4 - Closure of School Facilities

The goal of the 2021-2022 school year will be to maintain full-time, in-person learning for as many students as possible for as long possible while maintaining a safe and healthy environment.

In case the local situation changes dramatically, and in order to be prepared and provide a safe, high quality educational experience for its students, Poland Central School District has developed contingency plans, protocols, and procedures for decreasing the scale or scope of inperson education, or closing its buildings to in-person activities and/or instruction as a result of increased numbers of COVID-19 cases, community transmission, exposures, etc.

Operational Activity

Poland Central School District will make all decisions based on which operations will be decreased, or ceased and which activities it may conduct remotely based on the level of community spread, local vaccination rates, and directions from the local health department, as informed by guidance from the Centers for Disease Control. This could be any of the following, depending on the situation:

- Cancelling of Extracurricular Activities/Sports
- Limiting capacity of buses
- Implementing screening COVID-19 testing protocols for unvaccinated students and staff
- Switch to Remote Learning (fully or hybrid)
- Implementing diagnostic COVID-19 testing
- Closing of Building(s) to all outside visitors
- Implementing strict cohort models or removing use of lockers
- Several strategies used in 2020-2021 when school community members (whether students or employees) had increased quarantine and/or potential exposure to a person with COVID-19.

Communication

Poland Central School District will communicate internally and externally in a variety of ways regarding potential changes in the way it is operating, including letters sent home, emails, social media posts, and through the use of the district's "all call" messenger system. We have two resources: School Messenger and Parent Square.

Poland Central School District has also developed a COVID-19 Information resource within our "QUICKLINKS" and will post letters using the announcements heading when information closures to in-person learning and/or the phased closure of school activities occurs.