

PIONEER PLEASANT VALE SAFE REOPENING PROCEDURES 2020-2021

In conjunction with state school leaders and medical experts, the administration of Pioneer Pleasant Vale have developed a plan that would meet the academic needs of the children of our district in the safest possible fashion. The following recommendations were the result of many hours and meetings with educators, administrators, state officials, and medical professionals. This plan is written to provide the least disruption to the school as a whole in the event of a student or staff member being identified as having a **100.0 degree or higher fever** or testing positive for Covid-19. It is recommended that parents/guardians take their students temperature each morning before leaving for school. This may help with any surprises and/or a disruption in their school/work day.

Note: This document may be changed at any time due to the constantly changing amount of new information being reported on Covid -19. Parents/guardians should prepare accordingly.

General

It is the policy of Pioneer Pleasant Vale Schools that wearing a mask is recommended and highly encouraged for all teachers, staff and students who may be within 6 feet of another person or those who feel they need added measures of protection from Covid-19. However, masks are not currently required by the district. At this time, the State has not mandated masks in public schools but parents should plan for and expect this to change in the coming days/weeks. Therefore, all parents/guardians should have a plan in place for their students to wear masks in the school buildings. All masks must comply with dress code rules regarding graphics and language. Masks should also be worn the proper way and not become a distraction in the classroom.

Note: As a service to our parents/guardians and students, Pioneer Pleasant Vale Schools will be providing one customized Pioneer Mustang neck gaiter for every student and employee of the district. This garment will be washable and reusable throughout the school year.

Sanitization

Pioneer Pleasant Vale Schools has invested in new disinfectant foggers and sprayers to treat all areas of our schools and buses. All cleaning compounds are FDA approved and safe for use in schools. Our priority is to provide consistent sanitation of all areas of our buildings and buses on a daily, weekly and/or monthly basis. Handrails, door handles, push bars and other “high touch” areas will also be sanitized more frequently. Hand sanitization stations will continue to be located in all schools and all classrooms. They will be well stocked, refilled and available to all who desire to use them. Hand washing will be offered more often and continue to be encouraged and recommended.

Buses

Due to Covid-19, we strongly recommend that parents/guardians bring their student to school until this pandemic is over. However, if that is not possible, parents need to be aware of new bus riding procedures for the 2020-2021 school year. **Students who are bus riders will be required to have their temperature checked before they load the bus. The driver or school designee will perform this task. They will be required to sit in an assigned seat and family members will be seated together. Every student who enters the bus is required to wear a mask. If your student does not have a mask, they will not be allowed to board the bus and must find another way to school. We ask all parents to NOT leave the bus stop until their child has boarded the bus and the bus has left. Students will be required to ride on their assigned bus.** It is recommended that parents also supply their students with extra masks throughout the school year. Windows will be slightly opened to promote airflow throughout the bus for the entire school year. The bus will be sanitized by the maintenance/custodial staff before the return home run and by the bus driver as part of their pre trip checklist before the morning pickup.

Points of entry

Upon entry all students will have their temperatures taken. Any fever over 100.0 degrees will be denied entrance and sent home until a medical care provider has documented his/her return to school. His/her parents will be notified when this happens.

To reduce possible exposure to Covid-19, Pioneer Pleasant Vale Schools encourages visitors to limit/not visit until this pandemic is over. The district advises visitors to contact the school via phone calls or emails. Visitors, if any, must have their temperatures taken before they enter the building and check in at the office.

Pleasant Vale – Due to the ongoing construction at Pleasant Vale, Mr. Coonrod will be sending out information on when, where, how and what to do concerning entrance into Pleasant Vale in the coming days.

Pioneer Jr/Sr High School - All students will be required to enter through the Breezeway doors at Pioneer High School. All visitors must enter through the south Front Entrance to Pioneer High School.

Class Time

Students will receive instruction in a traditional classroom setting until outside factors, due to Covid-19, dictate a change in instruction. Desks will be spread out accordingly to adequately space students. All teachers will have the upgraded ability to educate all students through a blended process of traditional teaching and digital teaching via the state provided Exact Path instructional software, Reading Eggs and other age appropriate educational sites adopted by his/her teacher and the district. The secondary campus will primarily use Spark Learning and Edgenuity instructional software when traditional teaching cannot be performed.

Meal Periods

Pleasant Vale – Meals will be placed on tables in individual spots that are socially distanced from each other so that students will not have to stand in a serving line. Additional tables and chairs will be brought in to compensate for additional seating if necessary.

Pioneer Jr/Sr High School - Meals will be served normally and all students will be required to socially distance in the lunch room by leaving one seat open on both sides. Additional tables and chairs will be brought in to compensate for additional seating capacity.

Dismissal

Students will be asked not to loiter in the parking lot and to observe social distance and mask requirements when social distance cannot be accomplished.

Athletics

Pioneer Pleasant Vale athletes will compete in OSSAA athletics. Our coaches and teams will follow OSSAA, PPV School Board, and Health Department guidelines.

Distance Learning Option

Pleasant Vale - To protect those students who may have health issues or ones that may live with people with health issues, the district will provide a digital option for learning for the 2020-2021 school year. Any student who wishes to continue his/her education from their home will be allowed to do so. Internet access will be required. A teacher at the elementary school will oversee these classes and keep in contact with all students who choose this option.

Pioneer Jr/Sr High School – To protect those students who may have health issues or ones that may live with people with health issues, the district will provide a digital option for learning for the 2020-2021 school year. Any student who wishes to continue his/her education from their home will be allowed to do so via Edgenuity education. Internet access will be required. A teacher at the high school will oversee these classes and keep in contact with all students who choose this option. If this option is chosen, the student will be required to fulfill the entire semester before having the option to return to traditional learning at the high school. Extra-curricular activities are not available for this option.

Note: If this option is right for you then you must notify the office as soon as possible.

Positive Case Notification

As a service to our parents, the district will notify parents via text or email when a student at Pioneer Pleasant Vale Schools has tested positive for Covid-19. Due to legalities, no names or additional information will be given out. Parents will only be notified if it affects their child's school site or bus.

Once a student has tested positive for Covid-19, he/she will be required to receive at-home instruction for the next 14 calendar days of quarantine. Once he/she has been cleared by a medical care practitioner the student may return to school. Upon confirmation of Covid-19, all classrooms, lockers or areas in which student inhabited will be disinfected immediately.

Procedure for Symptoms

Any student who displays or complains about possible Covid-19 symptoms will be given a mask, placed in a separate room, and monitored while parents are contacted to come pick up their student. Student will not be allowed back at school until a medical care provider documents the student is free of any contagious disease or virus, such as Covid-19. During this time the student will have access to their assignments digitally via Spark Education or other venues provided by the school.

Out of State Travel

Until this pandemic is over, it is recommended that any student or staff member of Pioneer Pleasant Vale Schools who travel outside of our state's borders during the 2020-2021 school year complete one of the following options before returning to school:

1. Show proof of testing for Covid-19 and be negative for Covid-19
2. Produce a doctor's note that clears the student/staff member to return to school
3. Quarantine for 14 days before returning to school