
Reopening of School Update

**School Board Meeting
Tuesday, February 16, 2021**



CURRENT HEALTH DATA

	Total Cases		14-Day Percent Positivity (PCR only)		Rate of Cases Per 100,000 Population (14-day)
	POQ	PHD	POQ	PHD	POQ
12/15	238	7,837	13.5%	11.5%	1,952
1/19	489	13,931	19.1%	17.2%	1,009
2/16	680	18,589	14.5%	12.4%	516

Data Source: VDH Daily Dashboard (<https://www.vdh.virginia.gov/coronavirus/covid-19-daily-dashboard/>)

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Poquoson City Public Schools

COVID-19 Case Data

as of 2-16-2021

	Positive Cases (Students and Staff)
Primary School	11
Elementary School	5
Middle School	11
High School	7
Central Office/ Division Support Staff	*
DIVISION TOTAL	38

* PCPS will report data in these areas when counts exceed 5.
Reporting numbers under 5 allows individuals to be personally identifiable.

Governor's Call to Reopen Schools

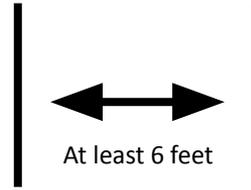
- Intended for school divisions who have not offered any in-person instruction this school year.
- PCPS has offered in-person instruction since the first day of school.
- All PCPS students (grades PreK-12) have the option to attend school in-person on a hybrid schedule.
- Over 70% of PCPS students are currently learning in-person on a hybrid instructional model.

Updated CDC Guidance for Schools

- [Operational Strategy for K-12 Schools through Phased Mitigation](#) document was released on Friday, February 12, 2021.
- This information is currently being reviewed by the Virginia Department of Education (VDOE) and Virginia Department of Health (VDH).
- PCPS anticipates getting updates from them over the next few weeks.

Essential Elements of Safe K-12 School In-Person Instruction

1. **Mitigation Strategies to Reduce COVID-19 Transmission**
 - a. Universal and correct use of face masks
 - b. Maintain physical distancing of at least 6-feet
 - c. Handwashing and respiratory etiquette
 - d. Cleaning and maintaining healthy facilities
 - e. Contact tracing in combination with isolation & quarantine, in collaboration with health department



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2. Indicators of Community Transmission

- a. Total Number of New Cases per 100,000 persons in the last **7 days**
- b. Percent Positivity Rate in the last **7 days**

Table 1. CDC Indicators and Thresholds for Community Transmission of COVID-19¹

Indicator	Low Transmission Blue	Moderate Transmission Yellow	Substantial Transmission Orange	High Transmission Red
Total new cases per 100,000 persons in the past 7 days ²	0-9	10-49	50-99	≥100
Percentage of NAATs that are positive during the past 7 days ³	<5.0%	5.0%-7.9%	8.0%-9.9%	≥10.0%

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3. Phased Mitigation, Learning Models, and Testing

- a. Recommended learning model (in-person, hybrid, virtual) depends on the level of community transmission and strict adherence to mitigation.**
 - i. Prioritize in-person learning over athletics and extracurriculars.
 - ii. Lower incidence of COVID-19 among younger children suggests that younger students are likely to have less risk of in-school transmission than older students (middle and high school aged).
 - iii. Families of students who are at increased risk of severe illness or who live with people who are at increased risk, should be given the option for virtual learning.
 - iv. Schools are encouraged to use cohorting or podding of students.
 - v. When implementing phased mitigation in hybrid learning models, schools should consider prioritizing in-person instruction for students with disabilities, as well as other students who may benefit from receiving essential instruction in a school setting.
- b. Testing for COVID-19: Waiting on more information from VDH and VDOE on what this means.**
- c. Vaccinations for Teachers and Staff, in communities as soon as supply allows.**

**Despite careful planning and consistent implementation of mitigation, some situations may occur that lead to the temporary closure of schools or parts of schools (class or grade level) to in-person instruction.*

**Multiple COVID-19 variants are circulating globally - rigorous mitigation strategies are essential to control the spread of these variants.*

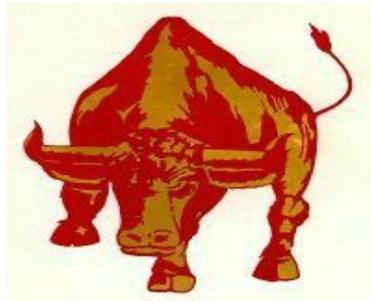
Vaccinations for PCPS Staff



- Three vaccine clinics were held for staff in late January and early February.
- 257 of 303 FT/PT PCPS employees have been vaccinated with the first dose (84.9%).
- An additional 132 staff who work with PCPS students were vaccinated
 - Substitutes
 - Aramark Food Service Staff
 - SSC Custodial Staff
 - Coaches
- We are expecting to begin the process for the second vaccine dose for all staff at the end of the month.

Fall Sports

PCPS will be participating in fall sports and following all VHSL guidelines and mitigation strategies



Summer Academy Programs

PCPS will not be moving to a year-round schooling model; however, we are offering a variety of summer options for students.

- K-8: Remediation/Skill Building (Reading and Math)
- Grades 9-12: Credit Recovery and Original Credit Options
- Extended School Year for Qualifying Special Needs Students
- Enrichment Opportunities (i.e. Camp Invention)
- In-Person and Virtual Options

Additional information will be forthcoming.

Next Steps

- When released, review updated reopening information from the VDH and the VDOE. Make adjustments, as needed.
- Continue practicing mitigation strategies at all levels and in all division spaces.
- Planning with staff as we consider a phased-in approach to additional in-person instruction.
- Our goal has always been to bring all of our students safely back to school as soon and as often as possible.

Next Steps for In-Person Instruction

To Prepare for More In-Person Instruction

- Master Schedule Rebuilding (restructure encore, additional lunch periods)
- Staffing Adjustments (teacher changes)
- Classroom and School Preparations (moving desks and furniture)
- Instructional Shifts (moving from virtual to in-person)
- Special Education Services (IEP revisions)
- Professional Learning (instruction for remainder of the year)
- Transportation (rebuild runs)
- Food Services (restructuring meal services)
- Technology Needs (in-person needs assessments)
- Health and Mitigation Strategies
 - Additional cleaning required
 - Daily health screenings-temp checks
- Timeline and Communication (with staff and parents)

QUESTIONS?