



# PERKINS-TRYON PUBLIC SCHOOLS 2021-22 RETURN TO LEARN PLAN

## Instruction Options

- Perkins-Tryon Public Schools is offering in-person instruction (PreK-12) and full-time virtual instruction through Edgenuity with a qualifying application (9-12).
- Students choosing virtual instruction will not be allowed to return to in-person until the end of the semester.
- School sites will remain open for in-person instruction unless COVID-19 case numbers within the district necessitate a transition to temporary distance learning.
- School closures will be considered class-by-class, site-by-site, and finally at the district level as needed.
- PTPS will explore all options to ensure in-person instruction before considering any closure.

## Daily Health Screening

### Class A Symptoms:

- Fever (defined as 100.4F or higher)
- Sore Throat
- Cough
- Difficulty Breathing
- Diarrhea or Vomiting
- New Loss of Taste or Smell

### Class B Symptoms:

- Stuffy OR Runny Nose
- Muscle/Body Aches Fatigue
- Chills Nausea
- Loss of Appetite
- Elevated Temperature (defined as < 100.4F)
- New Onset of Severe Headache

- Individuals should stay home if experiencing 1 or more Class A symptoms **or** 3 or more Class B symptoms.
- If your symptoms don't improve with 24 hours, it is recommended you contact your healthcare provider.

## Masks

- Oklahoma Senate Bill 658, effective July 1st, 2021, restricts the mandatory enforcement of masks in schools unless a state of emergency is declared by the Governor, consultation with the health department, and school board consideration.
- Masks will be optional for students, employees, and visitors on Perkins-Tryon Public School property.
- State and local health departments, the CDC, and PTPS recommend wearing masks indoors.

## Vaccinations

- Oklahoma Senate Bill 658, effective July 1st, 2021, restricts school districts from requiring a COVID-19 vaccine for students.
- All state health departments, the CDC, and PTPS recommend COVID-19 vaccines for those eligible.

## Contact Tracing

- Perkins-Tryon Public Schools will work with Payne County Health Department to properly contact trace and notify all individuals that were considered to have close contact with the infected individual.
- Persons who were within 6 feet of an infected person for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more over 24-hours (example: 3 individual 5-min exposures for a total of 15+ mins) will be considered as close contact.
- Exception: In the K-12 indoor classroom setting, the close contact definition excludes students who were within 3 to 6 feet of an infected student where both students were engaged in consistent and correct use of well-fitting masks; **and** other K-12 school prevention strategies were in place in the K-12 school setting.

## Quarantines

- Perkins-Tryon Public Schools recommends that individuals who are identified as a close contact follow Payne County Health Department guidance and recommendations on quarantining.

- Students or employees who test positive for COVID-19 must stay home for ten (10) days. If symptoms persist, the person may need to stay home longer.
- School officials will communicate with parents of students quarantining due to close contact or positive test results to determine how students will receive instruction.
- Students choosing to quarantine in the event of a close contact will have the following options regarding length of quarantine if no symptoms exist:
  - After 10 days if the person HAS NOT been tested **and** HAS NOT developed new symptoms.
  - With a negative COVID test on or after day 5, person can return to school after day 7 if they have NO new symptoms.
- Students that choose to quarantine will not be allowed to participate in extracurricular activities for the full 10-day quarantine period.

### **Parents and Visitors**

- Visitors will only be allowed past the main office for scheduled appointments. In cases where schools have partnerships with community organizations, health care providers and local government agencies that provide additional educational and wraparound services to students, staff of such partners should be allowed into buildings following the same procedures as for school personnel.
- Principal discretion will be allowed in the event of special circumstances.

### **Transportation**

- Masks are optional for student riders, bus monitors, and bus drivers, but are strongly encouraged.
- When possible, windows will be down to increase circulation.
- Buses will be cleaned and disinfected after both morning and afternoon routes.

### **Meals**

- Students will eat in the cafeteria and resume normal lunches.
- If COVID-19 cases rise at a particular site, additional measures may be considered on a temporary basis.
- Breakfast and lunch are free to all students for the 2021-22 school year.

### **Extracurricular Activities**

- All extracurricular activities will continue to adhere to guidelines put in place by P-T Public Schools.

### **Facilities**

- If Perkins-Tryon Public Schools transition to temporary distance learning at a site, buildings at that site will not be available for utilization by organizations not directly affiliated with Perkins-Tryon Public Schools.
- Perkins-Tryon Public Schools will limit gatherings, assemblies, and spectators at indoor events where social distancing guidelines are not possible.

### **Strategies to reduce risk of Exposure**

- Social distancing is encouraged to the extent possible in common areas such as cafeterias, hallways, gymnasiums, etc.
- Students will be reminded to wash hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds prior to eating, and especially after sneezing, coughing, and blowing their nose.
- Daily cleaning will be practiced to a sufficient level to remove potential virus that may be on surfaces.
- In the event someone tests positive for COVID-19, any space occupied by the infected individual will receive a manual deep cleaning and fogging with an EPA approved disinfectant chemical that is listed to help fight against COVID-19.
- Perkins-Tryon Public Schools reserves the right to modify or cancel any activity that would significantly increase the risk of community spread of COVID-19.

**COVID-19 plans are subject to change. Any change or update to our school plans will void all previous plans.**