

Paramount

SCHOOLS OF EXCELLENCE



2020-2021 COVID-19 Student Re-Entry Plan

PSOE STUDENT AND FAMILY PLAN OVERVIEW

In light of this new pandemic, Paramount has committed to take additional measures to maintain a safe and healthy school environment despite the prevalence of COVID-19. This plan is established as a starting point to protect the school community against all health-related hazards and will be monitored and adapted as needed as new information is provided by trusted institutions, such as the Center for Disease Control, Indiana State Department of Health, Marion County Health Department, executive orders from the governor, and the Indiana Department of Education.

The following outlines new measures in place effective on this plan's adoption date July 30, 2020.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

- The 2020-2021 school calendar has shifted to include an August 10th start date, with an extended Virtual Learning option for those families who feel their specific needs cannot be met in a physical setting.
- **Virtual or On-campus Options:** Families may choose virtual education from home or an educational setting within the school building. Parents who chose the Paramount Virtual Pathway will remain in a 100% virtual environment. The option to return to on-campus instruction may occur 10 days prior to the start of each month during periods designated as “green” by Marion County Public Health (see graphic below) at the request of the parent. Any parent wishing to transfer to the Paramount Virtual Pathway should contact your child's school prior to August 7th.

Marion County Public Health Positivity Rate Color Scale

COVID-19 Positivity Rate	K-5	Middle School
Green (0-5%)	100% on-campus allowed	100% on-campus allowed
Yellow (6-10%)	100% on-campus allowed	Hybrid or all virtual
Flashing Yellow (11-12%)	Hybrid or all virtual	Hybrid or all virtual
Red (+12%)	100% virtual	100% virtual

- **Students sent home for COVID-19** related symptoms or in quarantine due to a positive test result are expected to immediately transition to the virtual program and may immediately transition back after meeting PSOE guidelines for a safe return to the school building (outlined below).

FACIAL COVERINGS

- All students attending school in the school building will be provided two cloth face masks at the beginning of the year. Students are allowed and expected to wear facial coverings (masks or shields). Families are encouraged to provide their students with additional face coverings. Properly worn face coverings (covering the nose and mouth) are expected at the following times:
 - on the bus;
 - entering and exiting the building;
 - in the health clinic;
 - during passing periods;
 - in the restrooms;
 - at recess;
 - in the lunchroom except when eating or drinking; and
 - in classrooms, except when exempted by the teacher.
- Face coverings may be removed when
 - class is being held outside and distancing can be maintained;
 - during quiet classroom time when there is no talking and students are distanced;
 - when students are distanced and all facing the same direction or behind a sneeze guard/partition;
 - when there is a small group of students in the classroom that can distance; and
 - when the age or handicapping condition of the child prohibits safe regulation of mask wearing.

CLEANING PROCEDURES

- All CDC, EPA, and OSHA cleaning and disinfection procedures will be followed, including, but not limited to, all buildings, surfaces, buses, equipment and playground structures.
- Touchless hand sanitizer stations will be placed at the entrance to the school, all cafeteria entrances, and all entrances into the school from recess.
 - Students and staff are expected to use these stations upon entry to the cafeteria, before and after recess, and upon entry/re-entry to the school building.
- Teachers will provide single-use alcohol wipes for students to wipe down Chromebooks at the end of each day prior to replacing them at the charging station.
- All rooms/staff will be provided with sanitizer spray and paper towels to wipe down surfaces throughout the day.
- Additional nightly sanitization will occur at all schools in all areas.
- Playground equipment will be sanitized multiple times throughout the day.
- Lunch tables and seats will be disinfected between lunch periods.
 - Hand sanitizing stations are located at the entry and exit of the cafeteria.
 - All students will use hand sanitizer and will be encouraged to wash hands before and after every meal.
- All buses will be sanitized after the final drop off to and from school.
- As soon as the school is aware of a confirmed case of COVID-19 in the building, the custodial staff will be immediately informed. When possible, based on student and staff presence, the custodial staff will wait 24 hours or as long as possible prior to disinfecting. When waiting is not possible, such as when school is in session, the cleaning will occur immediately.

SCHOOL SAFETY DRILLS

- Safety drills will have the following modifications in place:
 - **Fire Drills** will be “slowed down” to maintain social distancing. Drills will be clearly announced so students and staff are aware of the drill. One-way paths for evacuation will be established.
 - **Tornado Drills** will be conducted in waves to allow for social distancing.
 - **Bus Evacuation Drills** will be conducted at the end of the route. Students and staff will be required to wear face masks while on the bus, even during a drill.

