

# Fordyce Public Schools

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Dear Patrons of the Fordyce School District:

Following guidance from the Arkansas Department of Health and the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, the Fordyce School District will extend its face covering policy at this time. Newly announced state guidelines regarding quarantines of close contacts were a primary factor in this decision.

As stated in Governor Hutchinson's press conference on Tuesday, school districts choosing to keep mask policies in place will no longer be required to quarantine students and staff who are considered close contacts. To date, FSD has quarantined no less than 516 staff and students, (some more than one time), and many were required to miss out on in-person teaching/learning for 14 days. We have also had to have entire weeks of whole-school virtual learning due to lack of staffing because of the virus.

As we move forward, we will seek feedback from our school and community related to this policy and make attempts to relax the requirements when possible. FSD will continue to implement proper social distancing measures and enhanced sanitizing procedures on campus, as well. As always, the health and safety of our students and staff is our top priority and we appreciate everyone's continued cooperation. We encourage all families to remain diligent in helping to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact me at [hubbellj@fordyceschools.org](mailto:hubbellj@fordyceschools.org) or contact our building principals:

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Sincerely,



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