

## **DAILY SCREENING**

Students and staff should stay home if they are showing signs and symptoms of COVID-19. Parents shall be responsible for screening students for COVID-19 symptoms before the student boards a bus or report to campus each day. Symptoms of COVID-19 include:

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| Fever or chills                             | Headache                   |
| Cough                                       | New loss of taste or smell |
| Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing | Sore throat                |
| Fatigue                                     | Congestion or runny nose   |
| Muscle or body aches                        | Nausea or vomiting         |
| Diarrhea                                    |                            |

Additionally, if an employee or student has been in close contact in the past 14 days with anyone who has tested positive for COVID-19, has received a positive COVID-19 test for active virus within the past 10 days, or traveled internationally should consult a healthcare provider prior to being at school.

Student temperature checks at arrival and employee screening forms will not be used unless required. Visitors (parents, guardians, etc. and vendors will complete paper forms.)

If a person (student or staff) is diagnosed with COVID-19 by a healthcare provider based on a test, the person should not be at school and should stay at home until:

- At least ten (10) days have passed since the individual first had symptoms
- At least three (3) days have passed since the individual had a fever (without using fever reducing medicine)
- At least three (3) days have passed since the symptoms improved, including cough and shortness of breath.

## **MASK WEARING**

Universal masking inside school will be expected whether students or staff have been vaccinated or not. Masks may be removed during eating times (grab-and-go breakfast for 6-12, classroom snack time, and lunch). Mask breaks will be implemented by teachers according to the activity and learning environment. Teachers may do this in a variety of ways such as breaks for every other row.

## **MAINTAINING SMALLER CLASS SIZES**

Class sizes in PK-5 are not more than 15 students at this time, and the largest class in grades 6-8 is 17 at this time. Smaller cohorts during the lingering pandemic were very intentionally developed to allow us to very quickly respond to additional mandates that may evolve during the year.

Class sizes 9-12 range from 4-20 students. The smallest numbers are in labs and electives. We will monitor the larger classes regularly. Should classes need to move to larger learning areas such as the library or auditorium to implement increased distancing, that will be a consideration throughout the school year.

## **VIRTUAL LEARNING**

Students will have supports provided during quarantine periods. Supports may vary by grade level and course selection; however, we are not providing a virtual learning option for the 2021-2022 school year as we did in the most recent year. Parents/guardians of students who have questions regarding home instruction as an alternative model may call the Main Office or District Office for guidance. Numbers are 315-826-7900 and 315-826-0203.

## **TRANSPORTING STUDENTS**

There are currently no diminished capacity guidelines for busing. There is a requirement that students and bus drivers wear masks. Frequency of late transportation for students participating in activities is still being reviewed.

Each summer, PCS resets the transportation pick up and drop off location to default to student homes. On August 23-25, we will be sending approximate pick up and drop of times to families by School Messenger email.

Parents who know they intend to provide transportation for the year, permit a child to drive to school daily, are encouraged to notify the school. A form may be printed from the District website for this purpose.

Additionally, parents who intend to use a daycare provider or in-district relative as the pick up and drop off location and this has some regular pattern of predictability, should indicate this information on the form on our website. All TRANSPORTATION NOTIFICATION FORMS may be returned to school in the locked drop box located by the Main Office doors. Anyone in need of the form may also get one from the Main Office foyer weekdays from 7:30 AM – 3:30 PM.

We request that all families provide us with notice of transportation changes or plans to not use district transportation **PRIOR TO August 31.**

Information will be utilized to finalize transportation routing and communicate to any families whose routing times have changed significantly due to students no longer being assigned to the “home” or residential bus route.

## **STARTING AND ENDING TIMES FOR THE SCHOOL DAY**

Prekindergarten students will arrive in the morning at the same time as other students.

**Morning PK** will meet from 7:55-10:35 AM. **Afternoon PK** will meet 11:55 AM -2:35 PM.

**The school day for PCS students 7-12 this year will be 7:55 AM - 2:30 PM.**

**The school day for PCS students K-6 this year will be 7:55 AM -2:40 PM.**

**Classes will have a paced, staggered dismissal.**

## **ASSIGNING LOCKERS 6-12 & USING PE LOCKER ROOMS**

Students in grades 6-12 will be issued lockers this year. A spacing plan was developed to accommodate use. Students in secondary classes will also have locker room use as the school year begins.

## **TRAVELING THROUGHOUT THE BUILDING AND CAFETERIA USE**

K-5 students will travel to the music, art, library, and counselor’s classroom for specials. The elementary counselor will be instructing social/emotional lessons and will also focus on career topics and work skills. K-5 students will have daily physical education and recess.

6-12 students will begin the school year moving classes in a staggered class dismissal. Students in 6-12 have daily recess time added to the lunch period.

We will accommodate as many students in the cafeteria/dining area and the seating stations in the gymnasium spaces to allow students the opportunity to move outside of classrooms. We intend to accommodate grades 3-12 in this manner in September.