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2021-2022 Reopening Plan

GOAL: The goal for instruction for the 2021-2022 school year is to meet the students' instructional needs in a safe setting. The PVO COVID team followed guidelines set forth by the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE), the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH), and the Center for Disease Control (CDC), when creating the best option for the PVO students and their families.

Reopening Plan

PVO will follow IDPH guidelines.

Health Plan

Per IDPH and ISBE guidelines, all students, staff, and visitors will be screened daily for COVID-19 symptoms. Visitors to the buildings will be screened prior to entering the school building.

Students, faculty, and staff will be required to stay home if they are sick. If an individual reports to school with the following symptoms they will be sent home until the Return to School Criteria listed below is met.

Symptoms Requiring Absence

- a. If a person has COVID-19 like symptoms (fever (100.4 or higher), cough, shortness of breath) or prolonged exposure to COVID-19, the individual will be sent home. Other symptoms may include sore throat, loss of taste/smell, headache, fatigue.
 - i. Directly affected staff member or parent/guardian of affected student should call IDPH COVID-19 hotline at 1-800-889-3931 or the C-UPHD hotline at 217-239-7877 for guidance regarding symptoms to determine if testing for COVID-19 is warranted.
- b. Exposure to COVID-19
 - i. The School District administration should be contacted if someone is suspected of having COVID-19.
 - ii. Individuals who have been considered to be a close contact must isolate at home for 10 days
- c. Fever/chills/general body aches
 - i. Fever typically constitutes 100.4 degrees or higher for COVID-19. However, in light of recent events, a temperature of 99.5 degrees Fahrenheit WITH SYMPTOMS likely indicates an acute illness, and the individual will be sent home.
- d. Sore Throat with fever over 99.5 or visibly swollen glands.
- e. Consistent coughing with pain and fever.
- f. The first 24 hours of antibiotic treatment for contagious illness (strep throat, pink eye, etc.).
- g. Active vomiting or diarrhea.

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When to Return to School

a. COVID-19 like symptoms (Per IDPH and CDC guidelines)

I. Untested with COVID-19 symptoms:

- i. At least 24 hours have passed with no fever, without use of fever reducing medications, and improvement of symptoms
- AND**
- ii. At least 10 calendar days have passed since symptoms first appeared.

II. Untested and symptomatic with an alternative diagnosis

- i. Stay home until symptoms have cleared AND healthcare provider/medical note is needed to return stating alternative diagnosis

III. Tested positive with/without symptoms:

- i. At least 24 hours have passed with no fever, without use of fever reducing medications, and improvement of symptoms
- AND**
- ii. At least 10 calendar days have passed since symptoms first appeared.

IV. Exposure to COVID-19 (close contact) and not vaccinated:

- i. 14 days have passed since the last date of exposure, with no onset of symptoms (length of time during which symptoms will appear) OR a COVID test at 7 days and return upon negative test result. *If the exposure was from a member of your household, an additional 14 days have passed since the positive person was released from quarantine.*

V. Exposure to COVID-19 and vaccinated:

- i. Student must present vaccination card to reenter the school setting. If the vaccinated student is showing symptoms they must receive a negative COVID test to return to school.

VI. Other symptoms/non-COVID illness:

- i. At least 24 hours have passed with no fever, without the use of fever reducing medications.
- ii. After 24 hours of antibiotics.
- iii. After 24 hours since last episode of vomiting or diarrhea.
- iv. With doctor's note of clearance.

Non-Pharmacological Intervention Recommendations for Communicable Disease

- a. Stay home when you are sick.

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- b. Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
 - c. Cover your cough or sneeze with your elbow or a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash, wash your hands with soap and water.
 - d. Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.
 - e. Wash your hands often with soap and water for 20 seconds, and dry them.
 - f. If soap and water are not available, use hand sanitizer.
 - g. Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces using regular household cleaning sprays or wipes (ex: toys, desks, door handles, counter).
 - h. Ensure all vaccines are up to date.
 - i. Promote non-contact methods of greetings.
 - j. Practice physical distancing (stay at least 3 feet away from other people).
 - k. Wear a mask or face covering at all times inside, and when social distancing is not possible outside.

When to Wear a Mask/Face Covering

- a. Per ISBE Return to School guidance, face coverings must be worn at all times, by both students and staff, while in the building.
- b. When walking into or out of the school building with other students (before and after school).
- c. While riding the bus.

Communicable Disease Monitoring

- a. Parents are asked to record symptoms and relay those symptoms to the office staff when calling a student in sick. This is necessary for illness tracking as required by IDPH.
- b. Non-authorized visitors will not be permitted into the buildings.
- c. Authorized visitors must sign in and have their temperature checked before proceeding into the school buildings. All visitors must wear a mask.
- d. Hand sanitizer will be provided in the office for visitors signing in.

On Campus Procedures

Buses - Masks must be worn at all times while in the buildings or on the bus. Face shields have not been approved by the IDPH to be worn in schools as effective protection against the coronavirus.

Schools – Universal masking and frequent hand washing and hand sanitizing are key to help prevent the spread of COVID-19. Staff and students should clean hands as often as possible with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol may be used. Staff and students should avoid touching their mouths, eyes, or nose as much as possible. Staff and students should use hand sanitizer upon entering and

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leaving the classroom each time. Hand sanitizer will be placed in common areas and classrooms throughout the buildings. We will place signage reminding everyone of the need for proper hand hygiene in the appropriate areas. If assisting a student requires close contact, hand washing or sanitizing must be done before and after contact with the students. It is recommended that hand hygiene is performed upon arrival to and departure from school; after blowing one's nose, coughing, or sneezing; following restroom use; and before and after eating.

Health Screenings

Only students who are healthy should report for in-person learning. As previously mentioned, all students and staff will be screened daily. Students will not be penalized for missing school when having any illness symptoms, and are encouraged to stay home when not feeling well. Students and staff with any of the following COVID-19 symptoms must stay home:

- Cough, Sore Throat, Fatigue, Fever, Chills
- Known close contact with a person who has been diagnosed with COVID-19.
- Measured temperature of 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit or higher.
- Temperature of 99.5 degrees Fahrenheit or greater combined with chills and body aches
- New loss of taste or smell
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Nausea or Vomiting

Transportation

Buses will be sanitized regularly. Students will be assigned seats for bus routes. All students riding the bus will need to wear masks appropriately and during the entire bus route.

Lunch

Students will be assigned seating and will be socially distanced. To maintain social distancing for lunch, students may be placed in alternative supervised locations.

IMPORTANT

Contact tracing will occur **ONLY** when students are not at least three feet apart due to the universal masking policy.

Siblings of a sick student will not be required to be dismissed from school UNLESS that sick student tests positive for COVID-19 (then they are considered a close contact to a known case from the household)