

Frequently Asked Questions

July 30, 2020

Will my child be safe – Will my child learn

During this global pandemic, the staff of the Paulsboro Public School have two equally important priorities. The first priority is student and staff safety and wellness. The second priority is offering a robust learning program for both in-person and remote environments.

When will schools reopen for students?

Schools will reopen for students on Tuesday, September 8, 2020.

What will the school day look like for students?

Students will be divided into two groups in order to limit the number of children in the school buildings.

One group, the “Red Group,” will attend school in-person on Monday and Tuesday mornings between about 8:00 AM and Noon. They will participate in lessons remotely on Thursday and Friday mornings between about 8:00 AM and Noon. During the afternoon, teachers will be available online from 1:30 PM and 3:00 PM to assist students and teach some subjects.

The second group, the “White Group,” will attend school in-person on Thursday and Friday mornings between about 8:00 AM and Noon. They will participate in lessons remotely on Monday and Tuesday mornings between about 8:00 AM and Noon. During the afternoon teachers will be available online from 1:30 PM and 3:00 PM to assist students and teach some subjects.

All students will learn remotely on Wednesdays.

In most cases, the in-person lessons will be live-streamed so that students learning remotely will be able to both see and participate in class including asking and answering questions. The district is also working to have the lessons recorded so that students can watch them again or at different times.

How will children be assigned to the Red Group or White Group?

All children, no matter which school they attend, in a given family will be assigned to one group. For example, if a family has a child at Billingsport Early Childhood Center, another youngster at Loudenslager Elementary Schools and a third student attending Paulsboro High School, they will all be placed in the Red Group.

May I request that my child(ren) attend school in a completely remote format?

Yes – You may request that your children learn in a completely remote format.

A survey is being conducted so that you can tell school officials if you want a completely remote learning program for each of your children. Please complete the survey by Friday, July 31, 2020. The link to the survey is: [Parent Survey](#)

What will the school day look like for students who participate in a completely remote program?

Students learning remotely will logon so that they can watch and participate in the live-streamed lessons being offered in-person to other students. This participation includes asking and answering questions. These lessons will take place on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from about 8:00 AM until Noon. During the afternoon teachers will be available online to assist students and teach some subjects from 1:30 PM and 3:00 PM. All students will learn remotely on Wednesdays.

Will all of the teachers use the same format for remote instruction?

Yes – All remote instruction will take place using Google for Education.

What if our family does not have a computer or Internet access?

The school will make every effort to provide a laptop computer to families that do not have a computer. If a family does not have Internet access, the school will make every effort to provide this service.

How will the school know if I would like my child(ren) to learn remotely and if we have a computer and Internet?

The survey is posted on the district website, Facebook and Twitter. Every parent should complete the survey so that the school knows if the parents would like their child(ren) to learn remotely and if they have a computer and Internet access. Please complete the survey by July 31st. The link to the survey is: [Parent Survey](#)

Will breakfast and lunch continue to be served?

At the end of the school day (about noon) students who are in school will be given a Grab and Go lunch for that day and breakfast for the next morning. Students learning remotely will come to the school closest to them to pick their lunch and breakfast for the next day at the outside kiosk.

What is the school doing to keep my child(ren) safe while they are at school?

The following steps will be taken in order to identify students and staff who may have COVID-19, reduce the spread of the virus, and prevent people from getting this illness:

- Students and staff will be screened for symptoms of COVID-19 upon arrival. Students with symptoms will be isolated until their parents take them home. Staff with symptoms will also go home.
- If a student or staff member tests positive for COVID-19, the school will conduct contact tracing.
- Staff, visitors and students will wear face masks.
- Students will be divided into two groups so that the number of youngsters present at one time is much less than half the norm.
- Arrival and dismissal times will be staggered to reduce crowds.
- Enhanced cleaning of schools and buses will take place.
- Objects will be shared as little as possible. Students will have “kits” of supplies for each individual.
- Objects such as keyboards, mice, calculators, computers, robots, etc. will be cleaned with alcohol wipes before use.
- Classes will remain together in order to limit movement in the building. When possible students will stay in one room and teacher will “change” classes.
- Schools will be deep cleaned on Wednesdays and Saturdays.
- Windows will be open to promote air circulation.
- All HVAC filters will be clean and/or replaced.
- Desks will face in one direction with no desks in groups.
- Hand sanitizer, face masks and gloves will be provided.
- Hand sanitizer will be placed in every classroom, office, near entrances, and near lavatories.

More information will be forthcoming as soon as possible. Check the district website, Facebook and Twitter.