

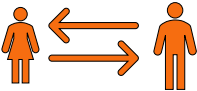








Pioneer School 2020-2021 Restart and Reopening Plan Summary Sheet

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| Calendar  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The school calendar will stay the same with the first student day on August 20th. Students may attend 5 days/week or parents may select home/virtual options. Home-based/virtual options will be based on the student's needs. |
| Transportation, Arrival & Dismissal  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Transportation provided by home school districts will follow the district guidelines. Contact your home school district for up to date information. Students transported by parents will follow a new protocol this school year. Parents will drive through a line and drop students off to a staff member without leaving their car. Staff members will also take students to the parent's car at dismissal. Arrival and dismissal times will be on a staggered schedule to allow for distancing. This information will be included in your back to school paperwork. |
| Distancing  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students will work at individual desks (no shared tables) and will be spaced apart. Staff will work to maintain 6-foot distance between students as much as possible. Education, visual cues and reminders will be used regularly to help students. Staff will limit contact with students but some students require close/direct contact to provide services (therapy, hand over hand, changing/feeding, etc). Students will not have close contact with students from other classes. |
| Health Screenings  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students and staff will do daily home symptom screening and MUST stay home if they have symptoms. <u>This is necessary to keep people safe and must be followed.</u> Anyone who becomes sick or shows symptoms at school will be isolated and must be picked up immediately. Have plans in place. Steps will be needed before they return. |
| Masks and Handwashing  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff are required to wear masks or under some circumstances face shields. Students are expected to wear masks if able to do so and masks will be provided for students. Hand sanitizer will be provided in classrooms and around the school. Frequent supervised handwashing and hand sanitizing will be scheduled. |
| Common Areas  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Classes will be assigned to a specific bathroom. The number of people using the bathroom at one time will be limited. Recesses will be staggered and students/staff will wash hands upon re-entry. Group activities will be limited this school year to students in the same class and using social distancing guidelines. There will be no field trips until further notice. Access to hallways and common areas will be limited/scheduled when possible. |
| Cleaning & Sanitizing  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Items and materials in rooms will be limited and easy to clean and sanitize. Student supplies will be provided by the school and will not be shared. Any items that must be shared (such as classroom iPads) will be sanitized after use. Enhanced cleaning procedures and frequent sanitizing of high touch surfaces will occur. |
| Meals | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students will eat in their classrooms for breakfast, lunch and snack. No outside food may be brought in to shared. Students may pack lunch/snacks if they choose. |
| Visitors  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No guests/visitors are allowed inside the school unless approved in advance. Visitors attending IEP meetings at the school will enter through the back door and will be restricted to the conference room only. |
| Cases of COVID-19  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In the event of a suspected/confirmed case, notifications will be made. Cleaning and follow-up steps will be in accordance with health department guidance. |

Pioneer School 2020-2021 Restart and Reopening Plan

INTRODUCTION

Our Pioneer School Restart and Reopening Plan was carefully crafted with the following priorities and principles in mind:

- The health and safety of our students and staff members is our top concern.
- Each student has unique needs. Some have underlying medical conditions that place them at greater risk of complications from COVID-19. Some students rely more on in-person supports and therapy services and would be at risk without them. Our plans strive to account for differences in the needs of students and families.
- COVID-19 is a serious health issue, and we know any decision we make about school operations will present risk along with benefits. We will rely on health professionals for reliable guidance. When creating our plans, we consulted the ODE Reset and Restart Plan, Considerations from the American Academy of Pediatrics, guidance from ODH, CDC and WHO, and consultation with the Ross County Health District.
- Our plans may need to change based on developments. We will continue to make decisions we necessary to keep people safe as possible while providing vital supports.

CALENDAR/SCHEDULE

We will continue with our previously approved school calendar (see attached). The first day for students will be August 20, 2020.

Students will have the option to attend 5 days per week or the option of choosing a home-based or virtual learning option. If you would like to learn more about home/virtual options, please contact Regina Speas, Director of Education. In general, the home/virtual options will be tailored to the individual needs of the student and may utilize technology or other methods depending on those needs. There will be clear expectations for participation and attendance.

You must notify us of your choice by July 31, 2020. Changes can only be made at the end of the semester (December 2020 to start in January 2021) unless there is a medical reason.

TRANSPORTATION/ARRIVAL/DISMISSAL

School-District Provided Transportation:

Students who are transported by their district will need to follow the guidelines of that district. Each district is making decisions about mask requirements, distancing and other issues. Please contact your district of residence to learn more about their rules regarding transportation. We will also attempt to share information from each district as it becomes available.

Parent Drop Off/Pick Up:

Drop off and pick up times will be staggered, and parents will follow a new protocol. Parents/caregivers will line up near the front door and will stay in their vehicles. Staff members will retrieve students from

the vehicle and help them into the building. At dismissal, staff members will walk students to the vehicle.

If you need to drop-off or pick-up your child outside of the regular times, you should stay in your vehicle and call the office upon arrival.

DISTANCING

Classrooms will be limited to no more than 8 students per classroom. Teachers and other staff members will work to ensure that students stay 6 feet apart from each other as much as possible. We recognize it will be difficult to keep our students 6 feet apart at all times, and many of our students may not understand the need to distance. We cannot ensure distancing will always be maintained. Efforts will be made to educate students about social distancing and visual cues and reminders will be present throughout the school. We will redirect students who are not maintaining distance.

