Update on School Reopening Plans: Latest Health and Safety Measures, Limited In-Person Activities, K-5 Family Preference, Middle and High School Hybrid Schedule

February 23, 2021





Tonight's Highlights

Tonight, we will share with you:

- → Latest Metrics current Multnomah County COVID-19 rates
- → Health and Safety Measures
 - Layered risk reduction strategy
 - Access to COVID-19 vaccine distribution
- → Update on Current Limited In Person Activities
 - LIPI Update 29 schools providing LIPI
 - Athletics and OSAA Music

→ K-5 Student and Family Preference Over 70% want some form of in-person instruction

→ Hybrid Model of Instruction Middle School/High School Proposed Schedule



Guiding Principles

Center Racial Equity and Social Justice

Center and lift up the lived experiences of Black, Native American and Students of Color, whose families have been disproportionately impacted by COVID-19 and the pervasive inequities in our systems.

Ensure the Health and Wellness of our Students and Staff

In addition to adhering to COVID-19 public health guidelines, we understand that racialized trauma is exacerbated by the pandemic and other crises, and therefore will prioritize a RESJ and trauma-informed approach to achieve health and well being for our students, staff and communities.

Cultivate Connection and Relationship

We also know that in order to move through this pandemic, PPS will need to work with and engage with our broader community, centering the voices and experiences of our BIPOC communities in an authentic and meaningful dialogue so that needs and concerns are surfaced and strategies to mitigate barriers are developed to meet those needs and concerns.

Strengthen and Innovate the Instructional Core

Through this pandemic, we've remained steadfast in our commitment to strengthen and innovate teaching and learning so that every one of our students achieves our Graduate Portrait, especially our Black and Native American students.



Advisory Metrics for Returning to In-Person Instruction





108.9

Cases per 100,000 Feb. 7 - Feb. 20, 2021 in Multnomah County (Source)



COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution

4 of **4**

<u>waves</u> of educators have had opportunity to receive <u>first</u> of two vaccine doses* **1** of **4**

<u>waves</u> of educators have begun to receive <u>second</u> of two vaccine doses*

8,515

Approximate # of PPS educators and community partner staff <u>invited</u> to receive COVID-19 vaccinations*

First appointments to access COVID-19 vaccine in Wave 1 began January 27, 2021.

Wave 4 (which includes High Schools) opened February 18, 2021.

Today, COVID-19 vaccinations appointments are open for anyone eligible (PreK-12 educators and school staff, seniors, childcare providers, Phase 1a, and others) in Multnomah, Washington and Clackamas Counties at the Oregon Convention Center (OCC).



* As of February 22, 2021

The Health and Safety of our students and staff continues to be top priority for PPS and the State of Oregon.

While the COVID-case thresholds were adjusted on January 19, the remaining safety requirements and protocols within ODE's *Ready Schools, Safe Learners* remain <u>mandatory</u>.

PPS implements health and safety protocols by:

Applying a layered risk reduction strategy

AND

Following public health agency guidance





Layered Risk Reduction Strategy

The CDC recommends a layered strategy to reduce exposures to COVID-19. All mitigation strategies provide some level of protection, and **layered strategies implemented concurrently provide the greatest level of protection**

- Social distancing
- Hand hygiene
- Cough etiquette
- Contact tracing
- Building ventilation
- Vaccinations
- Cleaning & disinfecting
- Symptom screening
- Testing





Follow Public Health Guidance





District Guidance Documents

- Purchasing and Distribution
- Stay Home
- Ventilation
- Clean and Disinfect Vehicles
- Bus Loading/Unloading
- Bus/School Entry Screening
- Physical Distancing
- Public Health Communication
- Hand Hygiene and Respiratory Etiquette
- Personal Protective Equipment
- Restroom Use Requirements in Schools

- Visitors and Volunteers
- Cleaning and Disinfecting schools
- Table washing and sanitation
- Technology Devices
- Health Surveillance and Contact Tracing
- School Emergency Procedures and Drills
- Emergency Response Framework & COVID-19 Response Team
- Symptomatic Student Response
- Symptom/Isolation Space Requirements
- Communication Protocol Presumptive Case
- Cleaning/Disinfecting Response to COVID-19 Case



K-5 Student and Family Preference Update



K-5 Student and Family Preference Form

- Email Communication: K-5 families have received at least two email communications, and will receive a final reminder tomorrow.
- Phone Outreach: A toolkit was developed and shared with school-based and central office staff to make individual phones calls to PPS K-5 families who have yet to complete form.

70%

want some form of in-person*

65.6% / 4.4%

Proportion who want Hybrid/LIPI*

60.8% / 60.4%

Proportion of Black / Latino respondents who want Hybrid*

* As of February 23, 2021





59.3%

Response Rate as of 8AM

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K-5 Student and Family Preference: Additional Needs







In Person Activities and Hybrid Planning



Athletics

All comprehensive High Schools in OSAA Season 1

- 4,568 students registered across district
- This includes: Football, M&W basketball, M&W soccer, cross country, wrestling, cheer, dance/drill team, softball, baseball, golf, swimming, volleyball, track, M&W water polo, M&W lacrosse all outdoor training

OSAA 2 competitions began yesterday, February 22, 2021

• Projected 2,880 students in football, volleyball, cross country, dance team (non-curricular) and cheer.

OSAA Season 3 and 4 will work out on limited basis based on facility capacity

Currently planning PIL Youth Sports Program to begin March 15, 2021





OSAA - Music

We are currently offering extra-curricular music activities, in preparation for league competitions

This includes:

• band, choir, orchestra - all outdoor sessions

Current high schools participating:

- Lincoln & Franklin
- Small cohorts of students (ten per session)

As schools indicate readiness, there will be room to add additional outdoor music programming





Limited In-Person Update



Number of schools now offering LIPI^{*}

438

Total Students Attending LIPI*

45%

Students identify as Black or Latino^{*}

(25.2% Districtwide)

LIPI is aimed at meeting the needs of **specific groups** of students based on needed educational, relational, social-emotional, curricular, instructional, and/or assessment support.

After reviewing student data (math/literacy at ES/MS level and credit recovery at HS), school administrators invited identified students and their families to participate in LIPI, following these parameters.

- LIPI cohorts will consist of no more than 20 students
- Participating students are limited two cohorts per week
- All students and educators must observe mask and physical-distancing requirements
- Each LIPI session will run for no more than two hours



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Middle and High School Plan for Hybrid Instruction



Middle/High School Plan for Hybrid

Our plan is to return to a hybrid model of instruction in Quarter 4 for Middle and High School students.

Starting next week, we plan on gather input from families on their preferences for a schedule

We will continue to follow and adhere to guidance in the "Ready Schools, Safe Learners" in order to provide opportunities for in-person learning to PPS students.





Constraints for Hybrid in Secondary Schools

Student Interactions: Students can only interact with 100 students per week based on Ready Schools, Safe Learners (not including transportation or passing periods).

Teacher Licensure: Secondary teachers are licensed by content area, so staffing severely limits options for models.

Class size: Higher class sizes in secondary force more cohorts (and fewer live classes) with physical distancing measures in place.



