

# **Palmyra School District**

## **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

Regarding District Operations during COVID-19

- **The district offers remote or hybrid options for instruction. Do I have to make the same choice for all my children?**

*Answer: No. You should make a decision based on the best interests for each of your children.*

- **Do I need to provide a reason for choosing 100% remote learning?**

*Answer: No. Your choice is unconditional as per Executive Order by Governor Murphy.*

- **Can I switch from in-person to remote or vice versa?**

*Answer: A request to move from in-person to remote will be accommodated immediately. However, the process for switching from remote to in-person depends on multiple factors, including classroom occupancy levels; these requests must be evaluated individually and may require a waiting period.*

*The form and instructions are on our website: [Selecting Remote or Hybrid](#)*

- **Will remote learners be in a separate cohort or will they be in the same classes as their in-person classmates?**

*Answer: Remote and in-person learners will be in the same classes.*

- **What is the reasoning behind “split instruction”?**

*Answer: By offering both remote and in-person instruction, the Palmyra School District is providing safe and equitable learning environments for students and staff in compliance with the NJ Department of Education, the NJ Department of Health, and the CDC guidelines.*

- **What exactly is a “modified” school day?**

*Answer: A modified school day provides 4 hours of instructional time for both remote and in-person students.*

- **Will students need their Chromebooks for in-person instruction?**

*Answer: Yes. Students will need to bring in their fully-charged Chromebooks for in-person instruction.*

- **Will students be using textbooks and workbooks?**

*Answer: When textbooks and supporting materials are not available electronically, print material may be required. Students will be issued their own copies of printed materials which cannot be shared as per NJDOE, NJDOH and CDC guidelines.*

- **Will instruction include pre-recorded lessons?**

*Answer: Yes. A full wraparound approach inclusive of live and recorded instruction that is supported by technology, print and other resources, will be utilized. The use of Learning Management Systems (LMS) and Google Suite will help establish a regular routine with meaningful instruction provided daily.*

- **How will teachers present lessons requiring sounds, as for reading, etc.?**

*Answer: Pre-recorded lessons may be used and the district will consider modifications, such as clear plastic face masks, or other ideas.*

- **Will Driver's Education be accessible online?**

*Answer: Yes. Students will receive Driver's Education regardless of their chosen instructional model.*

- **How can my child contact a teacher with questions?**

*Answer: There is scheduled time daily for LIVE teacher contact. Teachers will provide further information on contacting them individually.*

- **If a child has an IEP, will they continue to receive services?**

*Answer: Yes. Any student with an IEP or 504 plan will continue to receive all supports and services as outlined in those documents. The child's case manager will serve as the primary contact for parents to ensure that services are not disrupted.*

- **What role do the school counselors have during the pandemic?**

*Answer: Our school counselors, social workers, and school psychologists have received specific training in the areas of social-emotional learning (SEL), crisis and trauma. They are available to provide limited support in the educational setting for both in-person and remote students, however parents are strongly urged to consult a physician if a child is experiencing significant and/or concerning emotional distress. School counselors, along with school nurses, serve as the first-tier support systems for students and have the ability to assist parents in securing higher-tier support services when necessary*

- **What will happen if a student or staff member tests positive for COVID?**

*Answer: The District will follow all protocols set forth by the Burlington County Health Department. We have designated individuals to handle contact tracing and provide quarantine information as required by the County. Notifications of the situation will be provided to all Palmyra District Families, via email and information posted on our website. In addition, intensive cleaning and sanitizing procedures will be carried out following any such incident.*

- **Will meals be provided to students?**

*Answer: All students\* are eligible for free breakfast and lunch meals through June 2021. Meals will NOT be consumed during the school day but will be provided to take home. Please see our website for additional information as distribution methods may change to comply with State guidelines.*

***\*All students** in the district are eligible to receive free breakfast and lunch through June 2021 regardless of "free and reduced price lunch status."*