ARRIVAL & DISMISSAL

- All students will be temperature-checked with a touchless thermometer prior to getting out of the car at drop off.
- When possible, all students will be temperature-checked prior to getting on a bus.

- Schools will revise pick-up procedures to reduce the number of visitors in the building.
- Revisions will be added to school-specific Family Handbooks.
- All PSOE staff members will use a single (main office) point of entry and be temperature-checked with a touchless thermometer in the office prior to entering further into the school building.

SOCIAL DISTANCING MEASURES

- Students will remain with their class throughout the school day.
 - Space between students will be increased as much as the classroom and furniture allows (3-6 feet grades K-5 and 6 feet grades 6-8 per Marion County Public Health Department recommendations).
 - Plexiglass dividers will be utilized in any situation requiring multiple students to sit at the same classroom table.
 - When possible, furniture will be arranged so that all students are facing the same direction.
 - Students will have assigned seating.
 - Seating charts will be documented by all teachers for exposure tracing.
 - Services will be provided to students in the classroom whenever possible.
 - Technology, textbooks, and other materials will be assigned to students.
 - All materials will be kept in individual totes with lids and will be maintained by the student.
 - Technology and totes will be sanitized nightly.
 - Teachers will rotate to classes, while students will remain in the same classroom throughout the day.
 - Whole-class bathroom breaks for elementary grades will be scheduled to increase social distancing between different classes.
- Specials Classes
 - Physical Education will consist of “no contact” activities.
 - All materials will be sanitized between uses.
 - Specials teachers will hold class in the homeroom classroom or outdoors as weather and the lesson permits.
- Recess
 - Students will receive ongoing education on how to avoid contact with others during outdoor play times.
- Shared spaces, such as special education classrooms, the nurse’s clinic, behavioral, counseling, Recovery, and speech offices, will be sanitized between groups.
- Seating will adhere to social distancing guidelines.
- A separate room will be provided for students who may have COVID-19 while waiting for pick-up. The room will be disinfected frequently and restricted to authorized staff and students.

ASSEMBLIES AND EXTRA ACTIVITIES

- All assemblies and field trips are suspended pending further guidance.
- All contact sports are suspended per Marion County Public Health Department recommendations. Sports will resume pending future guidance.
- Any food-related activities (such as class celebrations and staff pitch-ins) will be altered to maintain social distancing and exclude the use of outside food.

BUS PROCEDURES

- All students, drivers, and monitors riding the bus are required to wear face coverings.
- Students will have assigned seats on the bus.
- Eating or drinking on the bus is not permitted.
- Students will be temperature-checked prior to entering the bus in the morning.

FOOD AND WATER

- Students are encouraged to bring their lunch when possible.
- All meals shall be pre-packaged, including utensils and condiments.
- Lunch will have assigned seating, with students remaining with their class.
 - Tables and seats will be disinfected between lunch periods.
 - Seat assignments will be documented for exposure tracing.
- Schools will establish an alternate meal location for medically compromised students.
- Food sharing of any kind is prohibited.
- All food service staff (including monitors and teachers overseeing meals) will wear face coverings and gloves during preparation, service, and monitoring.
- Water fountains are not to be used with a person's mouth.
 - Cups and trash bins will be provided at each water station throughout the school.
 - Signage will be posted to remind staff and students to not use their mouths on the drinking fountains.
 - Drinking fountains will be sanitized multiple times throughout the day by the custodial staff.
- Teachers will limit the number of items that go between school and home as much as possible.
- All visitor sign-in sheets will be maintained and documented to assist with exposure tracing.
- Visitors, including those picking up students at the end of the day, must wear facial coverings whenever in the building.
 - Classroom visits are not permitted unless exempted by school leadership.
 - Schools will utilize staggered release schedules for dismissal.

