

Safe Return to In-Person Instruction Plan



Peace Valley Charter School
2022-2023 School Year

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Mitigation Strategies

- Facial Coverings: available in the office for use and guidance on the proper wearing of them
- Large Classroom Sizes: 900-1100 square feet classroom space to support space between desks/pods, as needed
- Ventilation Equipment: industrial-grade air purifiers placed in classrooms and offices
- Use of Entrances and Exits: all exterior doors are utilized strategically to support the movement of students throughout the school day
- Staggered Recess Times: grade-level band staggered recesses (K, 1-3, 4-6, 7&8)

Mitigation Strategies (cont.)

- Hand Washing: sinks available in each classroom for hand washing; hand sanitizer also available in each classroom and offices
- Cleaning of Facility: daily cleaning provided by the custodial staff with an emphasis on high touch surfaces and high traffic areas; additionally, chores completed by students in the classroom coordinated by the classroom teacher

Social, Emotional, and Mental Health

Supports for Students:

- Classroom-level circle time
- Animal Assisted Intervention with Ms. Burki
- Small group supports with other faculty and staff
- Two scheduled unstructured play times each school day (except Thursday)

Supports for Faculty and Staff:

- Small group facilitated share time amongst faculty members once a month
- Other activities (e.g. massages, yoga sessions, etc.) scheduled throughout the school year
- Animal Assisted Intervention with Ms. Burki

Community Input

- Previously, task force groups have met to discuss the school's mitigation strategies and ongoing efforts to support a balanced approach to the current health concerns
- Feedback received from faculty, staff, and parents through surveys
- Bi-annual review of the Safe Return to In-Person Instruction Plan
- Reformation of task force would be implemented if the Department of Health indicated a pervasive health emergency

The recommendation to the school board is for face coverings to be optional unless a city or county order is put in place for face coverings. The reasons for this recommendation are:

1. Precedence as it relates to when masks were required and when they were optional as it relates to local mask orders
2. Previous school year's Peace Valley COVID-19 data (school spread did not mirror community spread as was predicted prior to the 2020-2021 year)
3. Community input and support for other mitigation measures
4. Ongoing support for local "on the ground" decision making and evaluation of the health status of the school community; this will be monitored and responded to in real time and with real data

Mitigation measures will be evaluated and changes considered by the Administrative Team and School Board. As needed, a task force will be reformed including all stakeholders in the Peace Valley community.