



PHASE FOUR

COVID-19 OPERATIONAL PLAN

OVERVIEW

COMMUNICATION AND METRICS

The District will maintain a dashboard to monitor incidents of infection and quarantine in the school system. This information will be regularly communicated to parents and staff and updates will be made via our website.

OPERATIONS

- Authority and responsibility for decision making for day-to-day operations is delegated to the Superintendent.
- Substantial changes to the PSD Covid-19 Operational Plan (e.g. masking requirements, substantial/longer term learning environment changes) would be brought to the Board of Education for approval.

LEARNING ENVIRONMENTS:



FULLY VIRTUAL OPTION

Parents will be offered a fully virtual environment option in grades 5K-6 for Semester One.
Note - minimum section sizes (25 students) must be established for the district to offer this option. This option may include multi-grade sections (e.g. 5K/1, grade 2/3, etc.) to establish adequate section size to make it feasible to allocate staffing. If offered, parents must commit to having their student(s) remain in the section for all of semester one. The District does not anticipate offering a virtual option for semester two as it is expected that all students will have had ample opportunity to be vaccinated. **The District will not offer a virtual option for 4K or 7th-12th grade students.**



EMERGENCY REMOTE LEARNING (ERL)

This learning environment will be provided for individual students placed in quarantine.



TEMPORARY VIRTUAL LEARNING (TVL)

This learning environment will be provided in the event that groups of students (class, house, grade level, school) must be placed in temporary virtual learning due to a spike in Covid-19 cases.

- **Note** that students in grades 2-12 will have a school issued device (Chromebook) they will bring home for ERL or TVL circumstances. Students in 4K - 1st grade can be issued a device upon request if there is not a device that can be utilized in the home.

SANITATION/HYGIENE/VENTILATION



BUILDINGS CLEANED AND SANITIZED DAILY AND NIGHTLY WITH CDC APPROVED PRODUCTS



FRESH AIR DISTRIBUTED TO CLASSROOMS AND OTHER AREAS OF THE BUILDING THROUGH VARIABLE AIR VOLUME UNITS



HAND SANITIZER WILL BE AVAILABLE IN EVERY CLASSROOM, MAIN ENTRANCE, AND CAFETERIA



HIGH TOUCH SURFACES DISINFECTED THROUGHOUT THE DAY



AIR HANDLING UNITS BRING IN FRESH OUTDOOR AIR WHICH IS MIXED WITH RECIRCULATED AIR AND FILTERED

MITIGATION CATEGORIES AND PROTOCOLS

ALL GRADES

VACCINATIONS

The District will not pursue a vaccination requirement for students or staff.

ENHANCED HEALTH ROOM AND ISOLATION PROCEDURES

Students presenting with viral symptoms will be asked to wear a face covering and will be isolated until they can be picked up or are able to leave school.

HEALTHY HABITS

All students and staff are encouraged to maintain optimal health through proper nutrition, exercise, and rest which support individual immune response.

SYMPTOM MONITORING AND CONTACT TRACING OVERVIEW:

- Maintain Enhanced symptom monitoring (staff & students). Students and/or staff with viral symptoms should stay home and are encouraged to get tested before returning to school if symptomatic. Students and staff should be symptom free (e.g. no fever, vomiting, etc.), unmedicated, for a minimum of 24-hours before returning to school.
- The District is working with DHS to provide onsite **Covid-19 testing services** for staff and students. (This is a service that will be optional. No student would be tested unless requested by a parent or guardian.) Testing would be provided free of charge.
- **Contact Tracing** practices will be employed to identify close contacts of individuals confirmed positive for Covid-19. Parents will be notified if their student is identified as a close contact and will be provided with information regarding CDC/County Health Recommendations. Non-symptomatic close contacts will not be required to complete quarantine, however if the family opts to complete a quarantine, the District will provide emergency remote learning for the student.
- **Covid-19 positive and probable** (close contacts who are symptomatic) students or staff must complete a 7-day (with negative test) or full 10-day quarantine before returning to school. Fully vaccinated students or staff who have viral symptoms are encouraged to get tested and may return to school once they are symptom free for 24-hours.

FACE COVERING/MASKING

- Wearing of face coverings/masks is **optional** indoors and outdoors for students, staff and visitors.
- Abrupt or sustained increases in incidents of infection in the community and/or within our schools may result in the district changing the advisory status to **recommended** masking as a mitigation strategy.
- Note: The wearing of face coverings is currently a federal **requirement** on buses. If the federal mandate is removed the expectations on buses will be aligned with those in place for indoor environments at school.
- The District requests the support of all parents to reinforce with students that individual family choices on the use of face coverings is to be respected. Harassment or bullying related to these choices will not be tolerated.

GRADES

4K-6

Schools/grades with partial or no access to vaccination for students

Current projection is this will include grades 4K - 6 for the start of school in the fall of 2021 (Vaccine eligibility for 5 years and older expected end of summer or early fall. As additional grade levels have full access to vaccinations > 2 months from eligibility date, the conditions will reflect grades 7-12.

COHORTING

Scheduling will be modified to reduce interaction of different groups of students (e.g. group interactions may be limited between classrooms or houses) to the extent possible.

SOCIAL DISTANCING

Strategies will be implemented to create greater social distancing between students when outside of their cohorts indoors - this will be primarily related to lunch/cafeteria (3 - 6 feet as practical).

GRADES

7-12

Schools/grades with full access to vaccination for students (> 2 months from vaccine eligible date)

Current projection is this will include grades 7-12 for the start of school in the fall of 2021 implemented.)