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**Palmyra School District 2021**

# Background Information

Following guidance provided in the Governor's document: The Road Forward, and in compliance with the June 24, 2021 due date, the Palmyra School District adopted its **"Safe Return Plan for 2021-2022"** at the June 16th meeting of the Board of Education.



# Recommendations



The District is recommending the following as part of our reopening plan:

- **NJDOE The Road Forward**
- CDC guidance for schools fall 2021
- Discussions and review of items by District Pandemic Team, *July 19 and August 23*
- County Superintendent meetings and sharing, *ongoing*
- Discussion with County Health Department, *ongoing*
- Relevant Executive Orders and guidance from the NJ DOE and BCHD

# District Pandemic Team



Brian McBride, Superintendent

Chris Adams, Coordinator of Technology

Bill Blatchley, Business Administrator

Ron Holt, Director of Facilities

Octavia Lee, CSS Principal

Omar Kendall, School Resource Officer

Ken Holloway, PMS Principal

Kathy McClure, PMS/PHS Nurse

Lisa Sabo, PHS Principal

Mary Del Rossi, CSS Nurse

Stacy Saia, Supervisor Curriculum

Lianne Kane, Supervisor Special Services

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**2020** vs **2021**

## — 2020 VS 2021

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	2020	2021
In person Instruction	The district was required to provide a remote option to all families	<p>The district must provide full-day, full-time, in-person instruction and operations for the 2021-2022 school year..</p> <p>Weather and emergency closing may still be needed based on conditions. There will not be a remote option for single snow days.</p> <p>180 day requirement is still in place.</p>



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Masks	Executive Orders required all persons to wear a mask both indoors and outside.	Executive Order, 251, dated August 9, 2021, requires all persons to wear a mask while indoors.  Exemptions to wearing a mask while in school exist and are in accordance with guidelines established in EO 251.  Masks are NOT required outdoors. This includes recess, PE classes, and outdoor instructional times.



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	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>
<b>Sharing of Items</b>	Prohibited/Discouraged Protocols established to avoid sharing	The district will allow for the use of various shared instructional materials as deemed necessary; hand sanitizer will be provided and proper precautions will be utilized.
<b>Use of Hall Lockers</b>	Discouraged by the State Not permitted by the district; students carried belongings.	PMS, and PHS will offer the students a locker if requested. Students will be permitted to carry belongings.  CSS students in Grade 5 will be offered a locker.
<b>Use of Gym Lockers</b>	Discouraged by the State Not permitted by the district.	PMS and PHS students will be permitted to use gym lockers.

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<b>Screening</b>	Temperature checks and screening reminder texts during week	<p>The district has discontinued temperature checks. Staff will continue to greet students and provide hand sanitizer upon entry. Students who appear to have symptoms will be sent to the nurse for evaluation.</p> <p>Parents/guardians must fill out a one-time screening form, and then conduct daily screening at home.</p>
<b>Testing</b>		<p>The district has partnered with Palmyra Pharmacy to provide testing on an “as-needed” basis. Individuals may continue to utilize DOH-approved testing locations as well.</p>



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<b>Physical Distancing</b>	6 feet required whenever possible	Lack of physical distancing will not preclude a return to full in-person learning. Instruction will not be altered for lack of physical distancing. When practicable, a minimum of 3ft distancing will be implemented. DOH guidelines will be followed whenever practicable and/or required.
<b>Arrival</b>	Staggered entrances and times; temperature screening; overall wellness check; masks worn	Designated entrances; no temperature screening; wellness check and hand sanitizer provided; masks must be worn upon entering the building



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<b>Dismissal</b>	Staging/Staggering of students at dismissal to provide social distancing	Students will dismiss wearing their masks and in an orderly manner. Social distancing of at least 3 ft will be utilized wherever practicable.
<b>Isolation</b>	Positive cases had to quarantine as per NJDOH	Positive cases needed to isolate as per the guidance provided by NJDOH.



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Close Contacts	Close contacts had to quarantine as per NJDOH	<p>Unvaccinated persons will quarantine as per the NJDOH. Students in quarantine may not participate in extra-curricular or athletic activities.</p> <p>Vaccinated persons will not have to quarantine in close contact situations.</p> <p>Masked students (all parties) will not have to quarantine as per CDC guidelines and BCHD recommendation.</p>



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Quarantine	Varied during the year based on statistics and vaccination status	<p>Vaccinated persons who are not symptomatic do not need to quarantine even when within 6 feet.</p> <p>Students who are unvaccinated will be required to quarantine for 10-14 days based on NJDOH guidance</p> <p>Staff who have not provided proof of vaccination will be required to quarantine for 10-14 days based on NJDOH guidance.</p> <p>Masked students (all parties) will not have to quarantine as per CDC guidelines and BCHD recommendation.</p>



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Vaccination Status	Requested vaccinated staff and students to furnish copy of vaccination card	<p>All Staff - Effective 8/23, are required to be fully vaccinated by October 18th. Staff who do not meet full vaccination status will be required to test one to two times per week.</p> <p>Students - ages 12 and older are encouraged to get fully vaccinated. Parents will be encouraged to voluntarily provide proof of vaccination or information at the beginning of the school year.</p> <p>Vaccination for COVID-19 is not mandatory for students.</p>



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<b>OnCourse: Learning Management System (LMS)</b>	Not required for all classes; Google Classroom utilized.	Required for all classes. LMS replaces Google Classroom. All classes will utilize LMS for instruction.  Google Meet will be used for students in quarantine or other types of long-term documented medical issues.



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Remote Learning	Students were provided an option of in-person or remote instruction.	<p>At present, all students must attend in-person instruction.</p> <p><b>No hybrid and/or self-selection of remote instruction is available for students.</b></p> <p>Students in quarantine, isolation, or unable to attend school due to a verified medical condition may be placed in remote instruction. Remote instruction is synchronous to the primary classroom and students will be required to attend classes for the entire length of the school day in accordance with their IEP, 504, or other documented health plan.</p>



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# Facility Use



The use of district facilities, during the COVID-19 pandemic and while a State of Emergency exists, shall be limited to community organizations of Riverton, Beverly and Palmyra whose purpose is to provide support and service to the Board of Education inclusive of athletic teams and extracurricular groups that are approved by the board. Outside organizations with no affiliation to the Board of Education shall not be permitted to use district facilities. All district facilities requests will be submitted in accordance with applicable Palmyra Board of Education policies. Furthermore, affiliated outside organizations requesting use of district facilities must adhere to all NJ Department of Health guidelines and district policies pertaining to COVID-19 and health safety. Organizations must include with their application a plan, commensurate with the latest Road Forward document as posted on the school district website, to ensure safety and compliance with current health requirements. The Superintendent of Schools or his designee shall be the final approving authority for all district facility use requests.

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# 7 September 21

Students return to full-day  
classes 5 days a week!

