

PLEASANT GROVE SCHOOL REOPENING PLAN

February 2022

As Pleasant Grove School transitions to being fully open, protocols and information have been updated. These protocols, address CDC and California Department of Public Health (CDPH) recommendations and will be revisited every 6 months to address any changes.

Maintaining Health and Safety

Masks

All staff, students, and visitors will correctly wear masks in accordance with CDPH guidelines unless exempt per the guidelines.

- Masks are optional outdoors.
- Masks are required to be worn indoors, unless exempt per [CDPH face mask guidance](#).
 - The site has a supply of disposable masks for anyone who is unable to provide their own.
- A non-restrictive alternative, such as a face shield with a drape on the bottom edge may be worn under specific circumstances.
- Students will be taught and reminded how to properly wear face coverings, not to touch the face covering, and to wash hands frequently.
- The district has posted signs to communicate the face coverings requirements on the premises.

Schools must develop and implement local protocols to enforce the mask requirements. Pleasant Grove School's protocols to enforce mask requirements include:

- Remind of the mask requirement and provide a mask if needed.
- Call parents to discuss mask requirement.
- Administration will meet with parents to develop a long-term plan.

Physical Distancing

Recent evidence indicates that in-person instruction can occur safely without minimum physical distancing requirements when other mitigation strategies (e.g., masking) are implemented. We encourage physical distancing when/if it does not impact instruction. Students may participate in group activities while adhering to COVID-19 safety protocols.

Limited Sharing

To the greatest extent possible, each child's belongings will be kept separated and in individually labeled storage containers, backpacks, cubbies, or designated areas. Students will be provided with adequate supplies to minimize sharing of high-touch materials (art supplies, equipment, etc.) to the greatest extent possible or limit use of supplies and equipment to one group of children at a time and clean and disinfect between uses. Students will not share food or drink.

Healthy Hygiene Practices

Staff and parents will teach and reinforce [washing hands](#), avoiding [contact with one's eyes](#), nose, and mouth, and [covering coughs and sneezes](#) following CDPH and CDC recommendations. Teachers will develop routines enabling students and staff to regularly wash their hands. All classrooms, offices, and meeting rooms are equipped with adequate hand washing facilities and hand sanitizer.

Cleaning and Disinfection

Pleasant Grove School has established routine schedules and ensures there are adequate supplies to clean and disinfect common surfaces and objects in the workplace. The process of disinfecting includes providing disinfecting products that are EPA approved for use against the virus that causes COVID-19 and following the manufacturer's instructions for all cleaning and disinfection products (e.g., safety requirements, PPE, concentration, contact time). Should there be a COVID-19 case in the workplace, the district will clean and disinfect all areas used by the sick person, such as offices, bathrooms, common areas, shared equipment.

Ventilation

For indoor locations, the district has evaluated how to maximize the quantity of outdoor air and whether it is possible to increase filtration efficiency to the highest level compatible with the existing ventilation system. Pleasant Grove School services the ventilation systems regularly replacing all filters and servicing any needed repairs.

Food Service

The district will return to regular food service and will:

- Maximize physical distance as much as possible while eating (especially indoors), use additional spaces outside of the cafeteria for mealtime seating, and arrange for eating outdoors as much as feasible.
- Clean frequently touched surfaces. Surfaces that come in contact with food will be washed, rinsed, and sanitized before and after meals.

Transportation

We will resume regular transportation for students to and from school. Masks will be required of staff and students on the bus or school van. Siblings are encouraged to sit together. Windows will be opened as practicable.

Volunteers/Visitors

At this time, volunteers will not be permitted, and visitors are limited to only essential visitors (necessary business). Essential visitors must sign in at the office and must wear a mask while on campus.

Staying Home When Sick

Everyone entering the school (staff, students, visitors, vendors) are asked to perform daily wellness checks. Anyone who expresses symptoms related to Covid-19 is expected to stay home and follow CDC Guidelines. Students will not be penalized for poor attendance due to health-related absences. Parents are asked to refrain from giving their child fever reducing medicine and then sending them to school. If they have symptoms, they should stay home, for their health and the health of others.

- Symptoms at School: The district has identified an isolation room to separate anyone who exhibits 1 or more symptoms of COVID-19 while at school. Throughout the day, any staff or student who has a temperature of 100.4 F or higher and/or demonstrates symptoms will leave campus to return home.
- Return to School After Exclusion for Symptoms: Staff members and students with symptoms of COVID-19 infection are advised not to return for in-person instruction until they have met [CDPH criteria](#) to discontinue home isolation.

