



Fairmont Heights High School

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Greeting Parents,

We know that this past year has been one of unprecedented challenges and has proven to be difficult for all of us, especially our students. Rest assured that while we are excited to have students back into the building, it is our goal to maintain a safe and healthy environment as we follow the guidelines outlined by PGCPs, MSDE and the CDC. Please notify the school Principal and/or Nurse as soon as you are aware that your child has tested positive for COVID-19 or that he or she has been exposed to a person who is confirmed to have COVID-19. It is my expectation that you have considered the health risk of your child(ren) and your family in making the decision to return to school and attend any Fairmont Heights High School activities. I hope that you have independently evaluated and reviewed the risks of being exposed to or infected by COVID19. You have also elected to allow your child to participate in a PGCPs activity with full knowledge and acceptance of the above risks.

Covid-19 Symptoms Protocol

If you decided that you would be sending your child back to school after spring break for hybrid learning, we ask that you monitor your child/children's health daily prior to sending them to school. If your child is experiencing fever/chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, and/or diarrhea you must keep your child home. If your child becomes ill at school, you will need to pick your child up within one hour of being notified. Please review symptoms with your child and monitor their temperature and symptoms at home before he/she attends any in-person PGCPs activity. Please agree to only send your child to a PGCPs activity if he or she is free of any signs/symptoms of COVID-19 or has not been exposed to someone with COVID-19 (or presumed to have COVID-19) in the past 14 days. Please consult your healthcare provider or the Prince Georges County Health Department with specific questions about COVID 19.

Face Covering Requirements

All students must wear face coverings while inside PGCPs facilities and while being transported by PGCPs Department of Transportation. Face coverings are required by all adults and students, and must be worn throughout the school day. Students with disabilities and a medical excuse from their physician, may be exempt from wearing a face mask. This exemption must be approved by the school prior to returning.

Uniforms

During the hybrid model of instruction, students are not expected to wear a school uniform. Students must adhere to the system-wide dress code which requires students to dress appropriately.

Lockers

Locker use will not be permitted in an effort to decrease social interaction in the hallways. Backpacks, coats, and belongings will remain with students.

Chromebooks

Students should enter school with their fully charged chromebook. If your child forgets his or her chromebook at home, a loaner will be provided by their grade-level administrator based on availability. Students will not be allowed to bring their own personal laptops or Macbooks to school.

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Classrooms

Classrooms have been arranged based on CDC guidelines, which means all desks will be facing the same direction and are 6ft apart. When weather permits, school-based personnel will consider holding classes outdoors. We will repurpose outdoor locations to serve as alternative instructional spaces such as courtyards and fields. Masks must be worn and students should maintain a distance of at least 6 feet between one another.

Each classroom will have hand sanitizer, antibacterial hand soap (if there is a sink), medical grade disinfectant, and gloves. Classrooms will be disinfected after each class and at the end of the day. The entire building will be sanitized on Wednesdays.

Breakfast, Lunch and Supper Meals

All PGCPs students will continue to receive FREE breakfast and lunch for the remainder of this school year. All food items will be prepackaged in single-serve units. Additionally, students that participate in hybrid learning will be offered supper at the end of the school day to take home. Meal pick-up will still be available on Mondays and Wednesdays from 11am-1pm for the students that remain virtual.

Transportation

The maximum number of students per bus will be one student per seat near the window on each row with mandatory masks. This will result in approximately 21 students per run. Face coverings and proper physical distancing are recommended while waiting at the bus stop. If a student refuses to wear a mask and does not have a medical note requiring exemption or documentation in the specialized transportation section of the IEP, the student will no longer be allowed to ride the bus to and from school.

Late Arrivals

When a student arrives to school after 8:30am, they will report to door #2 (Student Accountability Center). Upon arrival, they will sign in, an administrator will be notified that your child is on the way to class, and they will be directed to class. Students may have to wait outside of door #2 to limit the number of students in the Student Accountability Center at one time.

Early Dismissals

If you need to pick your child up early for any reason, you will show your ID at the security bell and sign them out in the foyer. Once you have signed your child out, you will need to wait in your car for them to be released. Early dismissal will not be permitted after 2:30pm (NO EXCEPTIONS).

After School Activities

Only students who participate in Spring Sports will be permitted to remain on school grounds after dismissal at 3:10pm. Immediately following dismissal, spring sport students are required to report to designated practice areas. Students participating in sports will not be allowed to re-enter the building once school has been dismissed for the day. Students will be required to use the restrooms outside.

Miscellaneous

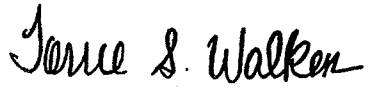
- Students will not be allowed to use the water fountain during the day; therefore, we are asking that you send your child to school with bottled water.
- All meetings will be held virtually. There will be no in person meetings with Teachers, Professional School Counselors, Main Office staff, or Nursing staff.
- If your child is dropped off before 8:15 am, they will be required to wait outside until 8:20 am.
- There will be a virtual Parent Meeting held on Wednesday, March 24, 2021 @ 7pm. I will be available to answer any questions and address any concerns you may have.

As we prepare to receive students into the building, it is our goal to maintain a healthy and safe environment. Please be aware that by participating in any Fairmont Heights High School activity your child may be at risk of being exposed to COVID-19. Such exposure can occur either directly or indirectly

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whether or not a mask or fabric face covering is worn, in spite of reasonable efforts taken by PGCPs to mitigate exposure.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Torrie S. Walker". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Torrie S. Walker
Principal

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