



Post Falls School District Reopening Plan 2020-2021

Please note: The plan is a living document and will be updated in accordance with new guidance from the CDC, Governor's office, SBOE, SDE, IHSAA, Panhandle Health and other state and local officials. (Approved 7/29/2020)

Welcome back, Post Falls Families!

Thank you for your feedback and support as we developed plans to reopen Post Falls School District for the 2020-2021 school year. As you know, we must be able to respond quickly to changing local, regional, and state conditions due to COVID-19. Our reopening plan includes a Green, Yellow, Orange, and Red system which outlines what students, staff, and parents can expect under the different conditions. In developing this plan, our goal was to provide flexibility and consistency for students, families, and staff while mitigating risks and minimizing the spread of COVID-19.

We recognize anything less than face-to-face instruction every day is a hardship for families, and there is no "perfect" alternate day schedule. By utilizing the [Idaho Back to School Framework 2020](#) released from the Idaho State Board of Education on July 9th, as well as feedback from parents/guardians and staff surveys, we have developed our reopening guidelines for grades preK-12. In the coming weeks, each school will be communicating site-specific information to parents/guardians regarding what these guidelines mean for day-to-day operations.

We appreciate your continued support during these trying times. As you know, the COVID-19 situation changes constantly, and we will rely on our local health officials for guidance as we move through the school year. The district office will provide updates on our website (www.pfsd.com), and we welcome your questions and input.

Communication Plan for Category Changes

The goal of the reopening plan is to provide flexibility and consistency for students, families, and staff while mitigating risks and minimizing the spread of COVID-19. Although the district must be able to respond quickly to changing conditions, we recognize the need for families and staff to receive ample notice to adjust to individual school and district-wide category changes. Therefore, the district will make every effort to provide a week's notice using a variety of communication methods, including the School Messenger text notification system, the district's webpage, and/or local media. The district provides school closure information to KXLY, KVNI, KCDA, KISS, KDRK radio and KREM-2, KXLY-4 and KHQ-6 television stations.

**To opt in and receive school notifications through School Messenger send a text message to 67587 with the word "subscribe" in the body of the text. School Messenger will send a confirmation text shortly after.*

Responding To A Confirmed Case of Covid-19: An important part of limiting the spread of COVID-19 in our community is identifying those who may be sick, infected, or who have been exposed, and requires all of us working together to keep the virus in check. (See Appendix B: Panhandle Health COVID-19 Decision Tree)

Students/Families: If your child tests positive for COVID-19, we ask you to notify your school and not send your child to school or any school sponsored event.

District: District will support health officials' efforts to communicate to staff, students, and parents the possible exposure to COVID-19 while maintaining confidentiality as required by FERPA, HIPAA, and the ADA.

Green

Definition: Evidence of isolated cases, case investigations underway, no evidence of exposure in large communal setting e.g., healthcare facility, school, mass gathering.

Level of Operations: PFSD students will attend school fulltime with the implementation of reasonable procedures in accordance with health guidance. An online option will be available for students.

District Wide Practices:

- Regular district calendar and school schedules with late start Mondays.
- District and school Emergency Management Plan reviewed, updated, and implemented.
- Parents monitor their students' health, ensuring students stay home if they are sick or showing symptoms.
- Face shields and/or masks as per Panhandle Health, state, local or other governmental agency mandates.
- Buildings routinely cleaned and disinfected according to CDC guidelines with special focus on high traffic areas.
- Handwashing integrated throughout the day.
- Hand sanitizer available throughout buildings.
- Schools share "Stop the Spread" information with focus on preventative measures and symptoms.

Classroom Spaces:

- Limited use of shared materials and supplies.
- Scheduled desk sanitation during the school day at appropriate transitions.

School & Common Spaces:

- Sneeze guards and other protective measures will be implemented in all offices.
- An identified isolation/screening room in the school separate from the Nurse's office.

Extracurricular Activities:

- Follow established Idaho High School Athletic Association and District guidelines in Appendix A.

Yellow

Definition: Community spread and/or sustained transmission with high likelihood or confirmed exposure within communal settings, with potential for rapid increase in suspected cases.

Level of Operations: PFSD students will attend school fulltime with implementation of the [Panhandle Health](#) or other governmental agency mask mandate and with additional reasonable procedures in accordance with health guidance. An online option will be available for students.