Identification and Tracing of COVID-19 Cases

Reporting of confirmed positive and suspected cases in students and staff will follow CDPH [guidance](#). The school will contact the Sutter County Public Health Department if we are notified that a student or staff member has a positive COVID-19 test. Sutter County Public Health will work with the school on a case-by-case basis to determine the extent of exposure to other students and staff members and consider if classroom, office, or school closure is warranted, and the length of time based on the need to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 and allow for additional cleaning. The school will communicate with staff/families in the case of a student or staff member with a positive test for COVID-19, in accordance with the privacy requirements of FERPA/HIPPA and the communication guidance as required from County Public Health.

Tracing

PG has a designated COVID-19 liaison, to act as the communication point for all COVID-19 concerns. This individual's responsibility include:

- Managing and supporting contact tracing
- Notifying exposed persons
- Creating and maintaining a database of exposed students and staff
- Communicating with, and submitting lists of exposed students and staff to the local health department

Testing of Students and Staff

Pleasant Grove School has rapid antigen tests and trained personnel available to perform COVID tests onsite.

Efforts to Provide Vaccinations to the School Community

Pleasant Grove School will direct those wishing a vaccination to the Sutter County Health Department.

Quarantine and Isolation

Pleasant Grove School will follow California Department of Public Health (CDPH) guidance regarding quarantine and isolation for people with COVID-19.

Vaccination Verification

Pleasant Grove School will adhere to the CDC vaccine verification recommendations.

Appropriate Accommodations for Children With Disabilities (Health And Safety)

The recommended procedures will be applied to all classroom settings, including special education services locations when possible and appropriate. Individual student needs will be addressed on a case-by-case basis.

Coordination with State and Local Health Officials

The district will continue to follow recommendations from the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) and the Sutter County Health Department.

Communication Plan

PG will maintain communication systems that allow staff and families to self-report COVID-19 symptoms and receive immediate notifications of exposures and closures. Communication will maintain confidentiality as required by FERPA and state law related to privacy of educational records and other privacy laws. The March 2020 Student Privacy Policy FERPA & Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) FAQs (Department of Education) will provide the staff with additional guidance on how to provide effective communication. Local Health Departments will notify the school administration if a case and contact investigation reveal exposure at the school site.

The administration and teachers will communicate clearly, consistently, and often with stakeholder groups (students, parents/guardians, staff, and community) with the most up to date information available through a variety of platforms (i.e., email, website posts, newsletter, text messages, phone calls). This Reopening Plan will be posted on the district's website and reviewed every six months for possible revisions.

Continuity of Services

The LEA will ensure continuity of services, including but not limited to services to address students' academic needs and students' and staff social, emotional, mental health and other needs, which may include student health and food services. Describe how the LEA will ensure continuity of services in case isolation, quarantine, or future school closures are required, including how the LEA will meet the needs of students with disabilities and English learners.

Pleasant Grove JUSD will ensure continuity of services for students and staff via the many programs in place within our school. On August 18, 2021, we returned to a regular school year schedule that follows our normal curriculum and assessments with an added emphasis on providing academic and social-emotional intervention to struggling students. We have invested in professional development, student support systems, and technology to support the transition to distance learning should that become necessary.

The Local Health Officer may determine that school closure is warranted. If school closure is deemed necessary, staff and students will switch back to distance learning. The Pleasant Grove School Distance Learning Plan calls for the use of the same standards aligned, currently adopted curriculum as used during classroom-based instruction. This alignment supports an expedient transition between distance learning and classroom-based instruction. The district has invested in technology and staff training to support distance learning should it become necessary.

Stakeholder Engagement

The LEA sought public comments in the development of its plan and took those comments into account in the development of its plan. Describe the LEA's policy or practice that provided the public with an opportunity to provide comments and feedback and the collection process. Describe how any feedback was incorporated into the development of the plan.

This Reopening Plan reflects current mandates and recommendations and must be reviewed every six months. The draft Reopening Plan was presented at the August 10, 2021, meeting of the Board of Trustees for discussion. Staff reviewed the plan at the August 16, 2021 staff meeting. The draft was posted on our website for stakeholder feedback. The Board of Trustees approved the plan at their September 14, 2021 meeting. The Board of Trustees discussed the updates made to the plan and stakeholders had an opportunity to provide input at the March 14, 2022 Board meeting.