



Frequently Asked Questions

1. Is the HVAC system updated and will it be maintained?

- Yes. We have a well maintained system with upgraded filters being installed to optimize clean air ventilation. We have increased the quantity of exterior fresh air that is introduced to the system.

2. Will all boarding/non boarding students be in the same classes and cafeteria or is it only for dormitories?

- Day and boarding students will be in the same classrooms and dining hall, with safe physical distancing, masks, and sanitizing of surfaces in between each class period. Day students will not be permitted in dorms.

3. Does school offer any discounts for purchasing computers/Macbooks?

- No. Purnell's policy has always been to bring your own device. However, there are educational discounts students can take advantage of from most companies.

4. Can you please elaborate on the online option? Is a specific reason needed, eg. medical/legal? For instance the status of states may change for students who leave campus on weekends and they may be required to quarantine. What happens in those situations? And is there a deadline to choose this option?

- In the event that a student's home state is moved to the quarantine list, we recommend that the student remain on campus, so as not to interrupt her studies and school life experience. This is also the best option for her own risk of exposure.
- If the health status in the State of New Jersey changes to present any health risks, Purnell will continue its education remotely. At present health risk is the only consideration for remote learning.



5. Is there a protocol for students returning from out of state. Will those students quarantine for 14 days?

- If you are from a state on New Jersey's quarantine list, you are required to self-quarantine for 14 days as per the state of New Jersey's recommended guidelines. Families in this situation have been contacted individually to help make arrangements.

6. Are testing kits available from the school?

- Purnell will not provide COVID-19 testing at school. However, a negative test & a doctor's note will be required to rejoin the community on campus following removal for Covid or Covid-like symptoms lasting more than 72 hours.
- *Note: Individuals who have any symptom(s) consistent with Covid-19 will be sent home or denied entry & referred to their own healthcare provider for evaluation on whether testing is needed. The CDC criteria for discontinuing home isolation will need to be met before returning, along with a negative test & a doctor's note.

7. It will be impossible for students to be vaccinated for flu before arrival to campus as it is not available yet. How will this be handled?

- August is Immunization Awareness Month & the flu shot is made available in August for this reason.
- Pharmacies are the first to receive the vaccines;
 - CVS Pharmacies, which includes any CVS within Target stores, have had the vaccine for over 2 weeks now & have been immunizing those that request it.
 - Walmart Pharmacies have the 2020 flu shot & have been immunizing as well.
 - Shoprite Pharmacies (most) have the vaccine & are already immunizing.
 - Walgreens will have it this week or next.



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- If your local pharmacy doesn't have it available yet, seriously consider Walmart or Target Pharmacies. They are huge nationwide chains & they get first dibs on the vaccine.
 - *Note: A parent does need to be present for the student to get the flu shot. The flu shot is covered under insurance, so it's free at the pharmacy when an insurance card is presented.
 - Remember to get proof of immunization. Chrissy Schmidt, RN will need a copy of it.

8. Will there be an all-school zoom before school starts sharing all the details of the new protocols?

- We will host two Purnell Connected meetings before the start date.
 - Title: Health and Safety Protocols and Procedures.
Date: Wednesday, August 19
Time: 7 p.m.
 - Title: All Parent/Guardian Orientation
Date: Tuesday, August 25
Time: 7 p.m.
 - Zoom links will be emailed to all in advance.

9. Do we need a covid test before my daughter returns to school?

- No. However, all students and staff must be symptom free and attest to not having been exposed within the previous 14 days.