

Primero School District RE-2 School Restart Plans with COVID-19 Response

Superintendent Bill Naccarato and Principal Blake Byall submit this plan for school reopening. The following conditions will allow the District to provide quality and safe school operations for PK-12 students, their families and school staff.

Basic School Operations and Schedule:

Primero will operate on a modified schedule until further notice. The Elementary School (Kindergarten to 5th Grade) will attend live instruction each day (Monday through Thursday) in classrooms where safe distancing between seating shall be observed. Accommodations have been made to the schedule to isolate students in their specific age (class) designation, without mixing classes for specials classes, recess, breakfast, etc. Provisions have been established to ensure social distancing and cohorting occur when using support facilities, restrooms, and other locations. Special sanitizing protocols have been established to account for the use of all places students visit and to clean and disinfect all equipment and supplies students contact.

All students age 11 or older will wear face coverings/masks at school, along with the entire staff. Staff shall access building through one controlled point where health screening and temperature checks will take place on arrival and departure. All non Pre Kindergarten Students shall enter the building through the Cafeteria entrance. Those students coming via a bus shall enter straight away, while students who arrive by private vehicle—either self driven or parent-transported—shall follow the same health screening as the staff prior to entering the Cafeteria. Pre Kindergarten students and any student arriving late, shall also follow the standardized health screening and temperature check, however their access point will be the main access entry doors to the building.

All Secondary Students will be at school two days per week, and engage in E-learning on the other two days. We have moved all secondary classes to a 2 hour block schedule each day. Mondays and Wednesday will encompass Periods 1, 3, 5, (all on 2 hour block) and Period 7 (normal one hour), while Tuesdays and Thursdays will see Periods 2,4,6 (on block) and Period 7 (normal one hour). Assisting with crowd reduction and cohorting efforts will be the Hybrid system put into effect this year. All Middle School students (6-8th Grade) will only attend “live” schooling on Mondays and Tuesdays. They will engage in E-Learning on Wednesdays and Thursdays. High School students (9-12) will do the opposite, as they come to Primero on Wednesdays and Thursdays, following E-learning on Mondays and Tuesdays. We have a select few students wishing to complete all courses remotely. We will be set up to accommodate this request.

Cafeteria Modifications: The cafeteria will be utilized by 6-12th Grade students on a split lunch rotation, meaning never more than 35 students will ever be in that area at the same time. On Wednesday and Thursday, that number drops closer to 20 students. Breakfasts will all be “grab and go”, so that students are not congregating in one area. Elementary Lunch time will be adjusted to meet the needs of all students. We have the adaptability to convert our old gym into a serving/eating area, in order to encompass greater numbers than the cafeteria can hold. For all lunches, the salad bar will be out of commission until further notice, and line spacing, traffic flow, and other crowd considerations have been added.

Sanitation and decontamination processes shall be enforced in the cafeteria following the morning breakfast distribution time AND between each designated lunch period. The entire custodial crew has been rescheduled and trained to make disinfecting the school on a continual basis a major emphasis of the work day.

Locker Room Changes: All athletic locker rooms will be off limits until the threat of COVID is reduced. Hallway Locker Room access will only be allowed for 6-8th Grade students. In an effort to spread the student body out over a relatively confined space, we shall only use every-other locker available. All areas normally frequented by high numbers of students, including the Locker Room, shall be monitored for use and the practice of congregating and socializing shall be eliminated.

Classroom/Workspace Considerations

In addition to conducting daily temperature checks of all employees and students, Primero will be on high alert for monitoring the health of all people in the building and dealing with potential issues that may arise.

This includes:

Monitoring symptoms of employees/students.

Primero employs a full-time nurse who will be the primary health care provider and contact person for dealing with health related issues during school hours. Her regular office will be utilized for dealing with all non-illness health concerns, while we have set up an additional room to be used for COVID related issues. We have the means to examine, monitor and isolate any student or staff member who may be showing signs of illness worthy of further consideration. The COVID Room, and all other rooms that have contact with potential or overtly ill individuals, will be subject to deep cleaning after each use. All individuals who may be suspected of being ill, or showing flu-like symptoms, will be quarantined in a separate room set up for that purpose, until such time as they can be removed from the building.

Advising follow-up action.

All quarantined individuals will be advised to seek further assistance from health officials. This may include COVID testing and consultation. Primero personnel will **neither test nor classify individuals** as being COVID positive. If individuals are asked to be removed from the building they will not be allowed on the premises again

for a minimum of 72 hours in which they show no symptoms. Individuals testing positive for COVID will be isolated for at least 14 days. They will only be allowed back in school following further testing in which case a “negative” result is confirmed by doctor’s notice.

For the immediate time being, NO volunteers, parents, visitors, or other non-essential personnel will be allowed into the school building.

Employee Considerations As effectively modeled during the Summer School session at Primero, the building and district staff shall follow the following protocols:

Ensure all school employees wear face coverings/masks whenever possible, including all in-person instruction. Refer symptomatic employees and students to the CDPHE Symptom Tracker. Require employees to remain at home if family member/self is experiencing symptoms. Engage and encourage frequent hand washing for a minimum of 20 seconds. Students will be retrained if necessary on the correct process and time to effectively wash hands. Train staff on specific protocols and procedures during the teacher in-service days preceding the start of the school year.

Ensure 6-foot distancing at all times, where possible.

Regularly (multiple times daily) clean high-touch surface areas such as but not limited to:

- Desks/tables -Door handles - Light switches - Common tools (i.e. staplers, tape dispensers). Regularly (daily) disinfect education tools such as but not limited to:

-Books -White boards/erasers/markers - Computers/Chromebooks. Ensure proper ventilation per OSHA guidelines by keeping all classroom doors open, maintaining window openings, and allowing the positive pressure flow of the HVAC system to function.

-All restrooms will be cleaned and disinfected on a schedule commensurate with the usage of these facilities. Procedural sheets are hung up in all rooms to serve as guidance and documentation for cleaning methodology.

Transportation: Implement curbside health checks/temperature verification. Hire Health Monitoring Personnel to assist bus drivers with the daily task of safely screening all bus riders prior to their loading on the bus. Mandate students age 11 or older to wear face coverings/masks at school, and **ALL** bus riders regardless of age. Establish clear guidelines for parents on: Temperature checks, home hygiene, attendance/reporting procedures, requiring students/parents to remain at home if a child/family member is experiencing symptoms, not leaving the bus area until health screens are complete, etc.

Parents must take children home--without getting on the bus--if temperature exceeds 100 degrees OR child demonstrates illness symptoms.

Require children/parents with underlying health conditions stay home if possible/avoid coming into school buildings.

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