



READY to Return Plan - August 2020

Questions and Answers



Return to Learn

1. What are the instructional options for students during the 20/21 school year?

PCSD returns for learning on August 20, 2020. All students will be assigned an in-person learning teacher or schedule. Families that prefer to enroll their student(s) for remote learning will need to complete a [remote learning request form](#). We understand families may be unsure about choosing an instructional model or may have needs that can be addressed by meeting with a counselor. [Click here](#) to learn more about instructional choices this year.

2. Will in-person learning teachers also teach remote learning students?

Whenever possible, teachers *will not* teach both in-person and remotely. This will depend on enrollment numbers for remote learning. Remote learning is conducted asynchronously through technology (i.e. electronic assignments, discussion boards, and online assessments) and will not be live virtual streaming from a classroom. A remote learning teacher will work with students who will follow a daily schedule which includes instruction, check-ins, and monitoring of learning.

3. Will attendance be taken?

Attendance is an important part of learning and will be taken for students participating in both in-person and remote learning. During the COVID-19 pandemic, students and staff should not hesitate to stay home when feeling sick. Staying healthy and supporting the health of others is a priority over perfect attendance. No student will be penalized for absences.

4. What if my student is absent from in-person learning?

During this next school year, teachers will prepare hybrid-style lessons that in-person students can access while they are in class and online. This is necessary to help ensure that students who are absent from class can continue to participate in learning. Unlike remote learning, however, in-person teachers will not teach absent students online but will upload class notes, readings, and assignments via an updated Canvas or Seesaw page.



Enhanced Hygiene

5. What are the requirements for face coverings?

Any person entering a school or district facility will be required to wear a face covering. PCSD will provide in-person learning students with two (2) CDC compliant, antimicrobial, gator-style face coverings so that one can be worn while the other is laundered. Staff members will be provided with face coverings including gators, face masks and face shields.

6. What if a student comes to school without a face covering?

Buses, schools and district facilities will have disposable masks available if a student forgets to wear a face covering.

7. Can a student wear any type of mask or face covering to school?

A face covering can be a cloth mask or plastic face shield that covers both the nose and mouth. A cloth face covering is secured to the head with ties, straps, or ear loops, or is wrapped around the lower face. Cloth face coverings can be made of synthetic or natural fabrics. Information on how to make and properly care for face coverings can be found on the [CDC website](#). Two 'gaiter style' face coverings will be provided to each student and staff member; however, additional disposable face coverings will be available on the buses and on-site.

8. When is it appropriate *not* to wear a face covering?

There will be times when it is appropriate for a student to remove their face covering (PE/recess, band, choir etc.). Coverings may also be removed when individuals eat or drink. Students will be directed by a teacher or member of the school staff when it is appropriate to remove face coverings. Individuals with a medical condition, mental health condition, or disability that prevents them from wearing a face covering are exempt from this order. A medical directive verifying the need for an exemption must be provided. Requests for exemption are made by contacting the student's school office. PCSD will systematically review all current Individual Healthcare plans, Individualized Education Plans, and Section 504 plans to update care plans as needed. For more information, see the [State Public Health Order Regarding Face Coverings in K-12 Schools FAQ Sheet](#). And this additional information sheet: [Tips for Face Coverings](#) at school.

9. What if individuals do not comply with the face covering order?

Wearing a face covering is a temporary measure while we wait for a vaccine to be developed. Masks have the best chance of stopping the spread of droplets from one person to another and the quickest way to get back to normal. To ensure compliance with the face covering order, students can be sent home for not wearing a face covering.

10. What does increased handwashing look like in schools?

One of the most effective ways to reduce infection with COVID-19 is to wash hands frequently and effectively by washing with soap and water for at least 20 seconds or using a hand sanitizer (60% alcohol). Handwashing will be increased and expected at specific times of the day including: arrival and departure, at transition times such as before and after meals, and after using the restroom. Schools will have and communicate handwashing procedures with families.



Anyone With Symptoms Stays Home

11. Will schools screen students and staff for COVID-19 symptoms?

The most effective way to reduce the spread of COVID-19 is to avoid being exposed. An important partnership exists between families and schools to ensure that regular symptom checking occurs prior to entering a bus, school or district facility. It is the responsibility of families and staff members to conduct regular daily health checks prior to coming to school and ensure that **individuals who exhibit symptoms or are ill should remain at home**. Information about COVID-19 symptoms can be found on the [CDC website](#).

12. What will happen when a student is symptomatic at school?

It is the responsibility of schools to privately address individuals who exhibit visible symptoms. When a teacher or staff member notices a student with visible symptoms of illness, the teacher or staff member will follow school procedures to ensure the student is seen by the nurse. Every school will have a designated area or room where students can be physically separated from others. Students will remain in the area, supervised by an employee, until a parent or guardian is able to pick them up.

13. If a student or employee at a school is exposed to or tests positive for COVID-19, will the school be closed?

PCSD works in partnership with the Summit County Health Department who will make decisions about closures on a case by case basis. If an individual school, a cluster, or the entire district is forced to close, instruction will shift to 100% remote learning. More information can be found in the [Utah Department of Health COVID-19 School Manual](#).

14. Is there a plan for contact tracing when a student, teacher or staff member is diagnosed with COVID-19?

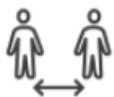
The PCSD Ready to Return Plan outlines contact tracing requirements. Contact tracing means that a standardized notification will be sent to individuals who have been within six (6) feet of an individual who has tested positive for COVID-19 for more than fifteen (15) minutes or longer. Our trained school nurses will be responsible for overseeing the contact tracing process for our schools. Teachers have a role in supporting contact tracing by retaining an accurate seating chart, taking daily attendance, and maintaining smaller group seating assignments for meal times and recess. If a staff member or student tests positive for COVID19, there is a step-by-step guide for schools from the [Utah Department of Health](#) as well as aligned guidance from the Utah School Nurses Association.

