



Dear Palermo Union Elementary District Families:

Thank you for your continued patience and resilience with the changes we experienced in education during the response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Please be assured that we stand firm in our commitment to provide a rigorous standards-based instructional program designed to meet the needs of each and every student. Based on our most recent surveys, we are preparing to reopen for students on August 12, 2020.

Using guidance from federal, state and local public health officials, which we will implement to the greatest extent possible, and in consultation with educational leaders throughout the county, we are planning on offering the instructional models described below for families as they consider the safety and well being of their students. Please understand that the COVID-19 pandemic is a fluid situation that may lead to modifications throughout the school year.

Traditional Model: Our traditional learning program provides the opportunity for students to come to school five days a week for “in-person” instruction in order to meet their academic and social-emotional needs. This model will incorporate measures to increase student safety that are outlined in the PUESD Safety Guidelines for All Instructional Models (see below).

Palermo eLearning Model: This model provides an online learning platform. Students will complete their rigorous learning objectives at home using an online curriculum. In addition, students will have daily interactions with the teacher and weekly in-person or online meetings. Please note: active participation is required and grades will be issued.

Please click on the link below to fill out a survey for your learning model preference for each student in your household that attends school in the Palermo Union Elementary School District. Survey responses will be used for planning purposes only and your response is not binding. This survey is due by July 6th.

[Parent Survey Link](#)

Other Important Information:

- **Transportation:** We are currently developing plans to implement the Public Health Guidelines to the greatest extent possible. Masks will be required on all district buses/vans. If you can transport your child to school, we encourage you to do so.
- **Registration:** Registration information for these options will be available soon. We will be mailing out registration information to all families.
- **School Reopening Teams** will continue to meet throughout the summer to plan and prepare the specific details for both instructional models. We will continue to share information and details as it becomes available.

PUESD Safety Guidelines for all Learning Models

Due to COVID 19, in addition to all of our normal healthy hygiene practices, we will be adding the following:

Sanitization:	Personal Protective Equipment (PPE):	Health and Health Screenings:	Social Distancing:
<p>-Hand sanitizer dispensers will be in place at each entry/ exit point of schools, offices and classrooms</p> <p>-Hand sanitizer dispensers will be in place at common areas of school grounds</p> <p>-Disinfecting surfaces completed daily and throughout the day when needed</p> <p>-Ongoing review and modifications of cleaning protocols to ensure proper disinfecting.</p> <p>-Schools will limit the sharing of supplies</p>	<p>-Protective facial coverings (masks or shields) as mandated by state or local agencies when social distancing is not feasible</p> <p>-Food handlers and health care will wear required PPE</p> <p>-Plexiglass type dividers available for student and staff use</p>	<p>-Teach and reinforce healthy sanitization procedures</p> <p>-Signage to remind school community to not enter if they are experiencing any symptoms of illnesses</p> <p>- Daily wellness checks, thermometer scanners at each site before entering school grounds and buses.</p> <p>-Anyone with a temperature of over 99 degrees will not be allowed on the bus or admitted to the classroom.</p>	<p>-Social distance signage will be in place to remind students and staff to maintain social distancing</p> <p>-Physical barriers will be installed in high traffic areas on campus where needed when social distancing is not possible, such as classrooms, front offices and cafeterias</p> <p>-Classroom furniture/ equipment will be arranged to facilitate social distancing as much as possible</p> <p>-No assemblies</p>

<p>between students and disinfect between uses</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Additional portable hand washing stations at each site -Hand sanitizer dispensers on buses -Buses will be sanitized after am / pm routes -Maximize airflow in all classrooms 		<p>-Promote self screenings for respiratory symptoms such as coughs/ shortness of breaths prior to coming to school. Students and adults experiencing those symptoms do not attend.</p>	<p>-Students will remain with consistent groups throughout the school day as much as possible</p>
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Butte County Public Health Department will decide how schools respond to a positive COVID 19 test and provide direction to classrooms and schools to determine isolation and closures.

Regardless of the instructional model that families choose, our district’s focus will be on providing equity and access to ensure that every student achieves high levels of learning and continues to build on their foundation for success. We will only be able to accomplish this through strong partnerships with students, staff, and families. We also want to stress that our highest priority continues to be the physical and emotional safety and well-being of our students and staff.

Sincerely:

Kathleen Andoe-Nolind
 Superintendent