

<u>Peace River High School</u> <u>Re-Entry Learning Plan</u>

Peace River High School has been working hard in preparation for the upcoming school year. Plans are being implemented to meet the Alberta Health Services guidelines to keep students and staff safe upon arrival for the first day of school. It is important that you as parents know how we have modified our building and procedures to keep everyone safe. This plan is in conjunction with <u>PRSD Relaunch Plan Scenario 1.pdf</u> and gives details that relate to Peace River High School only.

<u>Masks</u>

As outlined in the Alberta Education's Re-entry Plan Scenario 1, all students/staff/visitors at Peace River High School need to wear non-medical masks when on campus where physical distancing cannot be maintained. In the Student Gathering Area, entrances and hallways masks are always required as physical distancing cannot be guaranteed due to constant flux of students/staff. Within classrooms (including library and learning commons), masks need to be worn unless specified by the supervising staff member.

All students and staff will be provided with two reusable masks.

We recommend that students have at least two masks with them each day. Masks need to be changed when they become saturated to maintain their effectiveness. Please have a sealable plastic bag to store clean and used masks (if reusable).

If a student is unable to wear a mask due to sensory or health issues, please contact the school administration. A doctor's note may be required for accommodations. It must be noted that face shields are not considered to be equivalent to non-medical masks.

Exemptions to the mask requirement for students and staff include

- Persons consuming food or drink in designated areas.
- Persons engaged in physical exercise.
- Persons engaging in services that require the temporary removal of the non-medical face mask.
- Short breaks of mask removal as directed by the supervising staff member.

<u>Classrooms</u>

Staff have maximized floor space in their classrooms by removing excess furniture. This will allow maximum spacing between student seating. In classrooms with tables, plexiglass divides have been installed for the student's safety. Sanitization stations are in every classroom by the door with the expectation that all users of the classroom will sanitize upon entry and exit.

Peace High recommends that all students have their own personal hand sanitizer with them to be used during the school day at their convenience.

Each class will be mandated to have a seating plan. This is to help facilitate with contact tracing for Alberta Health Services if required.

PE Classes

PE classes will use change rooms with limited capacity for those students that wish to change. It is not mandatory for students to change for PE class. Classes will be outside (weather permitted) as much as possible. Activities that are planned in PE class will be selected to reduce proximity among students, limit shared touch resources and promote physical distancing.

School Supplies

As families prepare to have their children return to school, the question of school supplies arises. It is important to know that the school can not **lend** out school supplies to students. It is important that students have their own supplies. The school will have a limited supply of writing utensils, paper, rulers to **give** to students to help them in their learning. Thank you to the Rotoract Club for donating school supplies to students in need. Peace High will be needing the help of parents to ensure their children have the necessary <u>basic school supplies</u> to be successful in school.

One to One Devices

Peace River School Division has committed the resources to provide one-to-one access for devices for each student in the division. While at school, students will have access to a Chromebook or laptop in each class that they attend. Protocols will be followed for the sanitization of the devices after each use. Students are welcome to bring their own personal device to use at school.

Auxiliary Spaces

Peace High has modified auxillary spaces that students use to increase physical distancing. The Student Gathering Area (SGA) has seen a reduction on both the number of tables available for students and the chairs available at each table. As a result of the decrease in seating capacity, Peace High will be using portable tables and chairs in the gym to increase safe seating capacity for students staying on campus for lunch.

The library has reduced the number of tables available and has plexiglass installed on each table to further promote student safety and physical distancing.

The student learning centre has also had plexiglass installed on their tables and between the computer stations for student safety.

Lockers

Lockers will not be available to students. This will decrease the number of high touch surfaces in the building and help to maintain social distancing in the hallways. It is our goal to ensure students and staff move from class to class as safely as possible.

<u>Lunches</u>

We will continue to offer our hot lunch program. Designated staff/students will be serving the food to the students to maintain sanitary conditions. The kitchen service window has had a plexiglass install and the kitchen will be limited to designated staff/students. **Please note that cash will not be accepted, and we are working towards having an interac debit machine.** Hot lunch cards can be purchased online through SchoolCash in \$50 increments. Each meal is priced at \$5. For more information, please follow the link to school cash on the Peace River School division website: <u>https://prsd.schoolcashonline.com/</u>

Please Note: the vending machines will not be in use.

Microwaves will be available for students to use in the SGA. Students and staff are required to clean the touch areas on a microwave after each use. Custodial staff will also be present through the day to facilitate cleaning of high touch surfaces, including microwaves.

