



Public Schools of Plainfield

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PLAINFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS **WILL REOPEN ON A HYBRID SCHEDULE** **NOVEMBER 9, 2020**

Parents have the option to remain on Remote Learning

Plainfield, NJ – October 5, 2020 – The Plainfield Public School District will reopen its doors for in-person instruction on Monday, November 9, 2020, following a hybrid model that will reduce the number of students in the schools at a given time.

The entire District has been on remote learning since September 10 because of the COVID-19 Pandemic but now students will have the option to return to their school buildings.

The hybrid model, which combines in-person instruction and online learning, will reduce the number of students in the buildings by 50 per cent. The students will be divided into groups that will follow schedules that will attend school on alternate days, each day.

Parents who would like to continue their children on remote learning must advise the district by submitting the Transition Request Form to their schools. The form is posted on page 102 of the Reopen Plan at www.Plainfieldnj12.org.

Parents will receive a text message, phone call and email notifications reminding them about the opening of the schools for in-person instruction and the strict protocols for the students to return to school.

Dr. Diana Mitchell, Superintendent of Schools, assured parents, “The safety of our children, staff and our Plainfield Community, continues to be our priority. We will be very vigilant of our COVID status and we will be following the protocols established by this District based on mandates by the CDC and the State of New Jersey Department of Education.

“All students and staff will undergo daily temperature checks and symptomatic students and staff must quarantine and will need a doctor’s note of clearance to return to school.

For a listing of the protocols, cleansing of the schools and more please refer to the Team PPSD, The Road Back Report on the district website.

Pandemic Response Teams

All our schools have established a Pandemic Response Team to respond COVID related issues. The teams include the school principal or designee, school nurse, teachers, safety officer, guidance counselor, social workers, parents, and child study team members (Appendix A, Page 10).

Health and Safety Protocols

The safety and well-being of students and staff is the top priority of Plainfield Public Schools. All of our safety and health protocols are guided by the CDC and the NJDOE. Plainfield Public Schools’ Health and Safety Plan identifies ten (10) critical areas of operation that include Safety Guidelines, Classrooms, Testing, Therapy Rooms, Student Flow, Entry, Exit, and Common Areas.

Contact tracing is the responsibility of the prospective student or employee’s Board of Health Department where they live. However, Ms. Myrna Dyson, RN Supervisor of Nursing for Plainfield Public Schools will assist with contact tracing if needed. It is very important to have the correct contact information for students and staff on file. (Appendix C (pg. 79), Appendix R (pg. 127), and Appendix V (pg. 145).

Classrooms

All students will be seated at least six feet apart in their classrooms and will have individual partitions for added safety.

Technical Assistance

All students and staff must have access to digital resources. Should parents, students and staff experience technical problems, please reach out to District’s Technical Support by calling 908-731-4223 or sending an email to: helpdesk@plainfield.k12.nj.us. (Appendix Q, pg. 126)

Facilities Cleaning Practices

All the district facilities will undergo approved cleaning practices and procedures and any new specific requirements of the local health department that may arise. A schedule for routine cleaning and disinfecting of frequently touched surfaces and objects has been established utilizing COVID-19 products approved by the EPA. Examples of frequently touched areas include: Classroom desks and chairs, lunchroom tables and chairs, door handles and push plates, handrails, bathrooms, light switches, shared desktops, drinking fountains and vending machines, students and staff are encouraged to bring their own water bottles.

For a complete listing, please refer to the TEAMPPSD: The Road Back at www.painfieldnj12.org.

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