

TO: Pioneer Parents & Guardians
FROM: Chuck Grable
DATE: July 15, 2020
RE: Pioneer's Reopening Plan

PRSC is looking forward to welcoming your students back to school on Monday, August 10th. We remain committed to providing students with an outstanding educational experience with necessary safety protocols in place to the fullest extent possible in a school setting. We realize under the circumstances, it won't be the same as it has been, but we will do our best. In addition to in-person instruction, the PRSC will offer an online option for those students with health-related issues or other mitigating factors that prevent them from attending.



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After weeks of collaboration with the other Cass County School Districts, Cass County Health Department, and several of our own internal groups, I am pleased to provide you with the Cass County Reopening Plan and Pioneer's Reopening Plan.

The guidance, approved by the Pioneer Regional Board of School Trustees, establishes guidelines to allow our schools to reopen as safely as possible for our students and staff. While these guidelines are intentionally not building specific, they provide a flexible framework from which to begin building protocols at each school. However, several health protocols will be in place at both schools to reduce the chances of virus spread, some of these include:

- All students and staff are required to have a mask with them at all times. They will not be wearing them all day, but will be required to in certain circumstances. They must be worn on the school bus, during passing periods, and other times when social distancing is not possible.
- Schools will provide additional hand sanitizer stations and increased opportunities for hand sanitizer use and hand washing throughout the day.
- Students and staff will be required to be fever free for 72 hours without use of fever-reducing medication before returning to school.
- Visitors and guests in school buildings will be restricted.
- Instructional space and scheduling flexibility will be maximized.

When it comes to back-to-school shopping, please make sure you have cloth masks and a water bottle for your student. Students will need a couple cloth masks so that they can be washed between uses (see the DOE's mask guidance document on our website). PRSC will also have a supply of masks for students that are provided by Governor Holcomb. Cloth masks will also be available for purchase in our bookstores. Drinking fountains will be disabled. However, water bottle refill stations are available for students to refill their personal water bottle in each building. The traditional school supply lists for each grade level can be found on our website.

PRSC's online registration begins July 28. During the online registration process, we will provide more details regarding the option of remote learning so you can choose in-person or eLearning for your student.

We appreciate your support and patience during this process. Please continue to watch for updates and additional information on our website at Pioneer.k12.in.us under the 2020-2021 REOPENING folder in the documents section of the menu. With everyone working together, we will be able to keep our students, teachers, and staff members as safe as possible as we reopen our schools. We look forward to having everyone back in August.

Superintendent: Dr. Charles Grable