

COVID-19 Related FAQs for PCS Employees

Q: If I test positive for COVID-19, either on a home test or a lab test, am I required to stay home?

A: Employees should follow the advice of their health care provider. Guidance on quarantining will not be provided by PCS in the 2022-23 school year. The most up-to-date state and national recommendations can be found at the links below.

Florida Department of Health: <https://floridahealthcovid19.gov/treatment/>

Centers for Disease Control: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/quarantine-isolation.html>

Q: If I test positive for COVID-19, either on a home test or a lab test, am I required to report the results to my supervisor?

A: No. Employees should follow the advice of their health care provider. Guidance on quarantining will not be provided by PCS.

Q: Do I get paid if I am out due to COVID-19?

A: Employees who are absent for any illness may use their allotted sick time.

Q: If I have exhausted all of my sick leave and need to miss work due to COVID-19 or another illness, is there a sick bank available?

A: Employees are provided four (4) sick days at the beginning of each contract year, so all employees start the year with some available sick time. The sick leave bank, if an employee has chosen to join, is not available for short-term illness, but may be available for other illnesses.

Q: Is PCS contact tracing for COVID-19 in 2022-23?

A: No. Consistent with other large employers in Pinellas County and most school districts in Florida, PCS is not conducting contract tracing. If the Department of Health- Pinellas requires or requests the district to assist in contact tracing, the district will assist as directed and needed.

Q: How do I know if COVID-19 is on the rise at my work site?

A: The Department of Health- Pinellas is responsible for tracking community spread and potential risks within the community, including schools and work sites. The Pinellas County Covid-19 website can be found here: <https://covid19.pinellascounty.org/>.

Q: What is Pinellas County Schools doing to help mitigate the spread of COVID-19?

A: PCS is continuing its enhanced sanitation and ventilation practices, using MERV-13 (or equivalent) air filters and maintaining the increased fresh air exchange rates established in 2020.

COVID-19 Related FAQs for PCS Students and Families

Q: Do I need to report COVID-19 test results to my child's school?

A: No. PCS will no longer be tracking COVID test results in the 2022-23 school year.

Q: If my child tests positive for COVID-19, either on a home test or lab test, should they stay home?

A: Parents should follow the advice of their child's health care provider. Guidance on quarantining will not be provided by PCS in the 2022-23 school year. The most up-to-date state and national recommendations can be found at the links below.

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Q: If a student is absent due to COVID-19, can they make up assignments without a grade penalty?

A: Yes, make-up work for full credit and without a grade penalty is allowed for all absences. It is the student's responsibility to obtain the missed work. The number of days allowed to make up the work shall be equal to the number of days the student was absent. In cases where the grading period ends before make-up work can be completed due to absences, an 'I' may be recorded for the grading period grade. The 'I' can be converted to a letter grade once the number of make-up days allowable in policy has been granted for the completion of make-up work.

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Q: How do I know if COVID-19 is on the rise in my child's school?

A: The Department of Health- Pinellas is responsible for tracking community spread and potential risks within the community, including school sites. The Pinellas County COVID-19 website can be found here: <https://covid19.pinellascounty.org/>.

Q: What is Pinellas County Schools doing to help mitigate the spread of COVID-19?

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