

SAFE LEARNING PLAN

PiM takes the health and safety of its students and staff very seriously. Barring any changes in guidance from state and federal health agencies, the following document outlines how PiM Arts High School plans to start the 2021-22 school year.

PiM will continue with many of the COVID-19 protocols that were put into place last school year. Layered protection strategies, including masking, spacing, regular cleaning, reinforced hand washing, and other hygiene practices, will continue to be used to reduce the risk of transmission. This strategy is the best defense to an uninterrupted school year.

We will monitor classroom, building, county, and state COVID-19 levels closely throughout the year as part of the decision-making process in addition to regular communication with local and state health partners. Should COVID-19 cases increase, additional measures may need to be taken to protect the health and safety of our school and broader communities.

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FACE COVERINGS

PiM students and staff will start the 2021-2022 school year **wearing masks** regardless of vaccination status.

BUSES

All people are required by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) order to **wear masks** on all public transportation, including school buses.

PHYSICAL DISTANCING

There will be **no specific minimum** distance requirements.

Hallways will follow a **one-way directionality** according to arrows posted on floors.

Restrooms will have a maximum **capacity of three humans**. Single-use restrooms are for single use only.

LUNCH

Lunch will return to the **cafeteria** space. Students will sit with their **Block 3 classes** in one of four lunch rotations.

VISITORS

At this time, we will be allowing masked visitors in building during the school day **by appointment only**.

STAY HOME WHEN SICK

Students, teachers, and staff should **stay home when they have signs of any infectious illness** and be referred to their healthcare provider for testing and care.

Students or staff who become ill with COVID-like symptoms while in school will be **sent home**.

PiM will follow the **MDH decision tree** for those who have COVID-like symptoms.

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QUARANTINE

Anyone who **tests positive** for COVID-19 must stay home for **10 days** from the start of symptoms.

Fully vaccinated students and staff and those who have had COVID-19 within the past 90 days are **NOT required to quarantine** when exposed.

Unvaccinated students or staff who are quarantined will have the **option of returning** after seven (7) days with a negative test taken at least five (5) days after exposure, or ten (10) days if they choose not to test, as long as they do not have any household contact who has COVID-19.

An important NEW exception for K-12 students: Per MDH and CDC guidelines, masked students in an indoor classroom setting **will not be considered close contacts**, and thus will not be required to quarantine if exposed.

COVID TESTING

PiM Arts High School **encourages regular testing** for COVID-19 to help prevent symptomatic and asymptomatic transmission.

Weekly testing will be available at PiM. More information to follow.

VACCINES

Vaccines are strongly recommended for all eligible people, but not required for staff or students at this time.

PiM Arts High School staff and students can find information regarding access to vaccines through the MDH [vaccine connector](#).

**WE'RE IN THIS TOGETHER.
PLEASE DO WHAT YOU CAN TO
REDUCE THE SPREAD OF
COVID-19 IN OUR COMMUNITY.**