



## PCS Covid Policy 2021-2022

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- This PCS Covid Policy is subject to change depending on the spread of the Covid virus, mandates from the Virginia Governor and changes made by the PCS School Board.
- To prevent the spread of Covid, we recognize that the CDC recommends individuals 12 and older should consider the Covid vaccine. This is not a requirement to attend or be employed at PCS.
- PCS Administration will now notify all families within the PCS community via email when any student or staff member tests positive for Covid. Both transparency and confidentiality will be upheld.
- PCS students or staff who have tested positive for Covid are required to stay home. They may return to PCS and end their isolation once 1.) 10 days have passed from the start of their symptoms; AND 2.) they are fever free for 24 hours without fever reducing medication, AND 3.) their symptoms have improved.
- PCS students or staff who have Covid symptoms are required to stay home and get tested immediately. If the test is negative, the person may return to school the next day.
- Staff or students who have been exposed to someone who has tested positive for Covid, must isolate and quarantine for 5 days from the day after their last exposure to that person. (Example: If a person's last exposure to a Covid-positive person was on Wednesday, the first day of quarantine is Thursday. Therefore, the earliest day the exposed person can return to school is Tuesday of the following week.) You may also not return to school until you have received a negative test.
- If someone in your household has Covid, you may not return to school until you have been out of contact with that person for 5 days and then received a negative test.
- Testing for Covid is up to the individual. This includes home tests. However, testing must be done at the end of the 5-day period following the last time the individual was in close contact with the Covid-positive person.
- Close contact is considered for indoors only.
- All students, during class, should be wearing a mask, a shield, or have a sneeze guard up. No exemptions!
- Teachers will determine which students have been in close contact.
- Close contact is being within 6 feet of a person for 15 minutes without a mask over a 24 hour period.
- Well-fitted mask to mask individuals is not considered close contact at a 3–6-foot distance.

- Wearing masks at PCS is required for all staff and students at this time. This is currently mandated for all K-12 schools in the state of Virginia.
- Students should continue to wash their hands with soap and water throughout the day and will be asked to sanitize their hands each time they enter their classroom.
- Students remain primarily with their class throughout the day, even when moving to different classrooms and to chapel.
- Any questions or concerns, please contact Board President, Raul Reyes.