

## PEARL PIRATES

January 7, 2022

Due to the increase of Covid-19 across the state, please review the reminders of the efforts that have been set in place for the students and staff of Pearl Public School District.

Wearing masks is strongly encouraged while indoors for all students, employees, and visitors when social distancing of 3 feet or more is not possible. All students and staff, regardless of vaccination status, should bring a mask to school that will be worn during small group instruction or group assignments when social distancing cannot be maintained. Remember, mask up when huddled up! Because social distancing on a bus may be challenging, face coverings will continue to be required on all PPSD buses.

The district will continue to be vigilant in its implementation of mitigation and safety protocols. Throughout the school year as situations may dictate, these guidelines are subject to change. Thank you for your support and your continued commitment as we work together to keep everyone safe and carry out our educational mission.

Refer to the PPSD Back-to-School Plan document located at www.pearlk12.com for the most up-to-date information and any adjustments that may have to be made throughout the 2021-2022 school year. PPSD will continue to monitor and adjust plans for the health and safety of our students and employees throughout the school year.

The mission of Pearl Public School District is to prepare each student to become a lifelong learner, achieve individual goals, and positively impact a global society.



- Students, staff, and parents are asked to assess themselves (or their children) before coming onto a school campus. Students and staff should not come to school and contact their healthcare provider if students or staff do not feel well or have any Covid related symptoms.
- Once on campus, all students, staff, and visitors will have their temperature checked daily.
- Hand sanitizing stations will be available in schools and facilities.
- Buildings and facilities will be cleaned and sanitized regularly throughout the day.
- Teachers will be equipped with supplies to clean high-touch surfaces in their classrooms throughout the day.
- PPSD strongly encourages wearing masks while indoors for all students, employees, and visitors when social distancing of 3 feet or more is not possible. All students and staff, regardless of vaccination status, should bring a mask to school that will be worn during small group instruction or group assignments when social distancing cannot be maintained. Remember, mask up when huddled up!



- Because social distancing on a bus may be challenging, face coverings will be required on all PPSD buses.
- Since physical distancing requirements do not allow for regular cafeteria procedures, visitors will not be able to eat lunch with students at this time.
- Visitors should be symptom free and follow all school guidelines concerning health and safety.

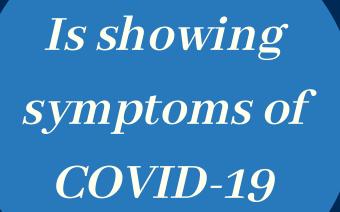


PPSD will continue to use its established methods of communication with families and the community:

- Blackboard Connect email, call, and text messaging
- Weekly e-newsletter during the school year
- District website
- District social media platforms
- Pearl Municipal Broadcasting television and radio channels
- District video message board

Always check the website, <u>www.pearlk12.com</u>, for the most up-to-date information.

## IF MY STUDENT . . .



Quarantine and seek advice from healthcare provider.

Tested with a negative result...

Tested with a positive result...

Student must be symptom and be fever-free without medication for 24 hours before returning to school. Tests positive for *COVID-19* 

With Symptoms

- Report test results to the school and provide a copy for school records.
- Quarantine for 5 days.
- If no symptoms or symptoms are resolving after 5 days, return to school. (Continue to wear a mask for 5 additional days.)
- Student must be symptom free for 24 hours fever-free without medication.

Provide Return to School Form with any medical documentation upon return to school.

Students who have an individual in their household who has tested positive should provide proof of positive within the household to the school. If symptoms develop, immediately self-isolate and seek advice from healthcare provider.

Individuals who have tested positive for COVID-19 within the past 3 months and have recovered do not have to quarantine or get tested again as long as they do not develop new symptoms.

## UPDATED 1/7/2022

Is a direct or close contact with a known positive

Without Symptoms

Quarantine at home for 5 days from the date of test.

Vaccinated

• Wear a mask around others for 10 days.

• If symptoms develop, immediately selfisolate and seek advice from healthcare provider.

Unvaccinated

• Quarantine for 5 days.

- Upon return to school, wear a mask for 5 additional days.
- Test on day 5, if possible.