Payments to Schools

All monetary transactions to the school must be processed on-line through School Cash. Cash will not be accepted. This would include paying for items such as extracurricular activities (when available) and hot lunch program. Please follow the link to school cash: <u>SchoolCashOnline.com</u>: <u>Welcome</u>

Drop-off and Pickup Procedures

Peace River High School doors will be open at 8 am. Full access to classrooms will be available upon the first bell (8:45). Parents are not to accompany their child into the school.

If picking up your child during school hours, please wait outside. Inform the office (phone 624-4221) that you are taking your child for attendance purposes. If needed the school can direct your child to you in the parent drop-off loop.

Responding to Illness

Before Sending your children to School

Prior to sending your children to school each parent should confer with the COVID symptom checklist from Alberta Education to determine if you should send your child to school. If your child is displaying any of the symptoms, even those resembling a cold, please keep your child at home. Peace High teachers will work to keep your child on pace in their learning.

COVID-19 Screening Questionnaire: https://www.alberta.ca/assets/documents/edc-covid-19-screening-questionaire-english.pdf

Important: Please make sure the school has up-to-date contact information and has been notified of all medical conditions of your child.

Schools must keep records of a student's known pre-existing conditions as part of baseline data. If a student develops symptoms in or outside of school that could be caused by COVID-19 (i.e. not related to pre-existing conditions), the student should be tested at least once to confirm that COVID-19 is not the source of their symptoms before entering or returning to school.

Illness at School

If a student becomes ill at school, the student will be asked to wear a non-medical mask if they are able to and directed to the office for isolation. The school administration will go through Alberta Health Services screening guide as linked above to determine if parents need to be contacted. If so, parents will be asked to pick up their child from school immediately. If a parent or guardian cannot be reached, emergency contacts will be notified. Following pickup, families will follow all Alberta Health Services guidelines before the child can return to school.

Please remember not to send students to school that have any COVID-19 symptoms, even if the symptoms resemble a mild cold.

Positive Case

If a positive case is identified, Peace High will work with and follow the directives of Alberta Health Services and Peace River School Division. Peace High will work with the family to continue with their child's education plan as they recover.

Visitors to School

All visitors should make an appointment with the office prior to visiting the school. Please phone 624-4221 to speak with an office manager. If picking up your child, contact the school and please wait outside.

Parents and guardians are encouraged to communicate with staff via email or phone regarding any additional information that may be needed to support their child.

If you have an appointment, prior to your visit please use the Alberta Health Daily Checklist. If you answer yes to any of the questions, you will not be admitted into the school. Upon entry, you will be asked to sign into the school's logbook verifying you do not have any symptoms, sanitize your hands and wear a non-medical mask.

Sanitization

Peace River School Division has been working with all custodial staff in the division to create a plan for the needed increase in sanitization. To this end, our custodial staff will be working throughout the school day to keep the school sanitized. This includes a continual cleaning of high touch surfaces (door handles, microwaves, water fountains, washroom surfaces, etc.) throughout the day. Staff and students will have access to cleaning supplies in each classroom to further clean any resources which may be shared during the class.

The school will be cleaned thoroughly every evening after the school is closed.

Transportation

Please contact Peace River School Division transportation department for any information regarding bussing. The phone number is 624-3006.

Athletics

Peace River School Division and Peace High recognizes the importance of athletics in the daily lives of students. To this end, fall athletics have been approved to start practicing by the school division and principal of Peace High under the guidelines outlined by the Alberta Schools' Athletic Association (ASAA) (governing body for athletics in high schools). A summary of key takeaways from the guidelines are as follows:

- In school athletic practices only are permitted at this time. No interschool or inter-zone activity can occur at this time.
- A maximum of a 50-person sport cohort includes coaches/staff, instructors, student athletics, officials and volunteers.
- In school athletic interactions must be limited to being between the same cohort of 50
- A person can only be part of one cohort. To transfer to a different cohort, a 14-day quarantine period must be observed from any athletics. Students and any school athletic team personnel who have been involved in summer/fall club or community sports must sit out 14 days before joining a school team for practice or any other activity.
- Prior to attending a meeting or practice, participants/parents must complete a google form indicating "attestation of no COVID-10 symptoms, time of arrival/departure and contact information to support public health tracing efforts if needed. The information will only be shared to Alberta Health Services.
- Parents/Guardians will need to sign an Event Participation Waiver
- If possible, athletes should arrive fully dressed and ready to participate
- Masks should be worn when not engaging in physical activity

• Equipment of individuals should be labeled and not shared with other participants. For example, no sharing of water bottles.