

Return to School Plan

Pleasant Hill CUSD # 3

This guidance is written for current trends in Pleasant Hill, Illinois, as of July 23, 2021. As the situation changes, we may have to consider tighter restrictions or we may be given further guidance from the Center for Disease Control (CDC), Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH), and Pike County Health Department (PCHD).

Section 1: In-Person Learning

Pleasant Hill CUSD # 3 believes that education is best served by as much in-person learning as possible. However, the safety of both students and staff is our priority. Decisions made regarding all school scenarios will be made in conjunction with the State Board of Education and local health department guidance firmly in mind.

The Illinois State Board of Education has stated **in-person learning is best for students**; therefore, Pleasant Hill Schools **will utilize an in-person learning plan** that only offers remote learning at the following times:

- A student is quarantined
- A student has legitimate medical documentation

There is a 5 hour clock requirement for student learning. Time Considerations for In-Person Learning are as follows:

- 8:15 AM - 2:30 PM

Section 2: Health Safety Precautions

- Masks are **highly recommended** for unvaccinated students, faculty, and staff while indoors.
- Mask use is **required** on school buses.
- Masks are not required outdoors.
- Students, faculty, and staff should have masks with them, each day, for use in situations where social distancing is not possible (i.e. small group work, emergency drills, etc.).
- We will maintain increased cleaning in bathrooms and classrooms.
- All students and staff with COVID symptoms, as defined by the CDC and IDPH, must stay home and not attend school. If they are in attendance, they will be sent home and must present a doctor's note to return.
- Students and staff are encouraged to maintain physical distancing (3 feet separation) throughout the school day.

Section 3: Quarantine and Contact Tracing

- Pleasant Hill CUSD #3 will be following CDC and IDPH guidelines and will work in conjunction with the Pike County Health Dept to determine when a student or staff member needs to quarantine. Unvaccinated persons will be placed in quarantine if they are in close contact with a positive person and are not wearing a mask. Vaccinated individuals will quarantine if they present symptoms.

Section 4: Athletics

- School athletics will follow the rules provided by IHSA and IESA in accordance with IDPH and ISBE guidelines.

Section 5: Food Service

High School

- An Open Campus Lunch will be utilized.
- Students may eat off campus, outside, or in the cafeteria.
- We will no longer allow students to utilize classrooms, large gym, small gym or library for lunch.

Elementary

- K-8 students will resume eating lunch in the cafeteria.
- Breakfast will continue in the classroom.
- Pre-K snacks and lunch will be served in the classroom.
- Outside eating areas can be utilized as deemed necessary by the elementary principal.

Section 6: Visitors

- The campus will re-open to visitors throughout the day.
- Visitors must report to the office upon arrival.

Section 7: Drop Off

- Parents and Caregivers will drop off students in the drop off area at the front of each respective school.
- Younger students may be accompanied by one parent to the building exterior door
- Students may be screened for symptoms upon arrival.

Section 8: Pick up

- Students riding buses will no longer be dismissed prior to students who are walking or being picked up by parents and caregivers
- Parents and Caregivers must wait in their cars until students are dismissed from classes

Section 9: General Classroom Guidance

The following guidelines must be considered for each location.

Kindergarten to 8th grade classrooms

- Students will be facing the same direction and will be socially distanced when possible. If social distancing is not able to be maintained, masks should be utilized.
- Common areas and tables may be clearly marked to show where to sit, stand, or line-up for social distancing if needed
- Windows may remain open for increased ventilation
- Restroom and hand washing breaks may be scheduled and coordinated throughout the day
- Hand sanitizing should occur throughout the day especially when re-entering the classroom
- School supplies should not be shared between students or staff
- Classrooms will be cleaned daily

9th grade to 12th grade classrooms

- Students will be facing the same direction and will be socially distanced when possible. If social distancing is not able to be maintained, masks should be utilized.
- Windows may remain open for increased ventilation
- Hand sanitizing should occur throughout the day especially when re-entering the classroom
- School supplies should not be shared between students or staff
- Classrooms will be cleaned daily

Section 10: Anticipated Communication with Parents/Community/Stakeholders

- We will communicate the plan in the usual ways: announcements, website, Facebook, news outlets, etc.