

**Pima County
SY22
Pima Vocational High School**

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Re-Opening to On-Site Learning

Overview

Current Arizona legislation “allows a school district or charter school to adopt an instructional time model that permits the school to deliver annual required instructional time or hours through specified modes.” – HB2862

Based on the current Arizona legislation delineated above, Pima Vocational High School is planning for a full on-site opening for the 2021/22 School Year with 100% in-person instruction, COVID mitigation protocols, and the ability to transfer to distance learning within 24 hours if mandated by local or state government.

Student Protocols

Students will begin their day at 8:30 AM at either Irvington or Ina and, upon arrival, will go through a screening check before going to their 1st period classes. A staff member will monitor social distancing as students wait in line for the screening process.

A staff member will visually monitor students as they take their own temperatures with a non-contact thermometer and ask the following questions prior to students proceeding to classes:

- Have you been exposed to anyone who has been positively diagnosed with COVID-19?
- Are you currently displaying symptoms, such as a fever or dry cough?
- Have you yourself been diagnosed with COVID-19?
- Have you traveled within the last 30 days outside of Tucson? If so, where?

A “yes” response to the first three questions will require a 14-day quarantine by the student. If the student answers “yes” to traveling outside of Tucson, the PVHS Health Liaison will check with the CDC to see if the travel destination is considered high risk for COVID-19 contraction. School will provide distance learning support during any quarantine. Any student with visible symptoms of runny nose, cough, shortness of breath, or vomiting, or one who has a fever at or above 100.4 degrees, will be taken to an isolated, safe room. (Binax Now Antigen testing supplies have been provided to both campuses, and there is a site administrator at each campus who has been trained and certified to administer the test to students showing symptoms who would like to be tested. Students under the age of 18 would need parent permission for the test to be administered.) Parents may be contacted for pick-up with the following exceptions:

- If the student has a runny nose and the staff member observes that there are no other symptoms, he/she will contact the parent for students under age 18 to inquire as to whether

the student has had any other symptoms or there have been any COVID-19 exposures in the home. Admin will make decision as to whether or not student can stay in school.

- If the student has health information on file that confirms a diagnosis of asthma or other respiratory condition and the staff member observes that there are no other symptoms, he/she will contact the parent for students under age 18 to inquire as to whether the student has had any other symptoms or there have been any COVID-19 exposures in the home. Admin will make decision as to whether or not student can stay in school.

Basic social distancing practices

All staff members will educate and remind students regularly to maintain at least 3' of distance between individuals whenever possible. This means no group congregating in front of the snack machine, bathrooms, or in hallways.

If a parent or anyone in the public needs to enter the building, he/she will need to request a meeting time and be given express permission from the site administrator. Parents and the public must agree to be temperature tested and answer the questions above regarding symptoms before entering the building and to social distance while in the building. On August 10, 2021, the Pima County Board of Supervisors directed the County Administrator to require employees and the public to wear a face covering whether they are vaccinated or not when entering a county building. Therefore, parents and the public will be required to wear face coverings while in the building.

Classroom layout Classrooms will be set up to provide as much social distancing as possible. The current guideline from the *American Academy of Pediatrics, 2021* states that all students should wear masks indoors unless medical or developmental conditions prohibit their use regardless of vaccination status. PVHS will either require or recommend masks as mandated by local, state, and federal laws.

Students will carry the same laptop to classes throughout the day as well as their own pencils/pens, whiteboard markers, etc., in a plastic pouch. Laptops and pouch will be disinfected at the end of the school day and returned to students the next morning when they are in school.

Communal spaces Guidelines for specific communal spaces are given below.

Hallways will be marked with adhesive tape to remind students of social distancing measures. When possible, certain hallways will be designated one-way.

Bathrooms Students will be permitted to enter bathrooms one at a time due to the small size and number of stalls available. Posters will be displayed reminding students of proper handwashing techniques.

Offices Plexiglas dividers are installed in all offices since social distancing is not an option.

Hand Washing/Sanitizing Students are required to wash their hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, or use one of the several touchless hand sanitizers throughout both campuses with at least 60% alcohol at the following times:

- upon arrival at school, hand sanitizer will be available.
- after sneezing, coughing, or blowing nose.

