

Patton Springs ISD

FAQ's for the Reopening of School

PLEASE NOTE THAT THESE PROTOCOLS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

1. When will schools start?
 - A. School will start on Monday, August 17.

2. How will learning take place?
 - a. Face-to-face
 - b. Virtual Synchronous
 - i. This method is highly recommended over the asynchronous plan due to the capability of interacting with the teacher in real time.
 - ii. 4th-12th graders will be required to log-in to Google Classroom at the start of each of their classes.
 - c. Asynchronous
 - i. A student will have to show engagement on a daily basis in order to receive attendance credit for each class.
 - ii. Students will have until 11:59pm that day to show engagement.
 - iii. Teachers will not be available after 4:15 Monday-Thursday. They will not be available on Fridays.

3. Will students that opt for remote learning be required to come on campus for tests?
 - a. Yes, tests and other hands on proficiency requirements will be administered on campus. Students will need to make arrangements with their teacher for these activities.

4. Will masks be mandatory?
 - a. Masks will not be mandatory in the classroom. Masks for those that want them will be available.
 - b. They will however be mandatory in the passing periods.
 - c. Doctor's exemptions will be allowed

5. Will devices be issued to students that choose distance learning?
 - a. No

6. Will internet access be provided for students opting for distance learning.
 - a. No

7. Will PK-5th grade students be required to stay online for 180 consecutive minutes for virtual instruction?
 - a. No, students will be required to log-in at certain times according to their teachers' schedules for direct instruction. Then, the 180 minutes can be completed throughout the entire day. The 180 minutes will include direct instruction and independent work. Work will need to be completed by 11:59pm each day.
 - b. Will 6th-12th grade students be required to stay online for 240 minutes for distance instruction?
 - i. No, students will be required to log-in at certain times according to their teachers' schedules for direct instruction. Then, the 240 minutes can be completed throughout the entire day. The 240 minutes will include direct instruction and independent work. Work will need to be completed by 11:59pm each day.

8. Will students' social distance in the classroom, hallways and cafeteria?
 - a. Yes, students will be instructed to maintain a social distance of 6" when practical. Furthermore, we have taken the following steps to support social distancing for our students.
 - i. Modified passing periods for all secondary students to ensure that not all students will be in the hallways at the same time.
 - ii. Modified lunch procedures-All students eating in the cafeteria will sit in every other seat.

- iii. Classroom desks will be spaced out to the maximum extent possible.
9. Can a student that is not feeling well do distance learning for the day?
- a. If a student is not feeling well and misses the entire day due to symptoms that **are normal** to that student, the student may use remote instruction.
 - b. Students that miss an entire day due to symptoms that **are not normal** to them, that student must remain home for remote learning for the duration of the week.
 - c. If a student comes to school and then leaves for a scheduled appointment (example – dentist, doctor, vision), that student may return to school.
 - d. Best Practice is to have a Doctor’s note when possible.
10. What is the protocol if someone tests positive for COVID-19?
- a. Any individuals who themselves either: (a) are lab-confirmed to have COVID-19; or (b) experience the symptoms of COVID-19 (listed below) must stay at home throughout the infection period and cannot return to campus until the school systems screens the individual to determine any of the below conditions for campus re-entry have been met:
 - i. In the case of an individual who was diagnosed with COVID-19, the individual may return to school when all three of the following criteria are met:
 - 1. At least one day (24) hours has passed since the recovery (resolution of fever without the use of fever-reducing medications);
 - 2. The individual has improvement in symptoms (e.g., cough, shortness of breath); and
 - 3. At least 10 days have passed since the symptoms first appeared.
 - b. In the case of an individual who has symptoms that could be COVID-19 and who is not evaluated by a medical professional or tested for

COVID-19, such individual is assumed to have COVID-19 and the individual may not return to the campus until the individual has completed the same three-step set of criteria listed above.

- c. If the individual has symptoms that could be COVID-19 and wants to return to school before completing the above stay at home period, the individual must obtain a medical professional's note clearing the individual for return based on an alternative diagnosis or (b) obtain an acute infection test at an approved testing location (<https://tdem.texas.gov/covid-19/>) that comes back negative for COVID-19.
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- 11. Will high school students have the option to attend some classes in person and others virtually?
 - a. No

 - 12. How often will the temperature of students be taken?
 - a. Students riding the bus will have their temperature taken when they board the bus and everybody else will be checked at the main entrance to the school every morning.

 - 13. What are the school day times?
 - a. Classes start at 8:15 every morning.
 - b. Monday-Thursday classes will end at 4:15pm.
 - c. On the scheduled Friday's, classes will end at 3:30pm.

 - 14. What will lunch/breakfast look like?
 - a. Students will be spread out in the cafeteria to observe social distancing.
 - b. Lunch times will be staggered so that we may observe social distancing in the cafeteria.

15. Will visitors be allowed in the building?

- a. At this time, visitors will be limited to the area near the front door.

16. Will students that opt for remote learning be eligible for extracurricular activities (i.e. football, basketball, UIL academic, etc.

- a. No, students that choose remote learning will not be eligible for any extracurricular activities.