

# PPS RETURN TO LEARN

Piedmont Public Schools understands that students are excited to be back in the classroom, learning and experiencing the full adventure of school with their peers. We also know parents are anxious to understand the unknowns regarding the upcoming school year.

Over the course of the last year, the Piedmont Public Schools leadership team has worked closely with many different groups to make adjustments to protocols and procedures, while maintaining a safe and healthy climate for both students and employees. Many of the lessons learned have contributed to the current 2021-2022 Return to Learn plan. This plan includes:

## **SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES**

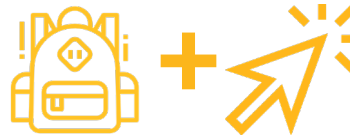
- Students with disabilities will be provided services based on their IEP or 504 educational plan
- IEP and 504 meetings may be conducted virtually or in-person



**TRADITIONAL  
IN-PERSON  
LEARNING**



**HYBRID LEARNING  
ENVIRONMENT**



**BLENDED LEARNING  
OPTION  
(GRADES 9-12 ONLY)**



**FULLY-ONLINE  
LEARNING  
PLATFORM**

The well-being of our students and staff is our top priority. We are aware regulations and situations concerning COVID-19 are changing daily. The plans we have in place now can rapidly change. If we are required to change our plans, we will communicate those changes with you by email, our website, phone call, and social media platforms. As we navigate and make choices that impact our school community, we are appreciative of your flexibility, patience, and support.



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## THE DEFAULT MODEL FOR ALL PPS STUDENTS



### TRADITIONAL IN-PERSON LEARNING

Traditional in-person learning will be available, unless conditions warrant otherwise.

- In-person instruction at school, 5 days per week
- Traditional academic school day
- Schoology learning management tool
- Seamless transition to hybrid learning when needed



### HYBRID LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

Hybrid learning will provide in-person and virtual learning during periods of student absence or campus closures. This can be due to COVID-19 outbreaks or other significant illnesses.

- Available for individual students during absence from the classroom
- Counts as a school day when student actively engages and completes assignments
- Available to all students during periods of campus closure
- Virtual coursework via Schoology
- Lessons, tutorials, & virtual supports included
- Opportunities for support and collaboration with teachers & peers



### BLENDED LEARNING OPTION (GRADES 9-12 ONLY)

Blended learning is available for all students grades 9-12. This option combines traditional on-campus classes with virtual coursework.

- Enrollment in specific, fully-online courses through Edmentum Courseware (6-12) aligned with Oklahoma Academic Standards
- Requires year-long commitment
- Learning plans are directed and monitored by Piedmont High School teachers.
- Transportation only available during regular a.m. & p.m. routes
- Application process required

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### FULLY-ONLINE LEARNING PLATFORM

The PPS Fully-Online Learning Platform is available for **ALL** Piedmont students grades K-12.

This is a great option for students who are immunocompromised or live with a family member who is immunocompromised.

- 100% Virtual
- Calvert (K-5) & Edmentum Courseware (6-12) aligned with Oklahoma Academic Standards
- Requires semester-long commitment with substantial commitment by both the student & parent/guardian
- Daily virtual check-in sessions (Grades K-5), weekly progress monitoring per subject (Grades 6-12)
- Quality digital resources, step-by-step plans, & progress tracking -- all with the support of a certified Piedmont teacher

**Visit**  
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## PHYSICAL HEALTH

The health and wellness of our students and staff is our top priority. We appreciate everyone working together to keep our schools safe and healthy.

- Vaccinations are encouraged, but not required, for all who are eligible.
- Vaccination opportunities for both staff and students will be provided in collaboration with health and wellness partners.
- No student with a temperature of 100 degrees or higher may enter ANY Piedmont School facility.
- Students will utilize the hybrid learning environment (Schoology) due to COVID-19 related absence.
- If a student actively engages in the hybrid learning environment and completes their daily assignments, they will not receive an absence.
- Regular hand washing, respiratory etiquette (covering sneezes and coughs), and other recommended hygiene practices will be enforced and taught.
- Seating charts will be enforced in classrooms across the district.
- Students exhibiting fever or other symptoms of COVID-19 will be isolated and parents will be required to pick their student up. The student may return when all of the following have been met:
  - The student has been appropriately treated by a physician.
  - The student is fever-free without medications for at least 24 hours.
  - The student's symptoms are improving.
  - The student has been given written medical approval to return to their school site.
- Families are **STRONGLY** encouraged to begin establishing their secondary childcare plans in the event of extended student absence or during periods of campus closure .
- District nurses and health and wellness partners will provide COVID symptom screenings and testing resources.



## MASK POLICY

- **Masks or facial coverings are strongly recommended for ALL staff and students at school and on buses.**
- In compliance with Senate Bill 658, masks may be required if a state of emergency is declared for Canadian County and after consultation with county and/or state health department officials.



## CLEANING & SANITATION PROTOCOLS

- Increased cleaning and sanitation protocols will be continued across the district.
- Electrostatic systems will be used to disinfect classrooms and buses daily (kills 99.9% of bacteria and viruses), as needed.
- Hand sanitizer will be available in classrooms and common areas.
- Disinfectant will be used daily in classrooms, on doorknobs, and other frequently used surfaces.