HEALTH MONITORING FOR POTENTIAL COVID-19 CASES

- If a student presents with any of the below symptoms, they should not come to school:
 - Fever of 100 degrees or higher
 - New loss of taste or smell
 - chills
 - congestion
 - runny nose
 - cough
 - shortness of breath
 - difficulty breathing
 - diarrhea
 - nausea
 - vomiting
 - sore throat
 - muscle or body aches
 - headache
 - fatigue
- If clinic staff examines a student and suspects COVID-19 then additional instructions will be given to the parents about returning to school. Anyone sent home from the clinic will be required to stay out of school for 10 days unless they visit their own health care provider and have a doctor's note indicating a different diagnosis.
 - Any parent of a student who will be out of school for the 10-day period is expected to make immediate arrangements with the school to join the PSOE virtual learning program while out of the physical building.
- The school will track reasons for student absences as allowable.
 - If a parent tells the school that a student is ill, the school will ask the parent if the student is exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19.
 - If a student is visibly ill, the school may make additional inquiries and may exclude the student from school property.
- If a student has recently come in contact with a person with a suspected or confirmed case of COVID-19, has someone in their home being tested for COVID-19, or has recently traveled from somewhere considered a "hot spot" by the CDC, the school may exclude the student from the school building and recommend they self-quarantine for 14 calendar days.

GUIDELINES FOR POSITIVE TEST RESULTS

- Students will be excluded from the school building if they test positive.
- Students who have tested positive for COVID-19 may return to the school building if the following conditions are met:

- The individual no longer has a fever (without the use of a fever reducing medication); and
- Other symptoms have improved; and
- At least 10 calendar days have passed without symptoms; or
- The person has received an official negative test result.
 - If returning prior to the 10 calendar days have passed, official negative test result documentation must be provided to the school upon returning to the building.
- Students who are asymptomatic and test positive for COVID-19 may return when they have gone 10 calendar days without symptoms or have been released by a healthcare provider.
- Students sent home with symptoms who elect not to test to prove or disprove the presence of COVID-19 may return to the school building if the following three conditions are met:
 - They have not had a fever for at least 72 hours; and
 - Other symptoms have improved; and
 - At least 10 calendar days have passed without any symptoms.

GUIDELINES FOR STUDENTS WITH A NEGATIVE COVID-19 TEST

- **False Negative:** If a student has a negative test but still exhibits the symptoms of COVID-19, it is presumed that they still may have COVID-19 but have a false negative. Parents of students in this situation are expected to pursue a second test, during which time they should not return to school and should follow school policy for joining virtual instruction accordingly.
- **Negative With Symptoms:** If a student has symptoms of COVID-19 and they test negative but no alternate explanation is given from their healthcare professional, they must isolate for 10 days from the time the first symptoms started, be 72-hours fever free without the use of fever reducer and have improvement of respiratory symptoms. If the test is negative and the student has a doctor's note providing an alternate diagnosis (such as asthma or allergies) for the symptoms, they are expected to return to school.
- **Negative Without Symptoms:** If the student tested negative and has no symptoms, they are expected to return to school unless they were within 6 feet for 15 minutes or more of a person with a confirmed case, at which point they must complete a 14-day quarantine even if test results are negative.

REPORTING CASES

- All positive cases of COVID-19 will be reported to the Marion County Public Health Department, the Indiana Department of Education, and the Mayor's Office of Education Innovation for additional guidance.
 - Anytime a member of the school tests positive for COVID-19, the school will follow guidance on next steps regarding any potential closure provided by the Marion County Public Health Department, the Indiana

Department of Education, and the Mayor's Office of Education Innovation.

HAND WASHING

- Frequent hand washing and sanitizing is expected, especially at the following times:
 - Start of the school day
 - Before and after eating
 - After using the restroom
 - After blowing nose, coughing, or sneezing
 - Before and after using shared equipment
- Student health plans will be created and implemented as needed with guidance from the student's family doctor, parents, director of special education and the school nurse.
- The school nurse will provide lessons to students on social distancing, hand washing, and other general health-related topics that stop the spread of COVID-19 at the beginning of the year and on an ongoing basis.

SCHOOL VENDORS AND VISITORS

- All visitors (including parents) are subject to temperature-checking prior to being allowed in the school.
 - Staff visitors will be restricted, subject to administrative approval on a case by case basis.
- Whenever possible, vendor access is restricted to out-of-school hours to avoid contact with students.
 - All vendors must sign into the front office and be temperature-checked.

COUNSELING AND STUDENT SUPPORT

- Counselors, Social Emotional Learning (SEL) Coordinators, and Recovery staff will be trained in COVID-19-related trauma-informed care practices, including the utilization of the DOE's SEL Roadmap to Re-entry guidelines.