Employee Protocols

Employees will not be allowed to work onsite if they exhibit any of the following symptoms:

- fever of 100.4 and higher or chills,
- shortness of breath or difficulty breathing,
- muscle aches,
- sore throat,
- headache,
- fatigue,
- congestion or runny nose,
- cough,
- vomiting,
- diarrhea, or
- new loss of taste or smell.

Visitors to School

Non-essential visitors and volunteers will not be allowed at school.

Additionally:

Each employee must take his/her temperature with the touchless thermometer. If an employee's temperature is at or above 100.4, employee will be sent home. Employees are required to self-report any symptoms that develop during the day, and must remain home if they exhibit any of the symptoms identified above while away from school.

Handwashing

Employees will be required to wash their hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, or use hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol at the following times, at minimum:

- upon arrival at school;
- before and after lunch;
- after sneezing, coughing, or blowing nose;
- after physical contact with other staff or students

Enhanced Social Distancing

Employees are required to maintain a distance of at least 6 feet between individuals at all times, unless this is not physically possible or, for a student's safety, less space is required. If a situation arises that requires a staff member to touch a student or another staff member (for instance, if the student is having a physical emergency, or requires a two-person restraint), staff members will resume social distancing as soon as safely possible, wash their hands, and disinfect any surfaces they touched.

Face Covering Policy

Staff members will be required to wear face coverings during interaction with students and other staff members. If employees cannot wear a face covering for health reasons, they may contact the Pima County ADA coordinator or school administration to request a reasonable accommodation. Staff members will be allowed to remove face coverings if the staff member is alone in his/her work area or if there are no students or visitors in the building and they are able to social distance a minimum of 6 feet from other staff members. Note, however, that the face covering must be worn again and the work area disinfected once students and visitors are in the building.

Pima County janitorial staff will follow the guidelines set out by the Pima County Health Department. Janitorial staff cleans after students and staff have left for the day.

Note: Wearing face coverings does not replace the need to maintain social distancing whenever possible.

Cleaning and Disinfecting

Daily cleaning and disinfecting of all frequently touched surfaces in work areas, such as door handles, sink handles, drinking fountains, desks, and learning tools will be done.

Staff are expected to clean and disinfect workspaces when they arrive at work and just before leaving work.

PROCEDURES FOR COVID-19 SYMPTOMS OR A POSITIVE TEST

If a person becomes sick with COVID-19 symptoms or reports a positive COVID-19 test, the procedures listed below must be followed:

1. Immediately report the situation to school administration ONLY. Confidentiality must be maintained to the greatest extent possible.
2. If an employee develops COVID-19 symptoms at work, the employee will go home immediately. If the employee is not able to safely self-transport, administration will contact the emergency contact employee has listed or 911.
3. If a student develops COVID-19 symptoms at school, the student will be separated from all other students and staff, with the exception of one staff member to supervise the student. This staff member will wear PPE or a cloth face covering and maintain a distance of at least 6 feet from the student at all times, unless there is an emergency. Administration will immediately notify a parent or emergency contact to pick up the student, and call 911 if the student appears to be in medical distress. Administration will also recommend that the student seek testing for the virus.
4. Any areas that were exposed to the symptomatic employee or student will be closed off. Pima County Facilities Management/HAZMAT unit will be notified for cleaning and disinfecting.
5. Administration will determine whether other employees or students may have been exposed to the symptomatic individual within 6 feet and for a prolonged period of time (typically longer than 15 minutes) and notify those individuals (or, in the case of students, their parents) of the potential exposure. Administration will not disclose the name of the individual who has become

sick. Administration will require that exposed individuals monitor their health closely, contact their health care provider if possible and self-quarantine if any symptoms develop. PVHS is required to report any positive cases to the Pima County Health Department.

6. PVHS receives recommendations from the Pima County Health Department on any release from isolation and quarantine for reported incidents. PVHS also follows CDC guidelines and the Arizona Department of Health Services Release from Isolation and Quarantine guidance.