District Wide Practices:

- Regular district calendar and school schedules with late start Mondays.
- District and school Emergency Management Plan reviewed, updated, and implemented.
- Facility ventilation systems set to allow for maximum airflow.
- Parents monitor their students' health, ensuring students stay home if they are sick or showing symptoms.
- Social distancing where possible and reasonable.
- Face shields and/or masks as per Panhandle Health, state, local or other governmental agency mandates.
- Buildings routinely cleaned and disinfected according to CDC guidelines with special focus on high traffic areas.
- Handwashing integrated throughout the day.
- Hand sanitizer available throughout buildings.
- Schools share "Stop the Spread" information with focus on preventative measures and symptoms.
- Social distancing on school buses will be difficult. Therefore, students will be expected to wear face shields and/or masks for the duration of the bus ride.

Classroom Spaces:

- Limited use of shared materials and supplies.
- Desks arranged to allow for cohort groups and social distancing where possible and reasonable.
- Scheduled desk sanitation during the school day at appropriate transitions.

School & Common Spaces:

- Sneeze guards and other protective measures will be implemented in all offices.
- New protocols for volunteers/visitors to campus.
- No assignment of lockers except for special circumstances.
- Field trips will not be allowed.
- An identified isolation/screening room in the school separate from the Nurse's office.
- Lunch times may be staggered to reduce the number of students in the cafeteria and allow for some social distancing. Some students may eat in other areas of the school or outside, weather permitting.

Extracurricular Activities:

- Follow established Idaho High School Athletic Association and District guidelines in Appendix A.

Orange

Definition: Widespread and/or sustained transmission with high likelihood or confirmed exposure within communal settings, with potential for rapid increase in suspected cases.

Level of Operations: PFSD schools will shift to an alternate day hybrid schedule where learning will be part-time in school and part-time at home. An online option will be available for students.

District Wide Practices:

- Alternate day hybrid schedule implemented and late start Mondays canceled.
 - Support for students and parents who need help accessing technology, tools, and online curriculum.
 - Chromebook check out for students and families without a device at home.
 - Traditional grades and accountability for students.
- Parents monitor their students' health, ensuring students stay home if they are sick or showing symptoms.
- District and school Emergency Management Plan reviewed, updated, and implemented.
- Facility ventilation systems set to allow for maximum airflow.
- Social distancing where possible and reasonable.
- Face shields and/or masks as per Panhandle Health, state, local or other governmental agency mandates.
- Buildings routinely cleaned and disinfected according to CDC guidelines with special focus on high traffic areas.
- Handwashing integrated throughout the day.
- Hand sanitizer available throughout buildings.
- Schools share "Stop the Spread" information with focus on preventative measures and symptoms.
- Social distancing on school buses will be difficult. Therefore, students will be expected to wear face shields and/or masks for the duration of the bus ride.

Classroom Spaces:

- Students will attend school on an alternate A/B day schedule. For consistency purposes, bus routes, school start times, and school end times will remain the same. The district will ensure children from the same families attend school on the same days.
 - Students will attend school on either Mondays / Thursdays or Tuesdays / Fridays. (see schedule below)
- Wednesdays will be used for teacher collaboration, planning, staff development, online student support, and interventions for students who need additional support.
 - Additional cleaning protocols will also be employed on Wednesdays.
- Students will work independently to practice concepts and grow mastery when they are working at home.
- Materials and supplies will not be shared.
- Scheduled desk sanitation during the school day at appropriate transitions.

School & Common Spaces:

- Sneeze guards and other protective measures will be implemented in all offices.
- School events, assemblies, and gatherings will be changed or canceled to limit large gatherings.
- Field trips will not be allowed.
- Protocols will be in place to reduce students passing in hallways.
- Access to campus will be limited, including volunteers/visitors to campus.
- No assignment of lockers except for special circumstances.
- An identified isolation/screening room in the school separate from the Nurse's office.
- Lunch times may be staggered to reduce the number of students in the cafeteria and allow for some social distancing. Some students may eat in other areas of the school or outside, weather permitting.

Extracurricular Activities:

- Follow established Idaho High School Athletic Association and District guidelines in Appendix A.

