



2021 FALL

Please note that fall protocols could shift, as PSD adapts to public health conditions and guidance.



Review PSD's 2021-22 protocols for [Health & Safety](#)



Info on [vaccinations, clinics](#) happening at PSD schools



2021-22 [Frequently Asked Questions web page](#)



More information available [PSD's 2021-22 School Year and COVID-19 data](#)

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PSD COVID-19 mask protocols

Masks are required for all staff, students, visitors and volunteers in PSD buildings, regardless of vaccination status.



Why masks in PSD

- We want to keep students and staff safe and keep kids in school, while **minimizing quarantines**. When both parties are masked, neither individual should be quarantined if there is a COVID case.
- We **protect one another** from the spread of COVID by wearing masks.
- Wearing masks allows us to prioritize **in-person learning**. In school, students have opportunities to build a sense of belonging and connect with people and their passions through activities, athletics and extracurriculars.



Two or more layers of fabric



Completely cover nose and mouth



Fit snugly against face and nose with no gaps

Mask FAQs

- Protective masks should cover the nose and mouth, with multiple layers and that fit snugly against a person's face.
- Masks are NOT required outdoors.
- Teachers and students will have opportunities to have mask breaks.
- Schools will have extra masks on hand, for those who need them.
- When you're in a room with someone else, your mask should be on.

PSD COVID-19 protocols for fall 2021

Some have changed since the spring of 2021, while others will be familiar. This is not an exhaustive list.

For all protocols, please visit the [Health and Safety web page](#).

What's different?



Close contact is now defined as being less than 3 feet for a cumulative 15 minutes in 24 hours versus 6 feet, per public health guidance.

- **All activities and athletics** are happening with protocols.
- All secondary students can use **lockers**.
- **Water fountains** are turned back on.
- Students at all schools can eat in **cafeterias**.
- **School assemblies** are allowed with masks, 3 feet spacing and assigned seats.

Close contact quarantine exemptions include:

- Fully vaccinated • Both parties are masked
- Positive for COVID 90 days prior • Participated in weekly testing

With masks, we expect that **fewer people will be quarantined**. Quarantines may still occur due to exposures at lunch (no masks while eating) and high-risk activities (athletics, performing arts). There may be other instances where these may occur.

What's the same?



Keep washing your hands.

We will do this before and after recess, as well as before and after meals.

- **Students don't have to wear masks outdoors or at recess**, and students from different grades can play outside at the same time.
- **Stay home if you are experiencing symptoms** (runny nose, new/worsening cough, fever, etc.). Follow [Return to Learn guidance](#) to come back to school.
- If you are deemed to be a close contact in a COVID case, the health department will ask you to **quarantine for 10 days**.
- There is still the option for an early release on day eight of quarantine, following the **early test-out process**.
- PSD will continue using **Precautionary Rooms** (formerly Isolation Rooms) to separate symptomatic students from peers and staff.



Contact tracing

PSD will continue working with the [Larimer County Department of Health and Environment \(LCDHE\)](#) to conduct contact tracing investigations when there is a COVID case.

- PSD and LCDHE will identify whether anyone had close contact. LCDHE will ask close contacts to quarantine.
- In a routine classroom exposure (i.e. third graders sitting at desks), LCDHE

will likely not quarantine individuals if the county's vaccination rate is greater than 70% among those eligible to be vaccinated.

- PSD will still notify families when there is a classroom/

cohort exposure, even if no quarantines occur. The entire school community will not be notified.

- Case information will be available on the [COVID-19 data web page](#).



What to do if you're experiencing symptoms

Do your part. Don't come to school if you're experiencing symptoms. Even a runny nose counts. PSD follows the [Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment's Return to Learn guidelines](#). Parents should monitor their children for symptoms and keep them home if they are experiencing any of the following:

Critical symptoms

- Loss of taste or smell

Major symptoms

- Feeling feverish, having chills
- Temperature of 100.4 F or greater

Minor symptoms

- Sore throat, runny nose or congestion
- Muscle or body aches

[Review the guidelines](#) for a full list of symptoms and how to respond.



Vaccination FAQs

- Please get vaccinated, if it is the right decision for you and your family.
- PSD is **not requiring but strongly encouraging** staff and students to be vaccinated.
- PSD continues to partner with public health agencies to offer vaccination opportunities. For more information, including about upcoming clinics in PSD, visit the [Vaccinations web page](#).

For more information, visit [LCDHE's website](#).