

# FULTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

## Thermal Camera FAQ

### **Are students being screened multiple times a day?**

All students will be screened while entering their school building in the morning. Individual buildings may decide to screen students additional times during the day, this information can be found in your schools buildings return to learn plan. At FHS Hart Career Center students will be screened before they depart for Vo-Tech, as this is required by HCC.

### **Where are the cameras located?**

Each building will have a camera located at the main entrance of the building. FHS and Bartley have a secondary camera for their alternate entrances due to how students enter the building.

### **What is considered an elevated temperature?**

According to the Center for Disease Control a temperature of 100.4 or higher is considered a fever. The thermal cameras are set to alert anything at or above this temperature.

### **What happens to my child when they come through with an elevated temperature?**

They will immediately be rescreened with a FDA approved non-contact forehead thermometer. If they are still registering an elevated temperature they will be escorted to a separate area to be assessed by their school nurse. If the student is found to have a fever or symptoms consistent with COVID-19 the parent will be contacted, and need to come pickup their child.

### **Does it take a photo or record a video of my child?**

The camera will be monitored in real time during morning arrival by a FPS staff member. Only if a student has a fever will an image be recorded and sent via secure email to designated staff/administrators. The photo contains no name or demographic information.

### **Are teachers/staff also being screened?**

Yes, all Fulton Public School staff will be screened daily. This includes all teaching staff, administrators, food service, bus drivers, nurses, and paraprofessionals.

## **Will my child automatically be sent home if the thermal camera says they have a fever?**

No, they will first be rescreened with a FDA approved non-contact forehead thermometer. If they are still registering an elevated temperature, they will be escorted to a separate area to be assessed by their school nurse. If the student is found to have a fever or symptoms consistent with COVID-19 the parent will be contacted to pick up their child.

## **What would happen if the thermal cameras were to stop functioning?**

Each school is stocked with at least five FDA approved non-contact forehead thermometers which could be used in place of the thermal cameras should there be a malfunction.

## **Is the camera a metal detector?**

No, the camera's only function is to screen student's temperatures only.

## **Can false readings happen?**

Yes, false readings can occur for various reasons. Students will be asked to remove all hats, hoodies, and sunglasses to allow for an accurate scan. Any student found to have an elevated temperature will be rescreened before any other action is taken.

## **Will students have to remove masks in order to be screened by the thermal camera?**

No, the cameras were created to be able to get an accurate reading while the person is wearing a mask.

## **Will outside visitors be screened?**

Yes, anyone entering a Fulton Public School building will be screened by either the thermal camera or non-contact forehead thermometer. In order to minimize the exposure of all students and staff, non-essential visitors and parents will not be permitted beyond the secure vestibules or entrances at school buildings.

## **Will spectators be screened at athletic events?**

No, currently Fulton Public Schools is working closely with our other conference schools to create consistent spectator guidelines for our conference. As soon as guidelines are finalized they will be shared.