

Piedmont Classical High School

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CORONAVIRUS UPDATES FOR STAFF

- 1. Rumor Control! The administrative team is getting our information from the State Department of Health and Human Services, the Guilford County Health Department, and the CDC. Please be careful about sharing unverified information.
- 2. The school is strategically wiping down all surfaces that have excessive contact (doorknobs) with disinfectant daily.
- 3. If you are sick, please stay home or go home if you are already at school. We will work to get coverage for your class if you leave school.
- 4. Sick students will also have parents contacted to pick them up and keep them home if sick. They will be sequestered in the conference room until the parent arrives.
- 5. Additional disinfectant wipes have been ordered; additional hand soap and sanitizer have also been ordered.
- 6. Posters on how to decrease the spread of disease (from the CDC) have been posted throughout the school.
- 7. If there is a report of a case of COVID-19 in Guilford County, PCHS will discuss with the Guilford County Health Department for their guidance.
- 8. If an ill student or staff member attended school prior to being confirmed as a COVID-19 case, the school will be dismissed for complete disinfectant cleaning before students are staff are allowed back.

Temporarily dismissing school is a strategy to stop or slow the further spread of COVID-19. If the Administration and the Board in collaboration with the Health Department make the decision to dismiss school for a period of time, staff will continue to come to work. The Administration will work with staff on an online/virtual learning experience for students using Edgenuity, Google Classroom, Google Hangouts, Zoom, or another online/virtual tool.

- Staff will not be traveling out of the state until the community spread of COVID-19 has slowed
- Check your Spring Break travel plans: American are recommended to avoid travel to China, Japan, South Korea, and most European Countries (See CDC Travel in Europe). If you choose to travel to one of these countries, you must stay home for 14 days after returning.
- Cruise Ship Travel: The US Department of State recommends against cruise ship travel. The US
 Government is advising US travelers to defer cruise travel currently. Cruise ship travelers may
 have to stay home for 14 days.



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STRATEGIES TO COMBAT CONTAGIOUS DISEASES

At this time, Piedmont Classical High School is following directions from NCDPI, the NC DHHS, and the CDC. We have ordered additional sanitizing wipes and the school has soap in all bathrooms and hand sanitizer throughout the building. If you have any questions about our regimen, please contact Angela Jackson, ajackson@piedmontclassical.com, Director of Operations.

The tips and resources below will help you learn about steps you can take to help stop the spread of germs.

1. Avoid close contact.

Avoid close contact with people who are sick. When you are sick, keep your distance from others to protect them from getting sick too.

2. Stay home when you are sick.

If possible, stay home from work, school, and errands when you are sick. This will help prevent spreading your illness to others.

3. Cover your mouth and nose.

Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when coughing or sneezing. It may prevent those around you from getting sick. Flu and other serious respiratory illnesses, like respiratory syncytial virus (RSV), whooping cough, and severe acute respiratory syndrome (SARS), are spread by cough, sneezing, or unclean hands.

4. No Handshakes.

Use elbow bums to avoid contact with others

5. Clean your hands.

Washing your hands often will help protect you from germs. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand rub.

- Handwashing: Clean Hands Save Lives
 - Tips on hand washing and using alcohol-based hand sanitizers
- It's a SNAP Toolkit: Handwashing

Hand washing resources from the "It's A SNAP" program, aimed at preventing school absenteeism by promoting clean hands. From the School Network for Absenteeism Prevention, a collaborative project of the CDC, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and the American Cleaning Institute.

6. Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth.

Germs are often spread when a person touches something that is contaminated with germs and then touches his or her eyes, nose, or mouth.

7. Practice other good health habits.

Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces at home, work or school, especially when someone is ill. Get plenty of sleep, be physically active, manage your stress, drink plenty of fluids, and eat nutritious food.