

PIKE COUNTY SCHOOL CORPORATION

BACK TO SCHOOL PLAN: 2021-2022



PCSC is committed to providing a high-quality education within supportive learning environments to all students. This plan includes guidelines for addressing the impact and spread of Covid-19. As of July 1, 2021, implementing these measures will become the responsibility of local school boards. **With these changes in mind, PCSC reaffirms our commitment to providing in-person instruction, ensuring continuous student support and the greatest opportunity for academic success.**

Educational bodies are encouraged to follow CDC guidance and PCSC will continue to respond to future mandates issued by the Governor. Communication and coordination with the Pike County Health Department will be ongoing. These factors, as well as significant increases in local spread, may result in changes to this plan.

The flexible framework detailed below illustrates the menu of options PCSC will use to address school functions, depending on local community spread, the state’s designations, and factors such as excessive student or staff absence due to illness. Some or all of the options shown within each model may be implemented in one or multiple buildings throughout the 2021-2022 school year.

Level of Community Spread	Minimal Spread	Moderate / Substantial Spread		High Spread	
Instructional Model	In-Person	In-Person	Hybrid	In-Person	Remote
	School Buildings Open – traditional classroom learning and schedules, with preventative practices in place.	School Buildings Open – traditional classroom learning with more intensive mitigation strategies. Encourage enhanced social distancing.	Staggered Use of School Buildings- alternating schedules with students attending in-person on assigned days, while completing work remotely from home on the other days.	Cohorting of students, increased social distancing, and mandatory masking are recommended.	Targeted Closure- isolate and disinfect specific areas. <i>OR</i> Short-Term Closure- close building(s) for deep cleaning. <i>OR</i> Extended Closure- Close building(s) for at least 14 days *Remote Learning in place for students impacted
				Hybrid	
				Staggered attendance of staff and students.	

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Prevention Measures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students and staff should self-assess for Covid-19 symptoms daily. • STAY HOME IF YOU ARE SICK. Students and employees should remain home if someone in the household has Covid-19 symptoms or is being tested. • Teach and practice good hygiene, such as hand washing, covering coughs, etc. • Masks will be provided and encouraged, and students and staff may bring masks and hand sanitizer from home. <i>In the event of a statewide mask order, we will follow the requirements outlined in the order.</i> • The school will also encourage good hygiene by posting reminders and signage throughout the buildings. • Hand sanitizer will be provided throughout the schools, to include restrooms, classrooms, cafeterias, and frequently traveled areas and hallways. • All high touch points will be frequently cleaned and sanitized throughout the day and after each use for shared items. Additional cleaning and sanitizing of school each evening. • Bottle Filling Stations are to be used in place of traditional water fountains. • Unnecessary congregations of students and staff will be limited. • Submit plans to Pike Co. Health Dept. for recurring or special events. • Follow any IHSAA, ISSMA or other ECA governing bodies' guidelines for performing and practices. • Visitors and volunteers will be limited when students are present and all must complete a screening process before entering a school building. 	<p>All measures still in place from the Green model, plus the following options:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduced student and staff travel within buildings • Cohorting of students • Hybrid learning model • One mid-week day with no students or staff present to deep clean.
		<p>High Spread</p> <p>All measures in place from Green and Yellow models, plus the following options:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hybrid or Remote learning • Closing of School Building(s) • <i>Communication between PCSC and families is of the utmost importance. Information will be shared via social media, website, phone calls, app notifications, and emails.</i> • Continue practicing preventive measures and good hygiene.

