

PALMYRA AREA MIDDLE SCHOOL

Building Health/Safety Plan Information

This document serves as a resource for you regarding our plans for the re-opening of Palmyra Area Middle School.



Classroom Arrangements and Class Size

- All classrooms will be set up using desks that are in rows, facing the front of the room.
- Desks will be placed at a minimum of 3ft apart.
- Students are required to wear their masks during the day. Mask breaks will be provided throughout the day as needed.



Physical Distancing Measures

- Lockers will not be utilized this year. Students will be allowed to carry book bags throughout the entire school day.
- Physical/Social distancing will be practiced as much as possible.
- Students are encouraged to bring their own water bottle for use each day.



Schedule Changes

- Students will report directly to homeroom upon arrival.
- Time will be allowed between classes to have students move safely in school
- Staggered dismissal times will be utilized at the end of the day



Hallway Protocols

- Students will be required to walk on the right hand side of the hallway wherever possible
- Students will be released from the classroom using a staggered bell schedule when possible to minimize the number of students in the hallways during transitions.



Cafeteria Plan

- Cafeteria seating will be physically distanced, and alternate areas will be utilized. Students will be dismissed from tables to enter the food court.
- Serving line flow will be designed for distancing and choices will be limited.
- Breakfast will be held in our cafeteria before school.



Nurse Health Suite

- There will be an isolated area for students displaying COVID symptoms
- A separate area will be designated for normal health suite visits, such as medicine distribution and other health issues.



Field Trips and Activities

- No field trips will occur at this time.
- No face-to-face guest speakers, but can be done virtually.
- All assemblies will be cancelled.
- All large group after school events are cancelled (ie. CKN, clubs, etc).



Physical Education Plan

- Students will not be required to change for their physical education class.
- Locker rooms will not be used to minimize social and physical interactions.
- Physical education classes will take place outside as much as possible.
- Physical education curriculum will be altered to support physical distancing guidelines.
- Equipment will not be shared between students during class.



Face Coverings/Masks

- All staff will be required to bring a wear a face covering while at work.
- Children two years and older are required to wear a face covering unless they have a medical or mental health condition or disability, documented in accordance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act or IDEA, that precludes the wearing of a face covering in school. Accommodations for such students should be made in partnership with the student's health care provider, school nurse and IEP/504 team. Face coverings are required to enter the building and must be worn at all times in the building except for mask breaks and eating lunch. If a child does not have a face mask we will provide one for them.



Library

- Library books may be checked out from the library as needed
- Books will be quarantined for 5 days upon return to the library
- Library use outside of Reference Classes will be limited/restricted.



Other Prevention Items

- Visitor and guests who must enter the schools will be limited to essential business
- Items dropped off for students will be placed in a designated area within the vestibule for student to pick up.
- Masks must be worn at all times by anyone who is anywhere inside or outside on our campus.
- Back to school events will be primarily virtual or sent out electronically.