

Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan (SRCSP)

The first day of classes for Portageville School District will be **August 22, 2022**. In light of the current and ever changing situation with COVID-19, we must make certain adjustments to our school day and procedures. Our Reopening Plan is divided into three phases **based on local community outbreak of COVID-19 cases**. Our plan is to begin the **2022-2023** year in Phase-one of a three-phase plan.

Open House will take place on **August 18th** from **5:30-7:30 pm**. Parents and students will be able to visit classrooms, meet new teachers, and complete enrollment forms during this time.

While we will continue to encourage social distancing, we cannot fully separate students from one another. We will allow grades to interact with each other during lunch, recess, and among classes.

We hope these updates help reassure you that Portageville School District (PSD) is taking this situation very seriously, that we are adjusting our practices in response to new information from public health officials, and that we continue to prioritize the safety and learning of our students.

While we hope that these adjustments will be temporary, we will continue them as long as necessary to keep our students, staff, and families safe.

Portageville School District will be implementing the following procedures to maximize the safety of all students **based on local community outbreak**.

Mitigation and Prevention Strategies

Masks- Masks are allowed (**Optional**). The decision to wear masks will be left up to the individual.

Physical distancing- Students will be in their class groups and spaced apart as able.

Handwashing and Respiratory Etiquette- Proper etiquette will be taught and reinforced.

Cleaning and Maintaining Healthy Facilities- Increased cleaning for high-touch surfaces.

Contact Tracing- We will work with the local health department to conduct contact tracing.

COVID Diagnosis and Testing- Testing is available through the Dunklin County Health Department and through the school nurse.

Vaccination Events- The school will share information about vaccination events.

Accommodations for Children with Disabilities- Accommodations as necessary or as mandated by the Individual Education Plan.

Phase 1:

- Students and staff that are not feeling well will have their temperature checked. If the temperature is at or above 100 degrees they will not be permitted to attend until they have been fever free without fever reducing medication for 24 hours.
- All students will enter through traditional entry points.

- Unvaccinated Students or staff will not be allowed to attend school if they test positive for COVID-19, a member of their immediate family has tested positive for COVID-19, or if they have been identified as a person that has had close contact with a person that has tested positive for COVID-19.
- Vaccinated students will be allowed to attend school and participate in activities if they are quarantined as a result of close contact IF they are not showing any symptoms.
- All students and staff MAY have a personal water bottle for their own use. Water bottle fillers will be available in the school for student use. Students without a bottle can request one if needed.
- Students riding the bus will have the same assigned seat each day. Families will be seated together. Adjustments to assigned seating will be at the discretion of the driver but social distancing will be preserved. Masks are required on school buses per federal mandate. This will be adjusted based on local community outbreak.
- Students will be allowed to eat in the cafeteria or classroom. Lunch periods will be adjusted based on class sizes to allow cohort groups to eat at separate tables with as much spacing as possible. This will be adjusted based on local community outbreak.
- Staff will encourage handwashing and model appropriate handwashing techniques at multiple times throughout the day.
- Parents will not be permitted inside of the building without an appointment.
- Masks are not required in the buildings. If a student or staff member wishes to wear one, they must provide their own. Students without a mask can request one if needed.
- Students will be allowed to participate in extracurricular activities, with a signed waiver from a parent or guardian. For athletic events, we will follow MSHSAA guidelines. We will recommend social distancing.
- As always, if students or staff are not feeling well, we encourage them to stay home.

Phase 2: Low Percentage of COVID-19 in student or staff

- If the school enters Phase 2, we will have the following changes to Phase 1.
- The classes in close contact with the active case will switch to distance learning until cleared by the health department.
- We will follow local school/health department guidelines for extracurricular activities.
- Classes will eat in more restrictive areas of the building to increase social distancing.
- Classes will no longer interact outside the classroom group.
- Field trips will be evaluated on a case by case basis.
- Masks will be strongly encouraged but optional (parent/student decision).

Phase 3: Community spread in the school building

- The school building will close and we will transition to distance learning. More information will be provided in a Remote Learning Plan from the school and each teacher.
- All staff not exhibiting symptoms or considered a close contact will report to the building Monday through Friday from **7:40 a.m.-3:30p.m.**
- Teachers will post video educational materials on those days, assign assignments, grade homework, and answer questions from students.

- Support staff will report and will assist with childcare, meal preparation, and custodial work.
- The school will reopen as soon as the school district in coordination with New Madrid County Health Department deems it is safe to do so.

Virtual Option

- Students who wish to enroll full time virtually must provide medical documentation from a licensed physician stating that the determination is for health purposes. Virtual students must agree to:
 - Meet daily with a designated virtual teacher online. These meetings will occur using video conferencing and after school hours. They will be mandatory for the student to receive attendance.
 - Maintain regular attendance and complete all assignments within their Google classroom.
- Students who are quarantined for an active case and/or being a contact will follow their regular schedule via Google Classroom. Students will be expected to meet assignment deadlines as if they were attending class for full credit, unless otherwise determined by the teacher and administrator.

Periodic Revision

The SRCSP will be reviewed and revised by the superintendent and Portageville School District Board of Education no less than every four months. The initial plan was adopted on **June 15, 2021**. Revisions will include students, parents, superintendent, special education coordinator, homeless coordinator, EL director, foster liaison and staff of Portageville School District, New Madrid County Health Department, and community organizations representing underserved students. To be part of the review process, please contact the school at (573) 379-3855. **The top priority for the Portageville School District is the safety of our students, staff and community.**

Mental Health Services

The Portageville School District recognizes the increased need for access to mental health services especially during a pandemic and will continue the current protocols for staff referring students for possible mental health needs. School counselors will provide referral information to the staff throughout the year. Information will be shared with the community via social media and send home brochures about the mental health services provided within the district. The Family Counseling Center also works closely with the district providing additional mental health services throughout the year including after school programs. Mental health services are also available for all employees. The counselors will have a list of mental health providers in the community to share with parents as needed or requested.