

Summary Guidelines-School Opening 2021- 2022

The information below updates the Pilgrim Christian Day School document “School Opening 2020 -2021” for the 2021 -2022 School Year. The School Opening Guidelines for 2020- 2021 and 2021 – 2022 are based on recommendations contained in the Maryland Department of Health document, “K-12 School and Child Care COVID – Guidance”

THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL IS WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1.

On Tuesday, August 31, parents/guardians can drop -off school supplies between 1:00 pm and 3:00 pm. A reception area will be set-up outside. A “Meet and Greet” is normally held at this time but is not being held due to our caution about COVID. We will have a virtual (ZOOM) session during the second week of school.

School Hours

7:00 am: Before – care opens

8:15 am: School opens

3:30 pm: School dismissal

6:00 pm: After-care closes

What is the procedure for students entering school in the morning?

Parents/guardians will park in the parking lot and escort or direct student(s) to the check -in location where the student’s temperature will be checked by school staff. A student exhibiting a temperature reading that exceed 99 degrees F will be further evaluated and the parent/guardian may be consulted. In most cases, a validated temperature above 99 degrees F will result in the student being prohibited from entering the school. This means that parents/guardians are not to depart from the school until confirming that their child has entered the school. **On the first school day of each week, the parent/guardian will need to turn-in a completed “Screening Questionnaire” form for each student. A copy of the screening questionnaire form is on the school website: <http://www.pc-ds.org>.**

What is the policy regarding wearing a mask?

Students, parents/guardians, school staff, and visitors are required to wear a mask while on school property. This includes being outside as well as inside.

Can parents/guardians enter the school?

Routinely, parents/guardians cannot enter the school. They can escort student(s) to the classroom door. Under special circumstances a parent/guardian may enter the school following the guidelines for school visitors found in the “School Opening ...” guidelines document posted on the school website.

Can students bring backpacks to school?

Backpacks will be permitted beginning September 13. Before September 13, students can only bring their lunch box. Students can take their lunch box into the school.

What basic practices are in place for mitigating the spread of the COVID virus?

- Staff are vaccinated
- Students/staff will wear mask
- Social distancing practiced in classrooms and outside
- Hand sanitizing stations in classrooms
- Enhanced room ventilation
- Air purifiers in classrooms
- Student/staff cohorts are maintained
- Contractor supported screening testing will be in place

What actions are taken when a COVID infection is suspected?

The student/staff member will be isolated to a supervised area. For a student, the parent/guardian will be contacted to pick -up the student within an hour. Enhanced Personal protective Equipment (PPE) is available for staff and students. The result of a follow-up evaluation of the student or staff member will determine additional actions taken.

Please review the documents on the websites under the tabs:

- “School Opening 2020 -2021”¹, and
- “K-12 School and Child Care COVID Guidance”

Projected Enrollment

Grade	# of Students	Teacher
PK	16	Mrs. Ford
Kindergarten	12	Mrs. Williams
1st Grade	8	Mrs. Plummer
2nd/3rd Grade	14	Mrs. Parks
4th/5th Grade	14	Mrs. Bevill
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¹ Please note when reading this document that the information for the current school year is updated by “Summary Guidelines – School Opening 2021 -2022”