

## COVID-19 UPDATES & RESOURCES

The health of our students, staff, and families is our first priority. Dr. Alban, FCPS Superintendent, recently released updated information for our community through her weekly "Superintendent's Update". Please review it below if you have not already had a chance.

*The COVID-19 pandemic crisis continues to challenge us. Along with the gleeful return of students came the news of more than 600 students quarantining. In order to preserve the in-person learning option, we must do all we can to limit spread in our school buildings by following the advice of local, state and national health officials. Families understandably have questions. [We wanted to share this video update with you](#) that explains quarantine protocols and procedures. [Our Frequently Asked Questions feature](#) on FCPS.org also provides more details on quarantining and a host of other relevant topics. We also have created the following graphics:*

- [COVID-19 Response in English](#)
- [COVID-19 Response in Spanish](#)
- [Contact Tracing and Close Contact Information in English](#)
- [Contact Tracing and Close Contact Information in Spanish](#)

*FCPS is supporting students who are quarantining. Teachers are putting their instructional materials into Schoology, our learning management system, so that students can access the information and assignments for days they are absent. Schoology was used last year and students and staff are familiar with this platform. When a student is placed in quarantine, school leaders work with the families to offer tutoring options. The availability of tutors varies across schools and levels; we continue to explore ways to expand the number of tutors, including contracted services. It is our hope that universal masking and other mitigation strategies we have in place will limit the spread of COVID-19. I am asking any staff and students who are exhibiting symptoms to please stay home. We need everyone working together to help our kids in school.*

*FCPS is a system that believes in continuous improvement. We always appreciate feedback that can help us improve program implementation. FCPS was the first school system in Maryland to open our doors and welcome back all of our students and staff. Leaders have appreciated the many positive messages they've received from students and families. One thing we know for certain, we must be #TogetherFCPS.*