

HYBRID LEARNING - WHAT IF'S

Reminders:

What do I need to do daily?

- Ensure your child has an **appropriate mask** and an additional mask in their backpack, labeled with his/her/their name (Mask Guidelines are on our website under COVID Resources)
- Do a **daily screening** that includes temperature and symptom analysis (Daily Screening document is on our website under COVID resources).

Clarifications:

What counts as “Close Contact?” – From the CDC:

- If the student/staff member was within 6 feet of someone who has COVID-19 for a total of 15 minutes or more
- If the student/staff member provided care to someone who is sick with COVID-19
- If the student/staff member had direct physical contact with the person (hugged or kissed them)
- If the student/staff member shared eating or drinking utensils
- If the student/staff member sneezed, coughed, or somehow got respiratory droplets on another person

Quarantine vs. Isolation

Quarantine keeps someone who might have been exposed to the virus away from others for 14 days. People in quarantine should stay home, separate themselves from others, monitor their health, and follow directions from their state or local health department.

Isolation keeps someone who is infected with the virus away from others, even in their home.

Covid/Cases What Ifs....

What happens if someone in my child’s class tests positive? If someone in your child’s class tests positive, your child and all classmates would be considered in close contact with that person, and thus would likely go into a 2 week quarantine period. During this time, the teacher and students would participate in distance learning, in a program that is similar to what was done during the first four weeks of school.

What if a family member of a student test positive? If a child has had close contact with the family member, they will need to quarantine for 2 weeks (14 days) and get tested. If the child tests positive, then anyone at FSMA who had close contact (defined above) will also need to quarantine. If the entire class goes into quarantine, the teacher and students would participate in distance learning, in a program that is similar to what was done during the first four weeks of school.

If a student needs to quarantine, will they be able to move into distance learning?

Unfortunately, not if it is just one student in class. That said, if a child is in quarantine, there are components of the distance learning program that they will be able to access and their teacher can post assignments to the google classroom. The student will most likely not be able to participate in any live lessons during this time.

How will the school determine who needs to quarantine, how many cohorts/buildings or if it is the whole school? Unfortunately, this is not a clear cut answer as there are many factors that impact closure. FSMA will work with the Department of Public Health to determine who needs to quarantine and will communicate that to families immediately.

What can I expect in terms of notification about positive COVID cases at FSMA? If there is a positive case at FSMA, a letter will go out but will not identify who, what class etc. If it directly impacts your child, you will be informed of that and any next steps you need to follow.

What if I am realizing that the program (distance or hybrid) that I chose is not the best learning option for my child? While placement is set through January, we will consider changes on a case by case basis if there is truly a need or concern. Please know that changing in the middle will result in a teacher change and other possible complications and it will only be done in extreme circumstances. You should email Courtney.Fox@fsma.k12.de.us with any program change requests.