

## F. A.Q.

### **IMPORTANT: When do I keep my child home from school?**

- *Feeling unwell*
- *Temperature at or above 100.1*
- *Vomiting or Diarrhea*
- *Body aches*
- *Runny or stuffy nose*
- *Cough*

***\*Please refer to the CDC Guidelines for COVID related illness.***

***While we understand this may result in increased absenteeism, we encourage all students who feel unwell to participate in the PCA virtual learning platform to avoid learning loss while recovering at home.***

**1. Do students need to wear a mask?** *Yes, while on the bus, in the hallways, entering and leaving school, and while in open areas where social distancing is difficult. Masks will be strongly recommended, but not required while in the classrooms. They will also be strongly recommended while third and fourth grade students are changing classes.*

**2. Are goggles required?** *NO, goggles are not required but allowed by parent choice.*

**3. Do students get their temperature checked?** *Yes, students will be screened before entering the building, when entering the bus each morning, and again during lunch.*

**4. How many virtual students per classroom?** *This varies by grade-level based on the number of students participating in virtual education.*

**5. Can parents volunteer or walk their child to class?** *No, parents and community members will not be permitted to enter the main school building. Parents needing to pick up students early will need to show ID at the front door, and a PCA staff member will bring the student to your car. Early student pickup cutoff is 2:30 PM. Meetings with administration will be done by appointment only.*

**6. Are students allowed to use the restroom as needed or by schedule?** *Currently, grades K and 1 will have set bathroom times but will allow students to go for emergency use. Since masks are required in the hallways, bathroom use will be monitored but not restricted.*

**7. What happens if a child or staff member tests positive for COVID?** *The student or staff member will be isolated immediately if on campus. The school will contact the health department to begin the process of contact tracing. If the student was on campus in class within 2 days of their positive diagnosis, it is highly likely that the health department will require that the classroom unit be closed for 14 days. Should this occur, all families in the unit will be notified of the potential exposure and instructed to begin online learning for the duration of the unit closure. Areas used by the exposed student or staff member will be thoroughly cleaned and disinfected before reopening.*

**8. Does a child or teacher who tests positive for COVID need a negative COVID test to return to school?** *No, PCA is adopting a symptom-based return-to-school strategy for those students that have exhibited symptoms of COVID-19 and have been directed to care for themselves at home by a healthcare professional,*

and a time-based strategy for those students who have not exhibited symptoms but have tested positive or those that have had close contact with someone confirmed to have COVID-19.

1. *Symptom-based Strategy: Those students with COVID-19 who have exhibited symptoms of the disease and have been directed to remain at home by a healthcare professional may not return to school until:*
  - *At least 3 days (72 hours) have passed since recovery, defined as resolution of fever without the use of fever-reducing medications and improvement in respiratory symptoms (e.g., cough, shortness of breath); and,*
  - *At least 10 days have passed since symptoms first appeared.*
2. *Time-based Strategy (Tested Positive for COVID-19): Those students that have tested positive for COVID-19, but have not exhibited symptoms of the disease may not return to the workplace until:*
  - *At least 10 days have passed since the date of the student's positive COVID-19 diagnostic test (assuming the student has not subsequently developed symptoms since the positive test).*
    - *If the student has developed symptoms since their positive test, then the symptom-based strategy outlined above shall apply.*
3. *Time-based Strategy (Close Contact with COVID-19 or International Travel): Those students that have had close contact with someone who is confirmed to have COVID-19 or have traveled internationally may not return to school until:*
  - *At least 14 days have passed since the student's last contact with the person confirmed to have COVID-19; or*
  - *At least 14 days have passed since the student returned to the United States.*

*\*NEGATIVE TEST RESULTS: PCA recognizes that testing for COVID-19 may be difficult due to the availability of ample testing supplies, laboratory capacity, and lack of convenient access.*

*Students may return to school, regardless of the policy outlined above, by providing PCA with the negative results of an FDA Emergency Use Authorized COVID-19 molecular assay for detection of SARS-CoV-2 RNA from at least two consecutive respiratory specimens collected  $\geq 24$  hours apart (a total of two negative specimens).*

## **9. What health and safety enhancements have been added to the building?**

- *Hand Sanitizer stations installed in all classrooms and buses*
- *Fogging equipment for buses, classrooms, and PE equipment*
- *Floor signage installed inside and outside for social distancing*
- *Wall signage installed to remind students on proper hand-washing procedures*
- *The clinic will be used for any student exhibiting COVID-like symptoms*
- *Enhanced evening cleaning schedule with additional staff*
- *Staff provided with masks, gloves, and classroom cleaning supplies*
- *UV disinfecting light is provided in the clinic.*
- *Automatic water bottle filling stations installed*
- *No communal classroom supplies*
- *Breakfast and Lunch delivered to classrooms*

**If you have any other questions or concerns, please email Mrs. Patterson at [dpatterson@pcaedu.org](mailto:dpatterson@pcaedu.org).**