



Pandemic Response Plan

MAXIMIZE LEARNING AND COMMUNITY HEALTH

RETURN TO
>>>> LEARN

May 18, 2022

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In order to keep our students and staff healthy and avoid disruptions to learning, we have put the following safety measures in place based on current recommendations and local health conditions.

The following plan will be reviewed, updated and changed as needed by Parkway administration and the Board of Education.

Opportunities for the public to provide ongoing input to our plan are listed on page 6.

Thank you for partnering with us to keep our community safe and healthy. Additionally, thank you for your ongoing understanding and support.



What can I expect at school?

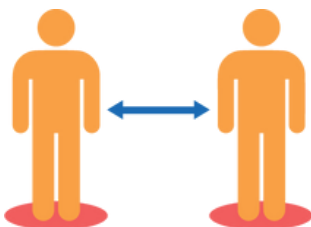
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FACE COVERINGS



- Effective June 13, 2022, Parkway will utilize the CDC's system of COVID-19 Community Levels to determine face covering status in schools, as follows:
 - Low (green): Face coverings optional
 - Medium (yellow): Face coverings optional
 - If you are at high risk for severe illness, talk to your healthcare provider about whether you need to wear a mask and take other precautions.
 - Masks required if a school/building experiences an outbreak
 - High (red): Face coverings required
- Face coverings, i.e. "masks" will be required indoors for students K- 12, and adults if our COVID-19 community level is classified as medium and a school experiences a "COVID-19 outbreak" as defined below. The goal is to limit additional spread during an outbreak, protect the health and safety of students and staff, and avoid having to close the school. Therefore, masks will be required for all individuals in the school building for two weeks (14 calendar days) once the positivity rate reaches the threshold noted on page 7. If after two weeks, the building's positivity rate is below the threshold noted on page 7, then masks will once again become optional. However, if the positivity rate for the building remains at or above the threshold defined on page 7, then all individuals in the building will be required to wear face masks for an additional week or until the school building's positivity rate is below the threshold noted on page 7.
- An outbreak in a school is defined as: 2% or more of the student population tests positive or are presumed positive for COVID-19 at a given time (and a minimum of 8 students regardless of school size). We will continue to monitor health conditions of teachers and staff and include this information on our Community Health Dashboard.
- If our COVID-19 community level framework is classified as high, students K- 12 and adults will be required to wear face coverings.
- If our COVID-19 community level is classified as medium or high, masks will be recommended, but not required, for students in Preschool and Early Childhood. If our COVID-19 community level is classified as high, masks will be required for Preschool and Early Childhood staff. Please note, if a particular Preschool or Early Childhood classroom experiences multiple cases of COVID-19 at the same time a temporary closure may be necessary to prevent further spread.
- The District is required to provide a safe learning environment for all, including those with certain disabilities. Therefore, despite the threshold noted above, masks may be required in certain classrooms, depending upon the health and safety needs of individual students or staff members.
- We appreciate the community's understanding and respect for individuals who choose to wear face coverings based upon personal preferences and individual health needs.



SOCIAL DISTANCING

- In our schools and classrooms, seating and activities will allow for social distancing of at least three feet whenever possible.

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COMMUNICABLE DISEASE POLICIES



Note that pursuant to Robinson v. Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services, Cole County, Missouri, Case No. 20AC-CC00515, the St. Louis County Department of Health no longer has the authority to issue certain orders after December 22, 2021. COVID-19 will be treated as similar to other contagious illnesses using our current board policies and Missouri law (167.191 RSMo), as outlined below.

The following protocol is in place for staff:

- Staff members infected with COVID-19 or who have symptoms will not be permitted to come to work based on board policy and Missouri law. Staff members should remain in communication with their school nurse or building contact tracer and receive authorization prior to returning to school/work. Prior to returning to work, staff infected with COVID-19 or who have symptoms will need to meet the requirements outlined for staff, posted on parkwayschools.net.

The following protocol is in place for students:

- Students infected with COVID-19 or who have symptoms will not be permitted to come to school based on board policy and Missouri law. Students should remain in communication with their school nurse and receive authorization prior to returning to school. Prior to returning to school, students infected with COVID-19 or who have symptoms will need to meet the requirements for students, posted on parkwayschools.net.

