

FAQ's

1. **How are decisions made to adjust the Levels to the re-entry plan:**

Park Christian school's COVID-19 re-entry task force is committed to actively reviewing data and metrics leading to decisions where students and staff can return to school safely within our leveled approach. The task force is committed to meeting at a minimum of every two weeks to review information from Minnesota Department of Health - Stay Safe MN, Clay County Public Health, Cass Public Health and internal case rates to assist in determining if any change in levels is warranted in our school's leveled re-entry model and best practices in safety measures. We are grateful for the capacity and spaces that we have at Park Christian school, as well as class sizes that allow for physically distancing within our classrooms.

Specific metrics utilized by the task force will consist of: Data for K-12 Schools: 14-day COVID-19 Case Rate by Clay County, Cass County trend data, Cass County Positivity rate, and positivity rate within Park Christian School.

On August 20, 2020, the Clay County Data for K-12 Schools was 8.6, indicating a recommended policy option of "In-person learning for all students" and case rates or positivity in Cass County was trending down.

2. **Safety and Sanitation:**

- a. HVAC upgrades – PCS will hourly cycle the fresh air intake in our entire system and double the clean filter schedule to each HVAC unit.
- b. Schedules have been created to clean high frequency touched surfaces, bathrooms, and lunch room tables.
- c. Handwashing and sanitization will be taught and implanted throughout the day.
- d. Doors will be propped open
- e. Physical distancing will be implemented throughout the day in hallways, classrooms, and meeting spaces.
- f. Pick up and drop off will be streamlined incorporating best practices to limit large groups.
- g. Signage for best practices (Physical Distancing, handwashing, and face coverings) will be posted throughout the building.

3. **Attendance tracking policy:**

We are asking parents to keep a close eye on the health of their children. We know this will most likely lead to more students that are absent from school this year. We also want to guard against the absence policy being abused. We will be working with each case of absence on an individual basis as we may see circumstances arise that we haven't had to deal with in the past.

We are asking parents to partner with us to make sure our environment is safe and keep your child home if they are exhibiting COVID-19 symptoms.

We will continue to follow our attendance policy, especially at the junior/senior high level. If a student misses 10 or more days/events in a semester, the student will lose credit for the class unless it is appealed by the student/parent and granted an acceptance of credit.

When calculating absences due to COVID-19, the days a student misses will be counted as an event instead of actual days. So if a student stays home two different times due to possible COVID-19 absences, they would have 2 absences instead of the actual number of days missed. Days missed for other reasons will be counted as actual days.

4. Transportation:

Food and drink will no longer be allowed on buses.

PCS shuttle buses will have assigned seating arranged by family units or grade cohorts, when possible.

Face coverings will be worn to meet the MDH guidelines.

Moorhead public school buses will serve PCS families as long as in-person or hybrid learning is occurring in the public schools.

5. Face Coverings:

On July 22, Governor Walz signed [Executive Order 20-81](#) requiring face coverings in all indoor public spaces in Minnesota, including K-12 school buildings.

Because this is such an important mitigation strategy, we are ensuring all public school students and staff have the face coverings they need for in-person and hybrid learning. Minnesota will provide the following supplies to all public schools:

- Every K-12 student will receive one cloth face covering
- Every school staff member will receive one cloth face covering
- Every school will receive three disposable face masks per student
- Every school will receive face shields for all licensed teachers and 50% of non-licensed staff

6. Symptoms of COVID-19 and Decision Making Tree:

Symptoms of COVID-19 can include cough, shortness of breath, fever, chills, headache, muscle pain, sore throat, or loss of taste or smell. Other less common symptoms include gastrointestinal symptoms like nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea. These symptoms may appear 2-14 days after you are exposed to the virus that causes COVID-19. Not everyone with COVID-19 has all of these symptoms, and some people may not have any symptoms.

[Decision Tree for People with COVID-19 Symptoms in Youth, Student, and Child Care Programs](#)