



Festus R-VI School District



**Return To School
Plan
2022-2023**



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With commencing of the 2022-2023 school year, it is the goal of the Festus R-VI School District to return to some sense of normalcy. As the District has learned over the course of the COVID-19 pandemic, any plan must be flexible and adjusted throughout the school year as conditions change.

At this time, the Festus R-VI School District plans to return for the 2022-23 school year with the following guidance:

- Festus R-VI School District will follow our district policy and regulation EBB (Communicable Diseases)
- Based on policy EBB, students and staff with a communicable disease (including COVID-19) will be excluded from school per policy
- Facial coverings will be optional for all students and staff
- According to data tracked by the District pertaining to COVID quarantines and isolations during the 2021-2022 school year, there were less than 1% positivity rates at any given time. Due to the low rate of impact the Festus R-VI School District will not maintain a threshold percentage on the district dashboard. The Wellness Coordinator will maintain data and inform the superintendent monthly of positivity rates as the school year progresses.

Mitigation strategies: Students and staff will be encouraged to continue socially distancing to the extent possible. Students and staff are encouraged to self-monitor for COVID-19 symptoms. If students or staff are sick they should remain at home until they are symptom-free for at least 24 hours. Frequently touched surfaces will continue to be sanitized often. Students & staff are encouraged to sneeze or cough into the inside of their elbow. Sanitizers and other supplies will be accessible to students and staff. The district has hosted on campus vaccination events for students and staff. Future vaccination events are planned for the upcoming school year.

Athletics & activities: At this time, no spectator limits for after school/evening athletics and other events. The District will allow parent visitors into the building for our traditional classroom parties and provide field trips for our students. However, data will be reviewed on a monthly basis to make sure safety of our students and staff is the top priority. Festus R-VI will follow the same guidance outlined above for all athletic and activity events.

Symptom Assessment: The Festus R-VI School District will continue to follow the guidelines outlined in our student handbooks which state those students suspected of having COVID or influenza symptoms may be required to stay home for up to 72 hours after being fever/symptom free without the use of medication.

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Upon review of the “Festus R-VI Return to School Plan,” questions can be directed to the following individuals:

Specific school building protocols can be directed to the appropriate school principal where your student is enrolled:

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| • Festus Elementary | Dr. Darin Siefert | siefertdarin@festusedu.com |
| • Festus Intermediate | Mr. Spencer Kearns | kearnsspencer@festusedu.com |
| • Festus Middle | Mr. Jacob Munoz | munoziacob@festusedu.com |
| • Festus High | Dr. Karl Shininger | shiningerkarl@festusedu.com |

Questions related to the overall plan and exclusion from school can be directed to:

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| • Coordinator of Student & Staff Wellness | Mrs. Lindsey Roth | rothlindsey@festusedu.com |
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Questions related to Teaching & Learning can be directed to:

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| • Asst. Superintendent Teaching & Learning | Mr. Lucas McKinnis | mckinnislucas@festusedu.com |
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Questions concerning federal funding as it relates to ESSER can be directed to:

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| • Asst. Superintendent Business Svcs. & HR | Mr. Jonathan Earnhart | earnhartjonathan@festusedu.com |
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Questions related to athletics and activities can be directed to:

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| • R-VI Athletics/Activities Director | Mr. Eric Allen | alleneric@festusedu.com |
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