A/B Hybrid Schedule and Example Calendar:

Late start Mondays are canceled. Schools will start and end at the regular times. Bus routes and times will be the same as regular day pick-up and drop-off.

A Day Cohort – attend school Monday and Thursday; online learning activities on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday.

B Day Cohort – attend school Tuesday and Friday; online learning activities on Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday.

General Weekly Schedule

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
A Day Cohort	B Day Cohort	Online learning for all students. Teachers providing online support, collaborating, and participating in staff development. Additional cleaning protocols.	A Day Cohort	B Day Cohort

Calendar Example with holidays and work days

August '20						
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September '20						
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27	28	29	30			

October '20						
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November '20						
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December '20						
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January '21						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	S
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24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						

Nov. 6th Q1 Ends
17 face-to-face days
17 online learning days

Jan. 29th S1 Ends
34 face-to-face days
34 online learning days

Red

Definition: Large-scale community transmission, healthcare staffing significantly impacted, multiple cases within communal settings like healthcare facilities, schools, mass gatherings, etc.

Level of Operations: PFSD schools will shift to remote learning for all students based on extreme conditions as a result of a local or state stay-at-home order or school closure.

Remote Instruction:

- Focused instruction on key standards in each grade and content area.
- Traditional grades and accountability.
- Clear expectations and communication with students and families.
- Chromebook check out for students and families without a device at home.
- Support for students and parents who need help accessing technology, tools, and online curriculum.

Supplemental Services:

- Grab-and-go meals at select school sites.
- GAP may be changed or canceled based on guidance from health officials.

School & Common Spaces:

- Closed to the general public except by special appointment.
- There may be limited opportunities for in-person small group instruction or intervention in special circumstances.

Extracurricular Activities:

- Athletics and other extracurricular activities suspended.
- Follow established Idaho High School Athletic Association and District guidelines in Appendix A.

Appendix A: PFSD Athletics and Activities Guidelines

PFSD recognizes the importance of extra-curricular activities to the total educational program and to the lives of students, families, and the community. In an effort to continue to offer these programs while recognizing the current health situation, the following guidelines have been established using a Green, Yellow, Orange, and Red system which outline what students, staff, and parents can expect under the different conditions.

Pre-participation Physical Evaluation, a Waiver of Liability Relating to Coronavirus/COVID-19, and all other eligibility requirements apply regardless of stage within the system. A copy of the Waiver of Liability can be found at the end of this section.

Guidance for Idaho schools to begin activities for the start of the 2020-2021 school year has been provided by the Idaho High School Activities Association (IHSAA), the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS), and the NFHS/IHSAA Sport Medicine Advisory Committees. A copy of this document can be found by going to the IHSAA webpage: idhsaa.org

Green

Definition: Evidence of isolated cases, case investigations underway, no evidence of exposure in large communal setting e.g., healthcare facility, school, mass gathering.

Level of Operations: Activity and athletic training, practice, and contests will be conducted with appropriate physical distancing and precautionary measures.

District Wide Practices:

- Coaches, officials, staff, media, and spectators monitor their own health, staying home if they are sick or showing symptoms.
- Schools share “Stop the Spread” information with focus on preventative measures and symptoms.
- Follow IHSAA Sport Specific Considerations where possible and reasonable.
- Develop and implement cleaning schedule for all athletic facilities.
- Hand sanitizer available at practices and contests.

General Participant Guidelines:

- Parents monitor their students’ health, ensuring students stay home if they are sick or showing symptoms.

Yellow

Definition: Community spread and/or sustained transmission with high likelihood or confirmed exposure within communal settings, with potential for rapid increase in suspected cases.

Level of Operations: Activity and athletic training, practice, and contests will be conducted with the implementation of the [Panhandle Health](#) or other governmental agency mask mandate and with additional reasonable procedures in accordance with health guidance.

District Wide Practices:

- Coaches, officials, staff, media, and spectators monitor their own health, staying home if they are sick or showing symptoms.
- Schools share “Stop the Spread” information with focus on preventative measures and symptoms.
- Face shields and/or masks as per Panhandle Health, state, local or other governmental agency mandates.
- Follow IHSA Sport Specific Considerations where possible and reasonable.
- Develop and implement cleaning schedule for all athletic facilities.
- Athletic equipment cleaned between each use.
- Social distancing where possible and reasonable for participants, coaches, officials, and staff.
- Spectators and media allowed at events with physical distancing where possible and reasonable.
- Hand sanitizer available at practices and contests.

