

# **PSUSD COVID-19 FAQs**

## **HEALTH & SAFETY PROTOCOLS**

**Q: WILL FAMILIES BE NOTIFIED IF THERE IS A POSITIVE CASE OF COVID-19 ON CAMPUS?**

**A: If the District becomes aware of a student or staff member testing positive for COVID-19 or a direct exposure to COVID-19, the District will report to Riverside County Department of Public Health and perform contact tracing procedures on campus. Any student or staff who is identified as a direct exposure (less than 6ft for greater than 15 cumulative minutes) will be notified using both written and oral communication. The District will also have a COVID-19 dashboard posted on the home page of the psusd.us website providing a weekly update of positive cases on each campus.**

**Q: IF A STUDENT IS ILL OR TESTS POSITIVE, WILL SIBLINGS ALSO BE SENT HOME AND REQUIRED TO QUARANTINE?**

**A: Yes, if a student tests positive they will be required to remain at home for at least 10 days since the date of the positive test, there is overall improvement of symptoms, and at least 24 hours have passed since the resolution of fever without the use of fever reducing medications. Siblings of a positive student will be required to quarantine a minimum of 14 days from the last date of direct contact with the positive sibling. Your school nurse will work with you to ensure you have an accurate return to school date for each child.**

**Q: WHAT HAPPENS IF A STUDENT BECOMES ILL WHILE ON CAMPUS?**

**A: A student exhibiting possible symptoms will be placed in the Isolation/CARE Room on campus. This is a separate space from the student health office to ensure that well children are not interacting with potential COVID-positive students. A trained staff member will supervise the ill student, and the parent will be called to pick up the child with a recommendation for COVID-19 testing.**

**Q: WILL COVID-19 TESTING BE REQUIRED FOR STUDENTS?**

**A: Testing is not required. Parents or guardians are required to perform daily screenings before sending their child to school for in-person instruction. Students who exhibit any symptoms must remain at home. Voluntary testing will be available.**

**Q: IS MY CHILD REQUIRED TO WEAR A MASK FOR IN-PERSON INSTRUCTION?**

**A: Yes, masks are required at all times on campus except for those with a medical exemption.**

**Q: WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THE COVID-19 DASHBOARD?**

**A: The purpose of the PSUSD COVID-19 Dashboard is to communicate to our community the number of active cases on District campuses. This data may also be used in accordance with the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) guidance on school closure determinations found in the COVID-19 Reopening In-Person Instruction Framework & Public Health Guidance for K-12 School in California.**

**Q: HOW IS THE DATA FOR THE DASHBOARD OBTAINED?**

**A: COVID-19 positive cases are typically brought to the attention of a school or the District three ways:**

- **Individuals self-report based on a positive test or symptoms (individuals are encouraged regularly via school/District communications to self-report).**
- **Riverside County Department of Public Health notifies the school or District about a positive (or probable positive) case based on county/state contact tracing measures.**
- **Individuals are identified through the District's voluntary surveillance testing program.**

**Q: HOW OFTEN WILL THE DATA ON THE DASHBOARD BE UPDATED?**

**A: The data on the dashboard will be updated every two weeks and will reflect the data collected from the previous 14 day period.**

**Q: WHAT SHOULD STUDENT/PARENT DO, AND WHO SHOULD THEY REPORT TO IF THEY ARE POSITIVE FOR COVID-19 OR HAVE BEEN EXPOSED TO A KNOWN POSITIVE CASE?**

**A: Individuals who test positive for COVID-19 or who have had close contact to someone who tested positive for COVID-19 should notify their school site immediately and follow applicable public health orders. Students who test positive should not come to school.**

**Q: WHAT IS THE DISTRICT DOING TO LIMIT THE SPREAD OF COVID-19?**

**A: It is going to take a concerted effort to keep our students, staff, and families safe. In conjunction with public health, the district has implemented extensive health and safety measures to prevent the spread of COVID-19 that include smaller class sizes to ensure social distancing is maintained, installation of handwashing stations and hand sanitizer dispenses at key ingress and egress points throughout the campuses, frequent cleaning of high touch points, and reinforcement of the use of face coverings for all students and staff, unless exempt. We encourage all families to self-screen their students each day prior to school attendance and if any symptoms of COVID-19 are noted, students should remain at home.**