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Masks and Contact Tracing (all models)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students and staff are encouraged to wear masks, but they are not required. <i>In the event of a statewide or local mask mandate, we will follow the requirements outlined in the order.</i> Masks will be available on buses and within all PCSC buildings, for those who did not bring a mask from home. We will meet contact tracing requirements, if any, according to the guidelines currently in place. IDOE attendance guidelines will be followed for students who are absent due to a Covid-19 related reason. 		
Transportation (all models)	<p>Social Distancing is NOT possible on buses. Therefore, standard operating procedures are in place as preventative measures, including the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increased cleaning and disinfecting of frequently touched surfaces. Assigned seats to allow for tracing, if necessary. We encourage students and staff to wear masks, but they are not required. <i>In the event of a statewide or local mask mandate, we will follow the requirements outlined in the order.</i> The morning unloading and afternoon loading of buses will be altered to reduce the crowding and waiting of students during these periods of time. Students will not transfer buses once they are on-board. Parents who are able are encouraged to bring/pickup their children to and from school to reduce the crowding of buses. Parents will arrange for their children to be picked up and dropped off at designated addresses only. No unnecessary or last-minute changes. 		
Food Service (all models)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hand washing before and after meal service will be encouraged. Hand sanitizer will be provided for students and staff. Cafeteria tables and high touch areas will be cleaned and sanitized throughout the day. Single-serve and pre-wrapped items and utensils will be used, when appropriate. Students will be served a grab-and-go breakfast in their classrooms, when appropriate. Items will be allergy-friendly. 		

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Supporting Teaching and Learning (all models)	<p><u>Classrooms:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Schedules will be adjusted to reduce large class sizes, when possible. Students will be spaced 3 ft. apart and facing forward within classrooms, to the extent possible without hindering the educational process. Assigned seating will be utilized in all classes, with student cohorting implemented when merited by local spread. Routines for sanitizing hands and desks will be established, in addition to the daily cleaning of all instructional areas. <p><u>Hybrid and Remote:</u></p> <p><i>When learning from home, the following expectations apply:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chromebooks are provided to all K-12 students, in the event of hybrid or remote learning, as well as during a student quarantine. Assistance with internet access is available, but must be requested by parents. Due dates will be upheld unless pre-arranged exceptions are granted by the teacher. Any technical or other issues need to be communicated to the teacher immediately. <p><u>Additional Support:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Additional instructional supports will be provided to students who are academically or socially/emotionally at-risk and students with disabilities. Strategies will be in place to utilize data and instructional practices to track student academic growth and monitor progress. Social/Emotional programming will be in place to support the overall well-being of all students. Feedback, in the form of grades or other communication, will be reported weekly. <p><u>Virtual Learning, as offered during the 2020-2021 school year, IS NOT available for the 2021-2022 school year.</u></p>		

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Protecting Vulnerable Populations (all models)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All federal, state, and local guidelines will be followed, as well as adherence to FERPA and HIPAA requirements. Adherence to state and federal employment law will be maintained. • Identify local Covid-19 testing sites. Offer BinaxNOW testing, as available. • Maintain dialogue with guardians of vulnerable students to meet academic, , and physical needs. 		
Communication (all models)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PCSC will meet all requirements related to communication with other state and local agencies. • PCSC will maintain any relevant information and current guidelines, ensuring such resources are available and accessible to our students and families. 		
Vaccinations (all models)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Currently, the Covid-19 vaccine is not listed as a required vaccine by the Indiana State Department of Health, but <u>is</u> the CDC's leading public health prevention strategy to end the pandemic. Should the vaccine become a requirement, religious and medical exemptions will be followed, as with all other vaccines. • Information about the Covid-19 vaccination will be made available to parents and guardians. 		
Illness (all models)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anyone exhibiting Covid-19 symptoms during school will be assessed by the school nurse and wait in the designated isolation room. ONLY essential staff will be allowed in the room, to include the school nurse or designee. A record of who enters the room will be kept. Appropriate PPE must be worn. The room will be disinfected frequently. • School nurses will use <i>nurse medical judgment</i> to communicate next steps to parents. • Strict social distancing (6ft) will be required for ill students/staff. • Students being picked up by parents/guardians will be walked outside upon the guardian's arrival • If a student or adult tests positive for Covid-19, we will follow the protocol established by the ISDH. 		