



# PELHAM CITY SCHOOLS CHARTER SYSTEM

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## COVID – 19 Protocols

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All parents and community members know that COVID 19 variants continue to impact our community. Therefore, first and foremost, the Pelham City Schools Charter System Board of Education members highly recommend that all faculty and staff members and eligible students (5 years and older) get vaccinated for COVID – 19. We are living in a very volatile time concerning the spread of this virus. As your superintendent, my priority is to assure you that our faculty and staff members are doing all we can to provide a healthy and safe environment for our students and faculty members while on our school campuses. In addition, our goal is to keep our schools open as long as we have healthy faculty and staff members to provide an effective school day.

### Recommended COVID procedures

- Faculty and students will be expected to use hand sanitizer in and out of buildings, classrooms, offices, and buses. If you are experiencing symptoms or are sick, stay home.
- Due to the increase in COVID cases, the Department of Public Health recommends that all students, faculty and staff members wear masks in all inside areas and buses, especially if not vaccinated. However, masks are not required.
- Faculty and students will be expected to utilize social distancing (3 feet or more) to the extent possible
- We will notify parents of those in close contact (within 3 feet for 15 minutes or longer) by phone (email if all numbers cannot be reached)
- Reinstate additional safety measures (structured hallway transitions, limited visitors, social distancing)
- Increase communication efforts (class and schoolwide notifications)

### For individuals testing positive

- Positive cases will be sent home according to DPH guidance
- Positive cases will be reported to the Department of Public Health

**In the event that COVID-19 positive cases increase, the Pelham Board of Education reserves the right to implement quarantine procedures.**