Close contacts:

- Students and staff will not be excluded from school or work solely as a result of being a close contact with a positive case at school, regardless of vaccination status.
- However, per Board policy and Missouri law (Section 167.191 RSMo), should the District receive evidence that a close contact (whether or not the exposure is at school) may be liable to transmit COVID-19 after exposure, then the District may exercise its authority to require testing of the student or staff member and to exclude the student or staff member if they refuse to take a test or test positive.

Contact tracing:

- We will use contact tracing and continue to notify parents and staff if they or their child is exposed at school to an individual infected with COVID-19. Parents and staff will be asked to monitor their child and themselves for symptoms of COVID-19. Testing will be encouraged.
- We will continue to publish data on our [Community Health Dashboard](#) so parents and staff can follow daily health conditions in each school and building.

How we can continue to help keep our schools safe:

- Stay home and get tested if you experience symptoms associated with COVID-19, have been exposed at home to someone who has tested positive for COVID-19, or have been recently tested for COVID-19 and are awaiting the test result. Symptoms of COVID-19 include:
 - fever or chills
 - cough
 - shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
 - congestion or runny nose
 - sore throat
 - tiredness
 - muscle or body aches
 - headache
 - nausea or vomiting
 - loss of taste or smell
 - diarrhea
- If your child tests positive for COVID-19, please notify your school nurse as soon as possible.
- If you are an employee and test positive for COVID-19, notify your contact tracer as soon as possible.

For more information on board policies for communicable diseases and Missouri law, see below.

[JLCC.BP - Student with communicable diseases](#)

[JLCC.G \(guidelines\)](#)

[GBGF.BP - Employees with communicable diseases](#)

[GBGF.G \(guidelines\)](#)

[Missouri Revised Statute 167.191](#)

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EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

- Large gatherings, school events and activities may be structured in order to reduce the risk of exposure whenever possible.
- Athletic competitions and activities will continue to follow any guidance or requirements of the Missouri State High School Activities Association (“MSHSAA”).
- Visitors may be limited inside the school and classrooms to minimize the risk of exposure.



SCREENING AND TESTING

- Before leaving for school, families should perform an evaluation of their students’ health. If your student is feeling ill, do not send them to school.
- Notify your school of your child’s symptoms, and call your health care provider for advice on managing illness.
- Parkway will provide resources and information to parents and staff on how to access COVID-19 testing if needed in our region.



VACCINATIONS

- We highly encourage vaccination for all students and staff. While COVID-19 vaccination is not required to attend public school in Missouri, it can protect your child and others at school.
- For information on convenient access to vaccination in our region, visit covidvaccine.mo.gov.

CLEAN AND HEALTHY HABITS

- Each day we will routinely clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces.
- Students will be encouraged to wash/clean their hands often throughout the school day.
- Students will also be taught and encouraged to use appropriate respiratory etiquette, such as:
 - Covering a cough or sneeze by coughing and sneezing into a tissue or elbow;
 - Disposing of tissue immediately in a nearby receptacle; and
 - Washing/cleaning of hands and nearby surfaces.
- Parkway heating and cooling systems are updated using standards established by the American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air-Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE), which are recommended by the CDC. System operation and ventilation will continue to be monitored and updated based on CDC and ASHRAE guidance. Our upgraded systems utilize the newest technologies and ensure fresh outside air is brought in continually throughout the day, and that components such as fans and filtering systems are working correctly.



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RIDING THE BUS

- Due to ongoing staff shortages, parents are encouraged to provide transportation to school if possible. If you need to request transportation, or make a change during the year, you can call the Transportation Department at 314-415-8400.



ACCOMMODATING ALL STUDENTS

- Schools will partner with families and students to ensure equity and access to instruction. Accommodations will be made as needed for students who are medically vulnerable or require individualized education plans.
- School nurses and other District personnel will work with families and students with disabilities to ensure they receive continued care, allowing students priority visits and/or private visits with the nurse as needed, so a student can have his/her healthcare needs met and also minimize exposure to ill students.

COMMUNITY INPUT

Parkway continues to provide opportunities for public input at monthly board meetings and other forums regarding COVID mitigation measures.

We invite all Parkway stakeholders to tell us how we're doing on our Pandemic Response Plan. Ongoing opportunities for feedback are outlined at parkwayschools.net.