General Participant Guidelines:

- Parents monitor their students’ health, ensuring students stay home if they are sick or showing symptoms.
- No shared towels, clothing, shoes, lockers and water bottles.
- Social distancing on school buses will be difficult. Therefore, student participants will be expected to wear face shields and/or masks for the duration of the bus ride when traveling to and from contests.

Orange

Definition: Widespread and/or sustained transmission with high likelihood or confirmed exposure within communal settings, with potential for rapid increase in suspected cases.

Level of Operations: Activity and athletic training, practice, and contests will be limited and/or modified to reduce group size and be conducted with the implementation of the [Panhandle Health](#) or other governmental agency mask mandate and with additional reasonable procedures in accordance with health guidance.

District Wide Practices:

- Coaches, officials, staff, and media will monitor their own health, staying home if they are sick or showing symptoms.
- Schools share “Stop the Spread” information with focus on preventative measures and symptoms.
- Face shields and/or masks as per Panhandle Health, state, local or other governmental agency mandates.
- Follow IHSA Sport Specific Considerations where possible and reasonable.
- Develop and implement cleaning schedule for all athletic facilities.
- Practice outside as much as possible.
- Competitions limited to local region, and bus travel reduced.
- Athletic equipment cleaned between each use and intermittently during practices and contests.
- Social distancing where possible and reasonable for participants, coaches, officials, and staff to include cohort grouping of participants, locker rooms, side lines, and benches.
- Media allowed at events with appropriate physical distancing.

- Spectators may be limited or not allowed based on conditions.
- Hand sanitizer available at practices and contests.

General Participant Guidelines:

- Parents monitor their students' health, ensuring students stay home if they are sick or showing symptoms.
- No shared towels, clothing, shoes, lockers and water bottles.
- Appropriate clothing to be worn at all times to minimize sweat from transmitting onto equipment/surfaces.
- Participants encouraged to shower and wash workout clothing and uniforms immediately upon returning home.
- Social distancing on school buses will be difficult. Therefore, student participants will be expected to wear face shields and/or masks for the duration of the bus ride when traveling to and from contests.

Red

Definition: Large-scale community transmission, healthcare staffing significantly impacted, multiple cases within communal settings like healthcare facilities, schools, mass gatherings, etc.

Level of Operations: All PFSD training, practice, and contests for the school(s) or district will be suspended or canceled.

District Wide Practices:

- All activities are canceled.
- District facilities and grounds are closed to the public.
- All athletic equipment and facilities will be deeply cleaned.

General Participant Guidelines:

- Participants will be encouraged to individually exercise/practice at home.
- Physical contact with other participants is discouraged.

PARTICIPATION IN EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES
Agreement Regarding Assumption of Risk and
Waiver of Liability Relating to Coronavirus/COVID-19

The novel coronavirus, COVID-19, has been declared a worldwide pandemic by the World Health Organization. COVID-19 is extremely contagious and is believed to spread mainly from person-to-person contact. As a result, federal, state, and local governments and health agencies recommend social distancing and have, in many locations, prohibited the congregation of groups of people.

The Post Falls School District ("District") has put in place protective measures to reduce the spread of COVID-19; however, the District cannot guarantee that participants in District activities, or their family members, will not become infected with COVID-19. Further, attending extracurricular school activities on District property or District school events could increase your risk and your student's risk of contracting COVID-19.

If your student has been diagnosed with COVID-19, or has been in Close Contact (as defined by the Center for Disease Control and Prevention) with someone who has been diagnosed with COVID-19, the District requires that you disclose this information to District personnel and that your student not attend or participate in school activities for a period of no less than 14 days. The District may require a medical release for your student to return to participation. The District reserves the right to isolate and exclude from participation any student who exhibits symptoms of COVID-19 (including but not limited to fever, cough, shortness of breath).

NOTE: The District reserves the right to suspend, in its discretion, extracurricular activities (some or all of them) at any time for health and safety reasons.