### **HYBRID PROGRAM INSTRUCTION**

**Q: WHY ARE STUDENTS WHOSE FAMILIES HAVE CHOSEN TO REMAIN IN DISTANCE LEARNING RECEIVING LESS DIRECT INSTRUCTIONAL TIME?**

**A: One of the most common concerns we have heard from parents is that their child remains in the same class(es) with the same teacher(s) they have had during this school year. In order to accommodate the A/B hybrid schedules and keep classes together we have had to modify schedules somewhat. While these hybrid schedules may not be optimal for all, we feel it is the best option in order to allow as many students back on campus as possible maintaining all health and safety protocols.**

**Q: IF I AM CHOOSING TO SEND MY CHILD BACK TO CAMPUS FOR HYBRID INSTRUCTION, HOW WILL I KNOW WHAT DAYS WE ARE ASSIGNED TO?**

**A: You will be notified directly from your child's school site prior to the first day of instruction.**

**Q: WILL ALL OF MY CHILDREN AT THE SAME SCHOOL BE ON THE SAME SCHEDULE? AND WHAT ABOUT MY CHILD AT MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL?**

**A: Every effort is being made to keep siblings within the same school on the same schedule. There will also be an effort to accommodate siblings at secondary schools on the same schedule as well. If you receive information that designates different days for your children, please contact your school site to see if this can be remedied.**

**Q: WILL MY CHILD BE ABLE TO ATTEND SUMMER SCHOOL IN-PERSON AND/OR ONLINE?**

**A: We are currently working on our summer school program and hope to be able to accommodate as many students as possible for in-person instruction. We are also planning for robust learning opportunities in virtual platforms. Watch for more information soon.**

**Q: WHAT WILL THE BEGINNING OF THE 2021-22 SCHOOL YEAR IN AUGUST LOOK LIKE? WILL WE BE “BACK TO NORMAL?”**

**A: While we certainly hope we can have all students back on campuses full time at the beginning of next school year, it is still too early to make that determination. We will communicate with our families about the start of the next school year as soon as we have definitive answers.**

### **GROUP ACTIVITIES**

**Q: WE KNOW THAT MOST SPORTS ARE NOW ALLOWED. WHAT ABOUT SPECTATORS?**

**A: Currently, state and county guidelines are allowing only two “observers” per athlete, and these are adults who are in attendance for supervisory or transportation roles. There are still restrictions on group gatherings in all settings.**

**Q: WHAT WILL SENIOR GRADUATION CEREMONIES LOOK LIKE?**

**A: We are currently working on plans for senior graduations based on how many people will be permitted to gather and the best way to maintain health and safety measures and still create special memories for our students and their families. More information soon.**

**Q: WHAT ABOUT OTHER SENIOR ACTIVITIES?**

**A: Our individual schools along with their student body groups are working on plans for this year’s seniors. While many of the traditional activities will likely look different due to gathering restrictions, the hope is to maintain as many as possible in whatever ways possible.**

## **RESOURCES AND INFORMATION**

For additional questions about COVID-19, visit the Riverside County Public Health website at [www.rivcoph.org/coronavirus](http://www.rivcoph.org/coronavirus) or the California Department of Public Health website at <https://www.cdph.ca.gov/>

For ongoing updates from the District, please visit our COVID-19 resource page at [\*\*PSUSD/CV COVID-19 Resource List\*\*](#) which may also provide answers to many of your questions.

To view the district's approved COVID Safety Plan and COVID Prevention Plan, click here: [\*\*CSP/PPP\*\*](#)

You may find some of these document and video links useful when talking to your student about COVID-19 and how to protect themselves:

### **HOW TO WASH YOUR HANDS**

<https://youtu.be/qJG72sycQB8>

### **HOW TO TALK TO YOUR KIDS ABOUT COVID-19**

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/daily-life-coping/talking-with-children.html>

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Om\\_5cVw-pwM](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Om_5cVw-pwM)