15. Will visitors and volunteers be allowed in schools?

To help reduce potential exposures in our schools, visitors and volunteers will be limited to essential only. Any visitor or volunteer must check-in at the school office, answer symptom screening questions, and wear a face covering. Visitors and volunteers who enter the school will document the specific school area they will visit and remain there so that contact tracing is possible, if necessary.

16. When can a student or staff member return to school after absence due to COVID-19 illness, symptoms, or quarantine?

Families and staff members will work with school nurses to ensure a healthy school environment following official guidance from the Summit County Health Department. Details regarding returning to school after symptoms or illness can be found in the [Utah Department of Health COVID-19 School Manual](#).



Distancing Measures

17. How will classrooms be arranged for physical distancing?

All seating will be arranged so that students face forward. Desks will be spread out as much as possible in classrooms. Table seating will be reduced and plexiglass shielding will be used. Extra furniture will be removed to maximize space so that physical distancing is possible. Classes of larger size in secondary schools will be moved and conducted in areas of the school where greater physical distancing is possible. Secondary schools will utilize guidance specific to elective courses such as music and PE where there is an increased risk of exposure.

18. How will arrival and departure be handled? Is there a plan to control flow of movement in hallways?

School administrators have developed plans to address arrival, departure, and transition times for their schools. Students will use designated areas to enter and exit buildings and will report directly to their class. Families can help support schools by closely observing starting and

ending times so that students will not need to linger in buildings. Bell schedules will be adjusted to reduce the number of students in hallways with floor markings and signage to direct traffic. Arrival, departure, and transition times will have increased supervision to address student congregation or areas of congestion.

19. How will meals be served at school?

Meals will continue to be served at schools and students will be able to bring meals from home. Meals from home can not be refrigerated or heated at school. Each school will have and communicate a meal service plan for their building. Meal times will be staggered and physical distancing will be implemented whenever possible. Open area spaces will be utilized to reduce group sizes and increase physical distancing. Cafeterias will have markings for physical spacing in service lines with additional floor markings and signage to direct traffic. Students will wash hands before and after meals with cleaning and disinfecting before, after, and during meal service. Students and staff members should not bring food to share with others that is not prepackaged and purchased from a store. Potlucks for staff are not permitted.

20. How will students remain safe on the bus?

Families will be asked to conduct a daily wellness check before students enter the bus. The district will provide communication to emphasize expectations for 6' physical distancing while gathering at bus stops. All buses will display signage emphasizing the need for symptom screening and keeping students with symptoms home. All passengers will be required to wear face coverings. Students without face coverings will be provided one. Bus drivers and aides will follow the same health and safety measures as employees at schools. Bus passengers will have assigned seating with as much physical spacing between passengers as possible, with loading starting at the back of the bus. Hand sanitizer dispensers will be mounted on all buses. Buses will be sanitized after each use.

21. Will elementary students still be able to participate in recess?

Students will continue to be able to participate in recess with physical distancing requirements in place. Grade levels and classes will be assigned specific times and areas for use on the playground. Each school will have and communicate plans for recess. Playground equipment may be closed for student use depending on guidance received throughout the year. If playground equipment is closed, areas will be marked off and inaccessible for students. If playground equipment is opened, it will be disinfected daily. We anticipate that a gradual release of responsibility based on student age may be employed with open/close playset use. Preschool students have their own equipment which will be frequently sanitized.

22. Is PCSD participating in fall sports and activities sanctioned by the Utah High School Athletic Association (UHSAA)?

Yes, fall sports and activities will occur. PCSD will follow regulations provided by USHAA and the Summit County Health Department to ensure athletes and coaches can safely participate. Students enrolled in remote learning will be able to participate in fall sports and activities.

23. Will after-school clubs, activities, and programs be available during the 20/21 school year?

Being involved in a club or activity is a great way for a student to feel connected at school. Schools will provide information about available after-school programming. All after-school activities will follow the health and safety guidelines used during the school day and as regulated by the State of Utah, Utah Leads Together plan. Students enrolled in remote learning will be able to participate in after-school clubs, activities, and programs.



Yes! Added Cleaning and Disinfection

24. How will schools be cleaned and disinfected?

Reducing the risk of exposure to COVID-19 by cleaning and disinfecting is an important part of reopening schools for in-person learning. PCSD is taking several steps to ensure a clean environment for students and staff beginning with the procurement of EPA approved disinfectant products for cleaning and disinfecting. Custodial staff have been trained on recommended cleaning and disinfecting considerations and cleaning schedules will be followed. Touch surfaces such as desks, chairs, door handles, switches, etc. will be cleaned and disinfected daily. Restroom touchpoints will be cleaned and disinfected a minimum of twice each day. Classroom protocols and procedures will be in place to wipe down high touch surfaces as well as student materials and equipment. Contract cleaning support has been secured for each school to meet the additional demands on custodians.

25. Are the cleaning supplies and chemicals being used harmful?

The supplies used in our schools and buildings are safe when they are used as directed. Only industry approved cleaning solutions that are effective and safe will be used for facility sanitation and touch point cleaning. Use of cleaning chemicals in all facilities is in accordance with OSHA guidelines and other government regulations.

26. Will students share supplies and equipment?

To prevent contamination, sharing of items will be limited, especially for items that are difficult to clean or disinfect. Students will have their own materials and supplies which will be kept in an assigned desk or area. Individual student belongings that students bring from home will be separated from other student belongings and kept in individually labeled containers, cubbies, or designated areas. Each day, students will use disinfecting wipes to clean personal items, hard surfaces, and shared supplies such as equipment for enrichment or elective courses.