Students will sit at individual desks to allow them to be spaced. We will not use shared table seating this year. Students will eat breakfast, lunch and snacks in their classroom. Older students may be permitted to eat in the cafeteria if they are able to follow distancing requirements. If this is the case, strict distancing, handwashing and cleaning protocol will be in place.

Students will not have close contact with students from other classes. However, there may be times when it is necessary for students from different classes to come into contact with staff members serving students from other classes (therapy, gym class, etc).

Recesses will be scheduled and staggered. Use of shared spaces such as the sensory room will also be scheduled and staggered. Each classroom will be assigned a specific bathroom to be used unless there is an emergency. The number of students in a bathroom at one time will be limited. Nurses will take scheduled medications to the student's classroom.

Staff members will maintain distance and avoid direct contact with students when possible. However, it is important to note that many students require supports and services at a close distance or with direct contact. Examples include changing, feeding, therapy services, behavior intervention, hand over hand prompting, etc. In these cases, staff members will not be able to maintain distance. Staff will use appropriate personal protective equipment and take all necessary precautions. We have worked with the health department to establish our procedures.

HEALTH SCREENINGS

Students will be encouraged to do home temperature and symptom checks each day before coming to school. Checks will also be completed upon arrival.

If a student has a fever (above 100), cough, new difficulty breathing or other symptoms of illness, they **MUST** stay home. If symptoms occur while at school, students will be immediately isolated from other students and must be picked up immediately. Parents must be available and provide back-up phone numbers that will be available for contact during the school day. Please make plans now for what you will do if your child becomes sick and must stay home or be picked up from school.

Any students with symptoms of illness will need to follow steps before returning to school which will be communicated by our school nurse. A child must be fever and symptom free for 72 hours before returning to school. If your child comes into close contact with someone who is suspected or confirmed of having COVID-19, they must not return to school for 14 days. Close contact means being within 6 feet of the person for more than 10 minutes.

We know it is difficult to balance work and childcare needs, but preventing exposure is one of the MOST important things we can all do to keep others safe. We will enforce these requirements strictly.

Staff members will also undergo daily temperature/symptom checks.

MASKS

All staff members will be required to wear masks at all times while in the presence of students or in close contact with other staff. Masks must cover the mouth, nose and chin. Face shields may be used without masks in some circumstances. Face shields must curve around the face and go below the chin. We will provide clear masks and shields to allow students to see the face of staff members, but staff will also be able to choose to wear masks that are not clear.

Students are expected to wear masks if able to do so safely. We understand this may not be possible for all students. If they are unable to wear a mask due to a medical condition, they will be exempted. If they have difficulty tolerating a mask, we will regularly encourage them to wear a mask, help them practice wearing the mask and support them to become more comfortable with masks. Parents should be aware that not all students at school will be wearing masks.

If you are not sure if masks are safe for your child, we recommend you contact your child's medical providers. We will have masks available for students.

HANDWASHING

Frequent handwashing will be encouraged regularly throughout the day. At a minimum, students will have supervised, assisted handwashing upon arrival, upon re-entering the building or classroom, after using the bathroom, and prior to eating. All classrooms have sinks for handwashing, and there will also be access to hand sanitizer in all classrooms and common areas.

CLEANING AND SANITIZING

Students will be provided with their own set of basic supplies, and they will not be shared. Any items or materials that must be shared will be sanitized between each use. Teachers and staff members will also be limiting the number of toys, items and materials in the classrooms and removing items with surfaces that cannot easily be cleaned or sanitized.

An enhanced cleaning/sanitizing schedule will be in place to ensure regular cleaning of our building, facilities and vehicles. There will be an emphasis on high touch surfaces and shared spaces. Cleaning guidelines will follow recommendations from the CDC and our local health department.

FOOD

Students will eat breakfast, lunch and snacks in their classrooms at their desks. Handwashing will occur before eating. Students are not permitted to bring food from home to share under any circumstances. Students may bring personal snacks or lunch.

Any events or activities where students participate in making/preparing food (such as home training) will occur in an area where distancing can occur, and no items will be shared. We will not be holding Tiger Café or running snack shack during this school year.

FIELD TRIPS/WORK EXPERIENCE

We will not hold any field trips until further notice. Work experiences will be limited but may occur on a case by case basis with prior parent approval.

GUESTS/VISITORS

No guests or visitors will be permitted into the school unless they have been preapproved. Any preapproved visitors will undergo a health screening prior to being permitted inside. Meetings using technology or phone are preferred. If visitors are scheduled to attend an in-person IEP meeting, they will enter the back of the school and be permitted only in the conference room area.

SUSPECTED/CONFIRMED CASES

If a student or staff member is suspected or confirmed to have COVID-19, we will immediately close access to any space where the person spent time and follow all required cleaning and precautionary steps. We will work with our local health department to ensure all notifications are made and required measures are followed. We will follow any necessary closure/quarantine measures.

If Ross County is determined to have a high level of community spread or if we have multiple cases within our school setting, we will work with our local health department to determine the appropriate closure decision including the length of time a closure is needed.

FLEXIBILITY/BACK UP PLANS

Although we have prepared these plans with the intent to provide an option for in-person services, we will make changes if needed to keep people safe. We are developing back-up plans for a variety of scenarios and will be closely monitoring our status in Ross County. We encourage families to consider back-up plans in case school is closed temporarily or long-term.

COMMUNICATION

The COVID-19 pandemic has led to increased levels of stress and concern. We will attempt to communicate frequently and openly to try to help keep everyone informed. If you have questions or concerns, please contact us directly and we will provide any information we can to assist.