.

The district will continue to monitor covid positive cases on a weekly basis. As proposed last year, if we see our numbers trend to high transmission, we will notify families and encourage protocols such as social distancing within the school buildings. Please refer to our 2022-2023 School Plan on the attached document.

Finally, please note student registrations were due Friday, August 5th. If you have not yet registered your child, please contact your school office immediately. Athletic registration is open in Skyward. Students must have an up to date physical on file and all fees paid prior to their first practice.

We look forward to seeing your students on our first day of school, Wednesday, August 24th, with an early dismissal schedule. If you have any questions regarding any information above, please contact your building of attendance. Enjoy your remaining days of summer!

Sincerely,
Mrs. Smith