## BREAKFAST & LUNCH

- Students will eat in the cafeteria and resume lunches, as normal. Visitors will not be permitted in cafeterias at this time.
- Breakfast and lunch are free to all students for the 2021-22 school year.



# PPS COVID-19 GUIDELINES

## COVID-19 ISOLATION & QUARANTINE GUIDELINES & RECOMMENDATIONS

The following guidelines have been adopted in accordance to guidelines set forth by the CDC and Oklahoma State Department of Health.

### COVID-19 STATUS

### GUIDELINES

#### POSITIVE COVID-19 TEST & SHOWING SYMPTOMS

If you test positive for COVID-19, regardless of vaccination status, **ISOLATE**.

Stay home until ALL of the following criteria have been achieved:

1. Five days have passed since symptoms first appeared.
2. Symptoms are improving.
3. If fever is present, stay home until 24 hours have passed since fever has resolved without the use of fever-reducing medications.

Once you have met this criteria, you are released from isolation, but it is **recommended you wear a well-fitting mask for an additional 5 days when around other people.**

**Wearing a mask is very important for this updated isolation guidance to prevent spread in the community.**

Individuals who are unable to wear a mask should isolate for 10 days or can be exempt from the situations that prevent mask wearing (e.g., sports, choir, band, etc.). We recognize there are situations in which masks may not be worn: sports, choir, band, special needs classrooms, lunch time, and snack/break time. During these times it would be recommended to use other mitigation measures such as social distancing.

#### POSITIVE COVID-19 TEST & NOT SHOWING SYMPTOMS

If you test positive for COVID-19, regardless of vaccination status, **ISOLATE**.

Stay home until ALL of the following criteria have been achieved:

1. 5 days have passed since the date of your COVID-19 test was collected.
2. No COVID-19 symptoms have developed since you were tested.

*If symptoms develop, it is recommended you follow the criteria for someone with COVID-19 symptoms.*

Once you have met this criteria, you are released from isolation, but it is **recommended you wear a well-fitting mask for an additional 5 days when around other people.**

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If you have been in close contact with someone diagnosed with COVID-19 and are not having any symptoms, it is recommended to choose one of the following actions based on your vaccination or previous infection status.

##### Vaccination Status:

1. You have received your booster, OR...
2. You have completed the primary series of Pfizer or Moderna vaccine within the last 6 months, OR...
3. You have completed the primary series of J&J vaccine within the last 2 months, OR...
4. You were lab positive for COVID-19 within the last 90 days

You should:

- Wear a well-fitting mask around others for 10 days from your last date of exposure.
- Test on day 5 from your exposure, if possible.

*If you develop symptoms, get tested and stay home.*

##### Vaccination Status:

1. You completed the primary series of Pfizer or Moderna vaccine more than 6 months ago and are not boosted, OR...
2. You completed the primary series of J&J vaccine more than 2 months ago and are not boosted, OR...
3. You are unvaccinated or have not completed a primary vaccine series.

You should:

- It is recommended you stay home for 5 days from your last date of exposure. After that, wear a well-fitting mask around others for 5 additional days.
- If you can't quarantine, it is recommended you wear a well-fitting mask for 10 days from your last date of exposure.
- Test on day 5 from your exposure, if possible.

*If you develop symptoms, get tested and stay home.*

#### EXPOSURE/CLOSE CONTACT TO COVID-19 & SHOWING SYMPTOMS

If you have been in close contact with someone diagnosed with COVID-19 and develop symptoms, get tested and stay home.



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## ASSESSING SYMPTOMATIC PERSONS FOR COVID-19

Checking students and staff for COVID-19 symptoms can pose challenges given the similarities between certain COVID-19 symptoms and seasonal allergies; challenges with younger persons recognizing when they are sick due to mild symptoms; and the fact that some persons may have COVID-19 and not have any symptoms at all.

PPS will utilize the following assessment tool provided by OSDH and OSDE to determine when someone should be kept home or sent home from school and/or tested for COVID-19:

<b>"A" SYMPTOMS</b>	<b>"B" SYMPTOMS</b>
<b>Fever <math>\geq 100^{\circ}\text{F}</math></b>	<b>Nasal Congestion/Stuffy Nose</b>
<b>Sore Throat</b>	<b>Runny Nose</b>
<b>Cough</b>	<b>Muscle/Body Aches</b>
<b>Difficulty Breathing</b>	<b>Fatigue</b>
<b>New Loss of Taste or Smell</b>	<b>Chills</b>
	<b>Nausea</b>
	<b>Loss of Appetite</b>
	<b>Elevated Temperature <math>&lt; 100^{\circ}\text{F}</math></b>
	<b>New Onset of Severe Headache</b>
	<b>Diarrhea or Vomiting</b>

### RECOMMEND COVID-19 TESTING WHEN:

**Person has 1 "A" Symptom OR**

**Person has 3 "B" Symptoms**



Individuals exhibiting one symptom from List A or three or more symptoms from List B will not be permitted at school for five days from the onset of symptoms or with a negative COVID-19 test (performed by a medical professional) or medical doctor's statement clearing the student for return.

