



Health and Safety Plan Summary Update: Portersville Christian School

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Portersville Christian School is committed to returning to school with a learning environment that is as normal as possible while still being safe and responsible regarding COVID-19. PCS will continue to monitor the COVID-19 cases routinely, as we have been doing throughout the pandemic. In addition, the administration team will continue to review the current recommendations from the CDC and the Pennsylvania Department of Health (DOH) each week. After reviewing the recommendations, our Health Advisory Board may be consulted for clarification and guidance on how to best proceed within the Warrior Family. We will be making additional information and resources available on our website in the next few days.



Masks

Due to the order by the DOH face coverings are required at Portersville Christian School while indoors regardless of vaccination status by all students, staff, and teachers. Per the order, masks will not be required while eating or drinking, during PE or participating in physical activity, or outdoors. You can see the complete order from the DOH [here](#). Exemptions as outlined by the DOH will be accepted.



Social Distancing

We will continue to operate a normal 5-day instructional schedule. At this time, we will not be offering remote learning options. We will continue to promote social distancing in the classroom. Students who are seated and distanced are permitted to take mask breaks. Should the cases of COVID-19 increase, we will move into a more conservative phase which includes things such as limiting student movement when possible and increasing distance at lunch.



Handwashing and Respiratory Etiquette

Presentations on handwashing and respiratory etiquette will be presented to all students. In addition, signage and reminders will be provided. Hand sanitizer will continue to be available in all classrooms and throughout the hallways.



Cleaning

PCS will continue to clean our facilities during the day diligently and after school each evening to the best of our ability. Areas where an individual with a confirmed case was located will be disinfected and more deeply. All staff will be encouraged to open windows as feasible and run their classroom air purifiers. In addition, those with HVAC systems will be encouraged to run those to bring in outside air.



Contact Tracing and Quarantine

The school nurses will continue to trace when cases are identified and inform parents. As required, all contact tracing information is reported to the Pennsylvania DOH. The school will follow quarantine and isolation practices set forth by state and local health departments. Per the CDC's new guidance, masking and vaccination can help to eliminate quarantine or shorten the duration required.



Diagnostic Screening

Students, staff, and visitors will continue to be reminded about the importance of "self-check" before coming on to school property. Individuals exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19 will be requested to remain at home. Please do not come to school if you are ill. PCS nurses will still be monitoring attendance and taking proactive steps to mitigate risk.



Vaccinations for the Warrior Family

PCS does not require vaccinations at this time for employees or students. We will disseminate information regarding local and community health resources upon receipt of such information.

We will continue to modify this plan as we receive additional guidance, mandates, and information. Thank you for your prayers and patience as we strive to provide our students with a distinctively Christian, academically excellent education.