

2021/2022 PBHS CoVid Plan - SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Introduction

Pandemic precautions are now somewhat lifting and the Alberta Government has eased some of their restrictions. The following document is the formal plan that PBHS will be following to keep our students safe while, at the same time, allowing as normal a school year as possible.

The system employed last year at PBHS was very successful in preventing illness in the school. As a result, PBHS will be enacting the same protocols with a just few notable changes. The summary of these changes are:

- No mandatory masking in school
- Resumption of extracurricular activities
- Resumption of the school canteen
- Slight modification of PBHS online learning
- Start time of 8:28am for school

Return to School Timeline

We will be employing a staggered start to the beginning of the year to be as follows.

- September 1 - Grade 7 & 12
- September 2 - Grade 8 & 11 (7's & 12's continue to attend)
- September 3 - Grade 9 & 10 (all students will now be attending)

Online Learning @ PBHS

All classes will be broadcast virtually during the actual class times for any students that need to be learning from home. **New this year**, we are requiring (unless prevented by sickness) that students physically check into the school at least once per week to ensure proper educational progress is being sustained and to complete any in-school assessments (eg. tests) that are required of that student.

This does mean that there will still be an active video camera in each classroom that online students can access. In following Freedom of Information Policies, we will need to have all parents officially acknowledge their understanding that, if their child is physically in the classroom, students are being video monitored in the classroom.

Room Assignments.

Students are still being assigned to one single classroom space in order to: create a grade cohort, limit hallway congestion, and allow students a home base for their learning.

The students assigned areas are as follows:

- Grade 7 - Room 107 (Mr. Clark's room)
- Grade 8 - Drama/Band room
- Grade 9 - Room 108 (Mr. Ogle's room)
- Grade 10 - Room 203 (Mr. Bergsma's room)
- Grade 11a - Room 204 (Mr. Bramfield's room)
- Grade 11b - Room 205 (Old Media room)
- Grade 12a - Room 208
- Grade 12b - Room 215 (Mr. J. Thompson room)

School Day

The school day will continue with the same structure as last year. It will see a total of six periods per day with a lunch break between the third and fourth period. The first class will begin at 8:28am and will conclude at 3:30. The lunch break has been increased to 40 minutes starting at 11:40.

Lunch time

We are asking that all grades still eat their lunch in their classrooms. Once done eating, students are invited to all of the common areas of the school. Based on surveys, the concession is a popular request to begin running again. We are not ready to supply a concession yet, but we will start the process of beginning this program again.

Hygiene Rules

In order to maintain safety, we need the support and commitment of all people coming into PBHS daily. The following procedures and rules will need to be followed:

- a. **ZERO tolerance for sickness.** If a student is not feeling completely well, that student should not be coming to school that day. Efforts will be made by the student and staff to make sure the student is able to keep up with their studies if they are unwell enough to come into the school.
- b. **Everyone will wash** both on entry and on exit. There will be both washrooms and sanitizing stations at each entry/exit point.
- c. **Masks are not mandatory but appreciated.**
- d. **Social distancing.** We are asking that students take all reasonable precautions to stay at least 6' away from other students and staff. If there are extended periods of closer contact, masks will be recommended.
- e. **Limited access to school.** All non-students are asked to make appointments when wishing to come into the school. This will allow us to properly manage traffic in and out of the school.
- f. **Lockers.** Lockers will be assigned in such a way to reduce the overall amount of travel from classroom to locker
- g. The front entry will be modified to create a 'waiting area' space for any person, not normally in the school, that needs to use the area prior to coming into the school to conduct any required business.

Sickness Protocol

Inevitably, we will have a staff member or student get sick while at school. Based on guidance from health professionals and general guidance from Alberta Health Services, we have created a basic sickness protocol. The protocol will be:

1. Upon notice of sickness, the office will ensure the sick person is isolated from the rest of the population until a pickup/exit can be accommodated.
2. The sick person is welcome back into the school once no longer showing symptoms of sickness.
3. Affected areas will be cleaned based on enhanced cleaning protocols.

Masking Rules

As per the Alberta Government guidelines and rules, masks are no longer mandatory, except when using public transportation and/or in high density areas. Students will be required to bring a mask in the event that **temporary** masking in high density area is needed.

Extra-Curricular

Extra-curricular activities will be resuming. Resumption will include full practices and games but done with appropriate health measures (eg. enhanced cleaning, no attendance if sick, etc). Please refer to the PBHS Back to Sport document for more specific information.

Options Classes

Option classes will continue to be cohorted as much as possible. Basic measures, such as food being eaten only by the class that prepares the food, will still be followed. If classes are too large, these classes may be divided into two groups in order to be able to spread the students out appropriately. Junior high will continue to experience Option class as exploratory classes in the first semester. In the second semester, junior high students may be able to choose their option if safety precautions and timetable allow for it.