Waiver and Release

- 1. Acknowledgment.** By signing this agreement, I acknowledge that my student's participation in extracurricular activities, and/or any attendance at events or activities on District property, may expose me, my student, and/or any other member of my family, to COVID-19. I further acknowledge that such exposure, or infection with COVID-19, may result in bodily injury, including serious illness, permanent disability, or death. I understand that the risk of becoming exposed to or infected by COVID-19 while on District property or at District school events may result from the actions, omissions, or negligence of myself and others, including, but not limited to, District employees, agents and representatives, volunteers, program participants and their families and/or any other individual who may be present upon school property or in attendance at any school activity.
- 2. Assumption of Risk.** I voluntarily agree to assume all risks and accept sole responsibility for any injury (including, but not limited to, bodily injury, illness, disability, and death), damage, loss, claim, liability, or expense, of any kind ("Claims"), that I, my student, my family members, heirs, executors and assigns may experience or incur in connection with any attendance at and/or participation in District extracurricular programs, events or activities.
- 3. Release and Indemnification.** On my behalf, and on behalf of my student, family members, heirs, executors and assigns, I agree to advance no Claims and I hereby release, waive, discharge, and agree to defend, indemnify and hold harmless the District, its employees, agents, and representatives, of and from the Claims, including all liabilities, claims, actions, damages, costs or expenses of any kind arising out of or relating thereto. I understand and agree that this release includes any Claims based on the actions, omissions, or negligence of the District, its employees, agents, and representatives, whether a COVID-19 infection occurs before, during, or after participation in any District program, event or activity.

4. **Immunity.** I acknowledge that the laws of the state of Idaho provide for certain immunities for school districts should something occur to a student or to the family member of a student as a result of activities on District property. In addition to this Agreement, these immunities remain intact.
5. **Participation Requirements.** I agree that I, my student, and any member of my family will act in conformance with all safety and sanitation requirements, as well as all social distancing and mask requests, while attending or participating in a District program, event or activity. I understand that if I or my student fail to follow these regulations and requests, the ability of my student to participate may be suspended, revoked or otherwise negatively impacted.
6. **FERPA Consent.** Pursuant to the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (“FERPA”), I have certain rights with respect to protecting my student’s personally identifiable information. I have indicated below whether I consent to the disclosure of my student’s positive test result and/or the disclosure of my student’s exposure to a person with whom he/she has had close contact and has tested positive, to persons at the District and at the Panhandle Health District that are in a need to know position for purposes of performing contact tracing or other appropriate safety measures.

_____ I hereby consent to said disclosure _____ I hereby do not consent to said disclosure.

If you consent, you may withdraw your consent at any time by providing written notice of the same to the District. If you do not consent, you are advised that the District may disclose such information without your consent if it determines that doing so is appropriate in connection with a health and safety emergency as authorized under 34 CFR § 99.31.

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date

Print Name of Parent/Guardian

Name of Student

Signature of 2nd Parent/Guardian

Date

Print Name of Parent/Guardian

Name of Student

Signature of Student (if age 18 or older)

Date

Print Name of Student

COVID-19 HEALTH SCREENING

The safety of our employees, students, families and visitors remains the Post Falls School District's priority. To prevent the spread of COVID-19 and reduce the potential risk of exposure to all parties, we are conducting a simple screening questionnaire with this waiver. Your participation is important to help us take precautionary measures to protect you, your Child(ren) and everyone at the District. Please mark your answers below:

1. Has your child had Close Contact with or been diagnosed with COVID-19 within the last 30 days? ** YES NO

2. Has your child experienced any of the symptoms below in the last 14 days? ** YES NO

- Fever or chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

3. I hereby agree that if my Child(ren) develop(s) any of the above symptoms I will keep them home, notify the Coach and seek medical care to obtain a physician's note stating it is safe to return to participation.

** If the answer is "yes" to questions 1 or 2, access to District activities will be denied until a physician's note is delivered to the Athletic Director or Athletic Trainer.

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date

Print Name of Parent/Guardian

Name of Student

Signature of 2nd Parent/Guardian

Date

Print Name of Parent/Guardian

Name of Student

Signature of Student (if age 18 or older)

Date

Print Name of Student

Appendix B: Panhandle Health COVID-19 Decision Tree

