

# REOPENING QUESTIONS

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It is the intent of PASD to allow all students to return to instruction in the safest way possible. The PASD Health and Safety Plan is expected to be submitted for approval to the Board of Directors on July 21, 2020. Following approval, more detailed information will be available. All information is subject to change, based on regulations, guidance, and shifts in the status of COVID-19 in our community.

## 1. How will instruction be provided to students during the 2020-21 school year?

There are 3 models currently being examined by the Pandemic Team.

- **In-Person:** Attending school in person using the social distancing and personal protective equipment outlined below.
- **Hybrid:** Balances in-person learning and remote learning for all students (i.e., alternating days or weeks).
- **Enhanced Virtual Education:** Total remote learning for all students.

As the district plans to reopen for the school year, please consider preparing for various scenarios, including the potential need for child care due to the different reopening models.

## 2. What if our family is not comfortable sending our child back to school in-person?

- Your child can attend school remotely. PASD will provide an enhanced version of virtual instruction that will mirror in-person instruction. Information will be forthcoming with details for this option.

## 3. What guidelines will be used to protect students and staff?

- In accordance with state and CDC guidelines, face coverings **will be required** for students and staff.
- Per PA Department of Health, schools *may* allow students to remove their face coverings when students are:
  - Eating or drinking when spaced at least 6 feet apart;
  - Seated at desks or assigned work spaces at least 6 feet apart; or
  - Engaged in any activity at least 6 feet apart (e.g. face covering breaks, recess, etc.).

## 4. How will PASD clean and disinfect buildings?

- Cleaning and sanitizing supplies will be available to enhance our staff's ability to disinfect and sanitize areas throughout the day and every night.
- All staff will be trained in cleaning and sanitizing procedures. Classrooms and shared spaces will be cleaned throughout the day.

## 5. Will families be notified if their child is in contact with a COVID-19 positive person during the school day?

- In the event of COVID-19 exposure, the first contact listed in Skyward will be attempted via phone by school personnel.
- Be sure PASD has updated contact information for your child, including a working primary phone number and valid email address.
- All families must have arrangements for a child to be retrieved within 30 minutes of a phone call from school indicating the child needs to be picked up.

**Regular updates will continue throughout the planning process. If you have a pertinent question or concern, please contact your respective building principal.**

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