

PADEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS



RETURN TO SCHOOL

2021-2022

Introduction

The Health and Safety of All Members of the Paden Community is Our Top Priority

During the 2020-2021 school year, Paden Public Schools made many adjustments to every aspect of our programs and facilities to account for the COVID-10 global pandemic. The 2021-2022 Learning Plan was developed in anticipation of a continuing downward trend to positive COVID cases. Each procedure has been re-evaluated to determine which should remain as is, which should revert back to pre-COVID, and which should be altered. The guiding premise for all decisions is the question, "What is best for students?"

Will Masks Be Required?

In compliance with Senate Bill 658, masks will not be required unless Okfuskee County is declared a state of emergency and in consultation with the county and state health departments. If Okfuskee County is declared a state of emergency, Paden Public Schools will implement a tiered system to determine if masks should be required. It should be noted that Senate Bill 658 does not preclude anyone from wearing a mask if they desire.

How Will School Procedures Change?

Many procedures initiated last year to protect students and staff will not longer be required this year. However, some procedures which offer parents greater flexibility will stay in place. These include the following:

- Virtual parent/teacher conferences (face-to-face will also be offered)
- Virtual IEP/504 meetings (face-to-face meetings will also be offered)
- Remote learning in the event school is shutdown (either for inclement weather or COVID)

What if COVID Cases Begin Rising?

School procedures and operations are based on the current improved COVID condition, understanding that the rate of contagion might change in either direction (greater or less) at any time. Should such a change occur, some restrictions deemed necessary could be reinstated.

If at any time you have questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out.

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FACE MASKS

- In compliance with Senate Bill 658, masks will not be required unless Oklahoma County is declared a state of emergency and in consultation with the county and state health departments.
- If Okfuskee Co. is declared a state of emergency, EPS will implement our tiered system to determine site by site if masks should be required.



CLEANING

- Spray bottles with QT3 will be in each classroom for teachers to use as needed.
- Electrostatic sprayers will be used in classrooms and on buses as needed especially during flu season.



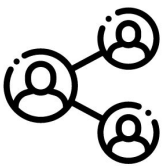
HAND SANITIZER

- Hand sanitizer will be available and encouraged for use.



STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

- Students with disabilities will be provided services based upon their IEP or 504 educational plan.



CONTACT TRACING

- Sites will track the number of positive Covid cases reported.
- Contact tracing will not take place unless directed by the county health department.



VACCINATIONS

- Vaccinations are encouraged but not required for those eligible.
- Free testing will be offered for employees and students at the Okfuskee Co. Health Department



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VIRTUAL MEETINGS

- Virtual Parent/Teacher conferences will be offered to parents who cannot or choose not to attend in person.
- Virtual IEP/504 meetings will be offered to parents who cannot attend in person



PARENTS, GUESTS AND VISITORS

- Visitors and guests will be allowed in the building for programs, concerts and other special events.



FIELD TRIPS AND TRAVEL

- Field trips and travel will be allowed based on the restrictions that were in place pre-Covid.



DISTANCE LEARNING

- If a school is closed due to Covid positive cases, weather conditions or other extraordinary circumstances, remote learning will be instituted.



SCHOOL LUNCHES

- Guests at lunch will be limited to special occasions set by the school.
- Lunches are free to all students for the 21-22 school year and will be provided if the school is closed.



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Paden Public Schools Tiered System

Elevated numbers will be investigated case by case. Mask requirements will only be implemented if the county is declared a state of emergency by the Governor pursuant to SB 658. Positive cases include students and staff.

System to be enacted as per CDC recommendations.

GREEN 0-2%	Masks welcomed but not required; follow typical school procedures. No changes necessary.
YELLOW 2.1%-3.0%	Masks welcomed but not required; follow typical school procedures. No changes necessary.
ORANGE 1 3.1%-4%	If declared a state of emergency by the Governor pursuant to SB 658, masks will be required in upon entering school buildings, in hallways and in large group settings. Masks will be recommended in classrooms.
ORANGE 2 4.1%-5.0%	Masks required at all times. Follow all protocols outlined in the original Back to School Plan.
RED GREATER THAN 5.1%	School will shutdown for 10 calendar days; students move to virtual learning.



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