

Frequently Asked Questions about Pima Schools Reopening Plan

Question: Will school open on August 5, 2020?

Answer: Our current plan is for school to begin on Wednesday, August 5 as planned. If conditions change we will make sure parents are quickly informed.

Question: What if I am uncomfortable with sending my child to school at the beginning of the school year?

Answer: Pima Schools remains committed to meeting your child's needs. We will be offering remote learning options for students at all grade levels. Please contact your child's school for more info.

Question: Will students be screened for symptoms indicating they may expose others to COVID-19?

Answer: Students will be screened daily when we come in contact with them. For bus riders this will be when they board the bus. For other students it will be when they come onto campus. Students exhibiting symptoms will be isolated until a parent, guardian or emergency contact can be contacted.

Question: Will students be required to wear masks at school?

Answer: Decisions about mask wearing will be left to public health officials. When students are engaged in activities where it is more difficult to social distance (e.g. Science Lab Activities) the school will provide masks and students will be asked to wear them. Those who prefer not to will receive an alternative activity.

Question: Will students wash their hands frequently at school?

Answer: Students will have many opportunities during the school day to wash their hands either with soap and water or with hand sanitizer.

Question: Will the school be engaging in additional activities aimed at killing any germs?

Answer: Pima Schools is investing in equipment that will be used to disinfect all areas where students are present each day including buses, classrooms, offices, restrooms and hallways.

Question: How will Pima Schools meet the needs of students with learning disabilities?

Answer: Special Education teachers will meet individually with parents to discuss steps needed to ensure the unique needs of each student are met in an appropriate way based on the their disability.

Question: Is Pima Schools strictly adhering to all the guidelines put out for schools?

Answer: Guidelines have been published by the World Health Organization, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Arizona Department of Health, and Arizona Department of Education. These guidelines often conflict, or include provisions not applicable to Pima. They also include guidelines providing a level of restriction on student activity and interactions which we feel would be detrimental to students. So, we are not strictly adhering to all the guidelines. We have developed our plan after careful consultation with our local county health department.

Question: What is Breakfast in the Classroom?

Answer: Breakfast in the Classroom is a federal meal program where all students receive a free breakfast each day at the beginning of school.