In addition, the following opportunities have been provided to Parkway stakeholders to share input on our ongoing mitigation and prevention strategies.

MARCH 19, 2020
COVID 19 UPDATE/RESPONSE, E-LEARNING INSTRUCTION AND DETAILS, SCHOOL, STUDENT AND FAMILY NEEDS, CONTINUING OPERATIONS, COMMUNICATIONS BOARD REPORT

MAY 20, 2020
ANNUAL PLANNING - INCLUDED DRAFT OF POTENTIAL RE-ENTRY PLANNING FOR AUGUST BOARD REPORT

SEPTEMBER 29, 2020
RECOMMENDATION FOR APPROVAL OF CHANGES IN SCHOOL TEACHING AND LEARNING MODELS BEGINNING SECOND QUARTER BOARD ACTION ITEM AND REPORT

OCTOBER 7, 2020
UPDATED RECOMMENDATION REGARDING HIGH SCHOOL TEACHING AND LEARNING MODEL BOARD ACTION ITEM AND REPORT

OCTOBER 21, 2020
RETURN OF STUDENTS TO IN-PERSON INSTRUCTION PREK-12/UPDATE ON CURRENT COVID METRICS BOARD REPORT

NOVEMBER 18, 2020
CURRENT STATUS OF COVID, SCHOOL OPERATIONS AND FUTURE PLANS BOARD ACTION ITEM AND REPORT

DECEMBER 2, 2020
BOARD WORKSHOP PROJECT PARKWAY 3.0 AND FUTURE PLANNING BOARD REPORT

DECEMBER 21, 2020
COMPREHENSIVE LEARNING PLAN FOR SECOND SEMESTER BOARD ACTION ITEM AND REPORT

FEBRUARY 16, 2021
COVID INFORMATION; FUTURE PLANNING BOARD REPORT

JUNE 2021
PANDEMIC RESPONSE PLAN UPDATED WITH ESSER REQUIREMENTS

JUNE 30, 2021
ESSER SURVEY TO PARKWAY COMMUNITY

AUGUST 11, 2021
ESSER FEDERAL FUNDS UPDATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING BOARD REPORT

OCTOBER 20, 2021
COMMUNITY SATISFACTION SURVEY COVID RESPONSE

DECEMBER 15, 2021
BOARD ACTION ITEM AND REPORT

JANUARY 13, 2022
BOARD ACTION ITEM AND REPORT

JANUARY 19, 2022
BOARD ACTION ITEM

FEBRUARY 16, 2022
BOARD ACTION ITEM

MARCH 9, 2022
BOARD ACTION ITEM

APRIL 1, 2022
BOARD CONSENT AGENDA ITEM

APRIL 13, 2022
BOARD CONSENT AGENDA ITEM

APRIL 23, 2022
BOARD CONSENT AGENDA ITEM

SCHOOL POSITIVITY THRESHOLD

IN - PERSON ENROLLMENT TOTALS

If there is a COVID-19 outbreak at a school, masks will be required for a temporary period of time at that school or building.

An outbreak in a school is defined as 2% or more of the student population positive for COVID-19 at a given time (and a minimum of 8 students regardless of school size). The number of cases required per school building is below.

Your School	Total	Number of cases required
Barretts Elementary	328	8*
Bellerive Elementary	375	8*
Carman Trails Elementary	383	8*
Central High	1156	24
Central Middle	861	18
Claymont Elementary	497	10
Craig Elementary	316	8*
Fern Ridge High	96	8*
Green Trails Elementary	371	8*
Hanna Woods Elementary	422	9
Henry Elementary	539	11
Highcroft Ridge Elementary	353	8*
Mason Ridge Elementary	422	9
McKelvey Elementary	424	9
McKelvey Primary	216	8*
North High	944	19
Northeast Middle	693	14
Oak Brook Elementary	407	9
Pierremont Elementary	435	9
River Bend Elementary	434	9
Ross Elementary	384	8*
Shenandoah Valley Elementary	429	9
Sorrento Springs Elementary	261	8*
South High	1513	31
South Middle	545	11
Southwest Middle	556	12
West High	1318	27
West Middle	1058	22
Wren Hollow Elementary	436	9

* A minimum of 8 students testing positive for COVID-19 required regardless of school size