

FAQ: Frequently Asked Questions
Regarding the Reopening of School
Passaic County Technical-Vocational Schools

Students Daily Schedules

- Q: When is the first day of school?
A: Tuesday, September 8th for students.

- Q: Will students have the option to attend classes in a fully virtual capacity?
A: Yes. Governor Murphy has recently approved the option for virtual on-line learning if they have concerns about COVID-19, however, the Department of Education will release guidelines for the parent opt-out plan later this week.

- Q: Please provide further explanation of the daily student schedule. (ex. full day, periods 1-9, physical education requirement, lunches)
A: Students will attend in-person classes and will move through a full-schedule. Students will attend Physical Education classes, but the locker rooms will not be open, so students will not change for class. Lunches will be served in reduced-capacity cafeterias, and will be given grab-and-go options for days they are scheduled for Virtual Learning.

- Q: Will siblings be scheduled for school on the same day?
A: Parents will have the option to have siblings scheduled on the same day if they wish. Further information will be forthcoming.

- Q: How will students be divided up in terms of scheduling?
A: Students will be divided into 2 groups randomly and will attend in-person on campus classes on alternating days. Students will be informed of their alternating day schedule once finalized.

- Q: Will virtual learning be interactive / will teachers be teaching live to promote student participation?
A: Virtual instruction will be a combination of synchronous (live) and asynchronous (occurring non-simultaneously)

- Q: How will the movement of students moving between classes be handled?

A: Students will use alternating stairwells and will be expected to move on appropriate sides of the hallways.

- Q: How will the CTE (Career and Technical Education) classes be taught during virtual learning days?

A:

Health and Safety

- Q: What is the cleaning process for the school each day?

A:

- Are classrooms going to be disinfected after every class?

A: The classroom desks will be cleaned at the beginning of each new class period.

- Q: Will there be hand sanitizer available in the classroom and throughout the school?

A: Yes. Hand Sanitizer will be available in every classroom. In addition, hand sanitizer stations will be located in all common areas of the campus.

- Q: Is my child allowed to carry hand sanitizer? (Lysol/Clorox wipes? Lysol Spray?)

A: Yes

- Q: Will all students and staff entering the school buildings be screened daily for their temperature?

A: Yes.

- How will the classrooms be set-up to maintain social distancing? Will each desk be screened off or will the 6 ft separation be the only measure observed?

A:

- Q: How will you know if an asymptomatic person is in the school/classroom? Parents may send their child to school knowing they are carrying this virus (maybe because they have to return to work, want their kids to get back to school, whatever the case may be) but now an infected person is in the school building.

A: **There is no way of knowing if an asymptomatic person has COVID-19 unless that individual has been tested. However, we are taking all universal precautions to ensure the safety and health of both students and staff.**

- Q: I understand medical clearance is due before returning to school but what if an individual contracts COVID-19 after the medical clearance?

A: **Any individual who contracts COVID-19 any number of times will have to go through the Public Health recommendations for Community Related Exposure and follow CDC recommended steps.**

Food Services

- Q: How will the breakfast program be provided to the students?

A:

- Will lunch be provided in the cafeteria?

A:

Masks

- Q: Will the school be providing approved masks or is there somewhere we should be purchasing them from?

A: **PCTVS will provide each student with one "Tech mask". Others can be purchased online through the school store when shipment arrives. Solid Color**

masks are also acceptable and can be purchased by any vendor of your choosing.

- Q: Will staff members perform student mask checks at all times inside the school? And how often will this occur throughout the day?
A: Yes. All students and staff are required to wear masks and will be monitored throughout the school day.
- Q: Will there be penalties for students who do not keep masks on at all times?
A: Yes. The disciplinary infraction will mirror that of the district's ID policy which can be found in the Student/Parent Handbook on the website prior to the start of the school year.
- Q: Can students wear N95 masks or surgical masks?
A: Yes, as long as they are solid in color.
- Q: Will students and staff be required to wear masks all day long?
A: Yes

Transportation

- Q: Are buses going to run on the days that students will be attending classes on campus?
A: Yes, the buses will run on the same schedule each day.
- Q: How will social distancing be enforced on a school bus? How can you guarantee safety on school buses?
A: Please direct your bus and transportation questions to your respective sending district that is providing the busing service. Note: Students will be required to wear face masks while riding buses to and from school.