



SCHOOL DISTRICT OF PITTSVILLE

Expecting Excellence and Innovation, Honoring Legacy, and Embracing Partnerships

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Pittsville School District continues to work closely with the Wood County Health Department, local medical professionals, and county school districts to create necessary requirements, recommendations, and consistent ways to make schools safer for students to attend this fall and beyond. Very soon, additional documents will be shared with you regarding our process for handling a student or staff member experiencing COVID-19 symptoms, the county investigative process, determination of who is considered a “close contact” of an infected individual, and a list of facilities with hours you will be able to get a COVID-19 test in our area.

Pittsville requires all staff, students, and bus drivers to wear face coverings and will space out our students as possible based on the plans discussed by our Board of Education.

- If you are not comfortable sending your child or children to the school buildings, you may choose to have them in a distance or virtual learning environment. The district will provide curriculum and instruction for all off site learners.
- We are encouraging those who have a compromised immune system, or live in a home with others who have a compromised immune system, to strongly consider learning in a distance setting.

The district leaders and staff have been working with data collected from last spring, our parent and staff survey results, Rural Virtual Academy, and a few other on-line program and service providers to improve upon last term.

Keeping school district staff healthy is a very important aspect of keeping the buildings open and providing instruction. Our kids need teachers, support staff, custodians, and food service available to provide the service and learning experiences they deserve.

The Pittsville Board of Education will reassess our local conditions at the August 10 regular monthly meeting. The plans are outlined in the July 20 letter each of you received via the Alert system and there is a 48 minute video available on the District website of the presentation and discussion around fall opening. We are going to ask those who attend our school to do things differently than they have been done in the past in an effort to create a safer environment for all of our students and staff.

Having the ability/option to keep the school open is dependent on students and staff staying home when they are sick or exhibiting mild symptoms of an illness.

These include:

- Cough
- Shortness of breath
- Difficulty breathing
- Fever or chills
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- New loss of smell or taste
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

As stated earlier, we are working with local health care providers to set up testing which will help determine the non-COVID-19 illnesses. There are draft documents on our website COVID-19 Information link and more will be added as they become available. We do expect our local conditions to change over time and will adapt to address any new circumstances. Your understanding and efforts to keep each other safe are appreciated.

Please plan and prepare for transitions between in-person and distance learning in the event there is a significant increase in COVID-19 infections in our district. I strongly encourage all families to make arrangements for possible school closures.

Our best for their best.



R. Figueroa
Superintendent
Pittsville School District

3 W's

1. Wear a mask
2. Wash your hands
3. Watch your distance