



# School District of the City of Pontiac

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## 2021-2022 COVID-19 Safety and Wellness Protocols

The Pontiac School District is excited to welcome our students and staff back for five days of in-person instruction this fall! The information below outlines our strategies and protocols to best ensure our students, staff, and community remain safe and healthy during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. Please review and let your principal know if you have any questions.

These protocols are based on guidance and recommendations from the [Center for Disease Control \(CDC\)](#), [Michigan Department of Health and Human Services \(MDHHS\)](#) and the [Oakland County Health Division \(OCHD\)](#). The status of the pandemic continues to evolve. We will look to the guidance of these entities and will adjust our strategies accordingly as necessary.

### KEY MITIGATION STRATEGIES

- COVID-19 screenings and temperature checks upon arrival for all students, staff, and visitors
- Masking for students, staff, and visitors in all school district buildings for both vaccinated and non-vaccinated individuals per the CDC's recommendations
- Masking for all students and transportation staff on buses
- Masks will not be required during recess
- Desk shields for students and staff
- Social distancing of a minimum of 3 feet per the CDC's recommendations
- Continued extensive cleaning schedules utilizing COVID-19 killing disinfectants throughout the day at all schools
- Extensive deep cleaning at the end of each day
- Air Purifiers will remain in all classrooms and offices
- Isolation rooms for any students or staff exhibiting symptoms
- We will consider mask requirements for sports following any MHSAA recommendations
- Remote learning options will be offered to those who are unable to attend in person due to medical restrictions. Parents must contact [student.services@pontiacschools.org](mailto:student.services@pontiacschools.org) to apply for remote learning
- We will continue to follow the close contact exposure protocols recommended by the OCHD for more information click: [OCHD Self-Quarantine and Isolation Info](#)

### RECOMMENDATIONS

- Vaccinations are the best-known way to eradicate the COVID-19 pandemic. We encourage all individuals 5 and older to get vaccinated. We will continue to work with our local health partners to offer vaccine clinics and make our community aware of additional vaccination opportunities
- If anyone in your household is feeling ill or has been exposed to someone with COVID-19 we strongly encourage COVID-19 testing and following the recommended self-isolation guidelines. We will

continue to work with our local health partners to provide our community with resources on obtaining free testing

- We encourage our community to continue to be diligent in protecting themselves as best as possible by limiting gatherings and masking in recommended areas from the OCHD.

We will continue to monitor the evolution of the COVID-19 pandemic through the tracing of cases in our area and recommendations of the CDC, MDHHS and OCHD.